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## Quarterly Market Review

### Fourth Quarter 2025

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# Quarterly Market Review

This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the Canadian, US, and international markets. The report concludes with a quarterly topic.

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# Quarterly Market Summary



































Returns (CAD), as of December 31, 2025

	Stocks					Bonds	
	Canadian Stock Market	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	Canadian Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
<b>Q4 2025</b>	6.25%	0.88%	3.30%	3.18%	-2.28%	-0.32%	0.33%
							
<b>Since January 2001</b>							
Average Quarterly Return	2.3%	2.8%	1.5%	2.4%	2.0%	1.1%	0.9%
Best Quarter	20.0%	16.8%	15.8%	27.9%	22.2%	8.3%	5.7%
	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2020 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2001 Q4</b>	<b>2009 Q3</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>
Worst Quarter	-22.7%	-14.0%	-16.8%	-23.5%	-25.8%	-7.0%	-5.0%
	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2022 Q2</b>	<b>2008 Q3</b>	<b>2008 Q3</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>

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# Long-Term Market Summary

Returns (CAD), as of December 31, 2025

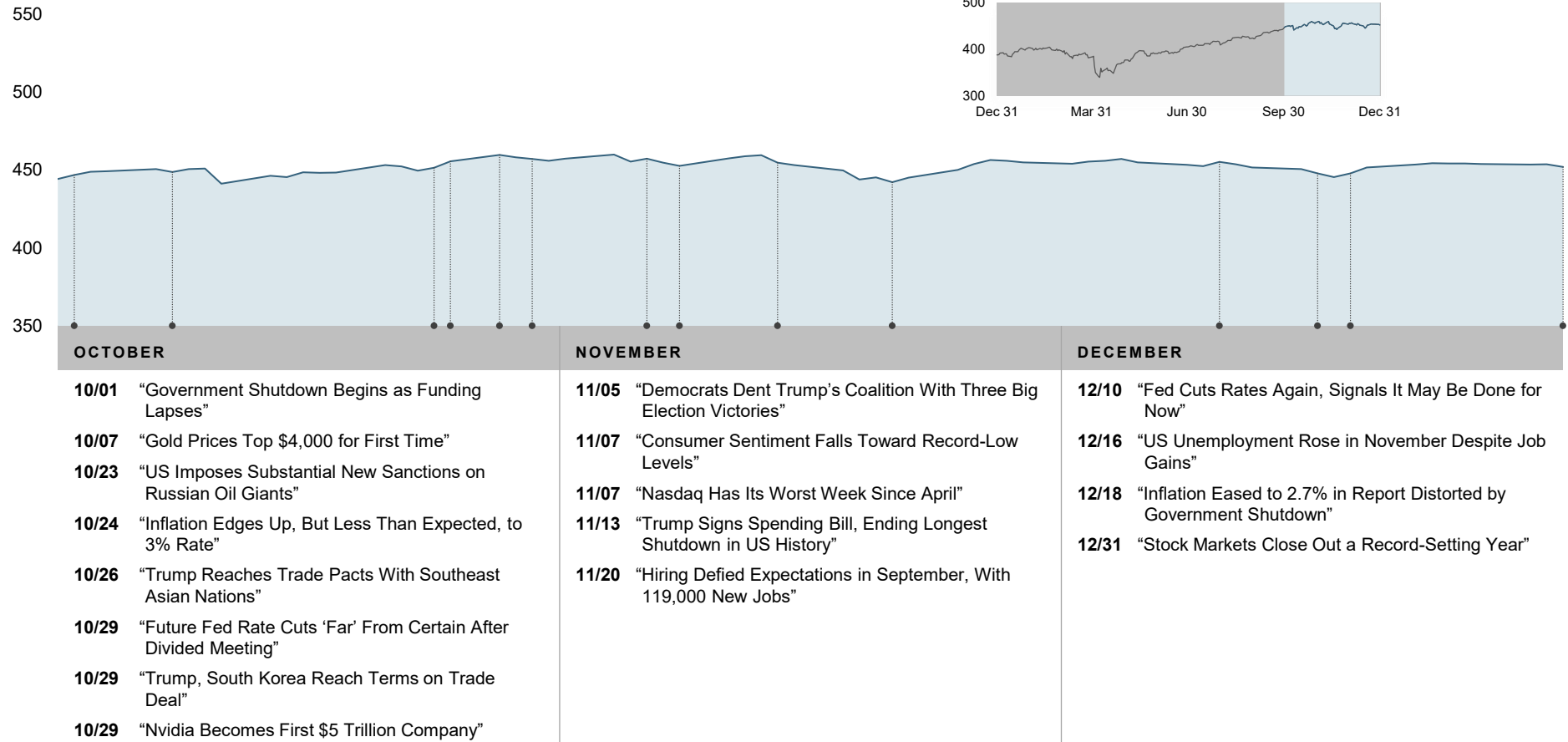
	Stocks					Bonds	
	Canadian Stock Market	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	Canadian Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	31.68% 	11.65% 	25.07% 	27.30% 	2.62% 	2.64% 	3.05% 
5 Years	16.09% 	14.82% 	10.53% 	5.73% 	5.45% 	-0.35% 	-0.42% 
10 Years	12.66% 	14.13% 	8.04% 	8.27% 	3.65% 	1.89% 	1.77% 
15 Years	9.09% 	16.04% 	8.95% 	6.07% 	7.68% 	2.85% 	2.73% 
20 Years	8.44% 	11.66% 	6.42% 	6.84% 	5.15% 	3.45% 	3.19% 

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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2025

## Q4 2025



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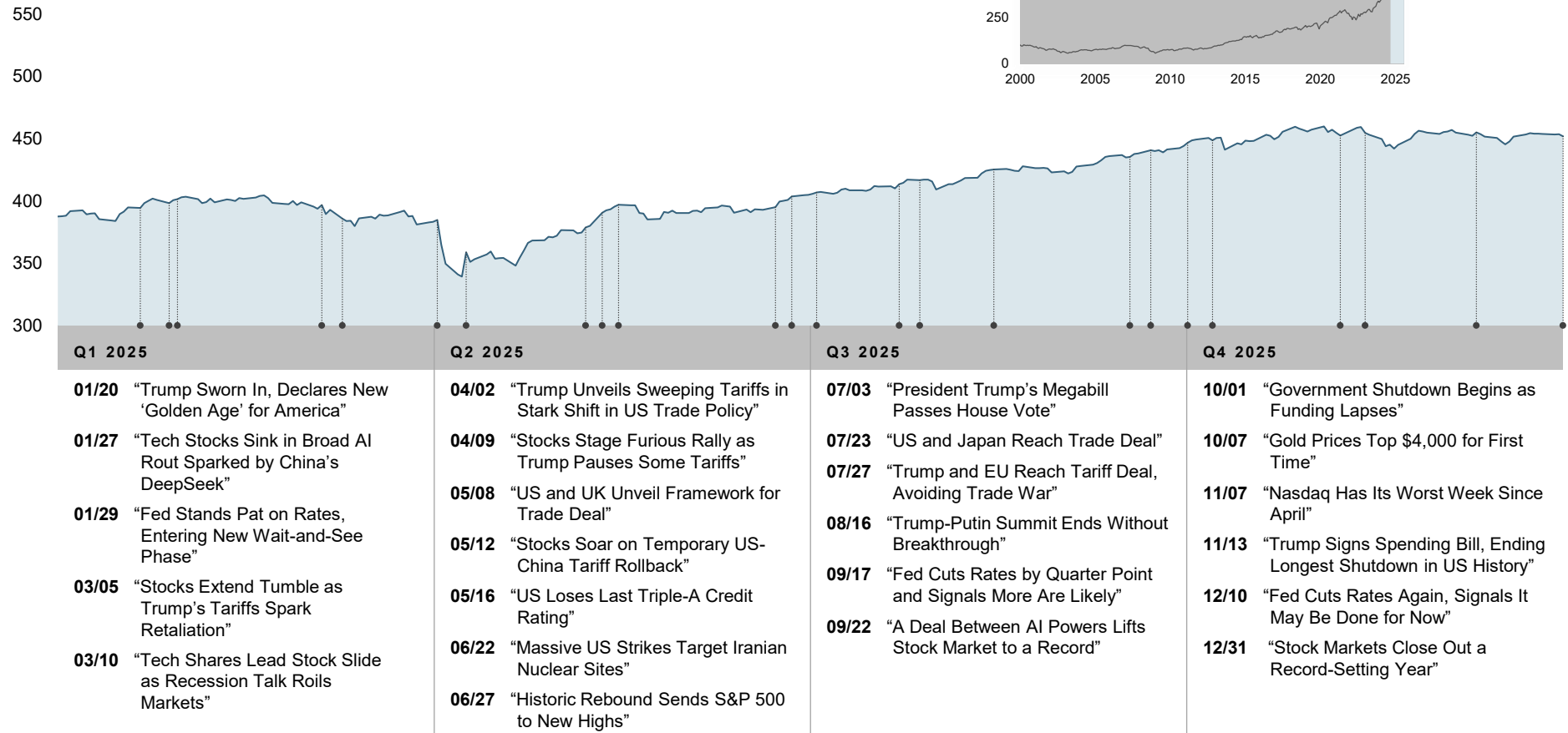
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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months

## SHORT TERM (Q1 2025–Q4 2025)



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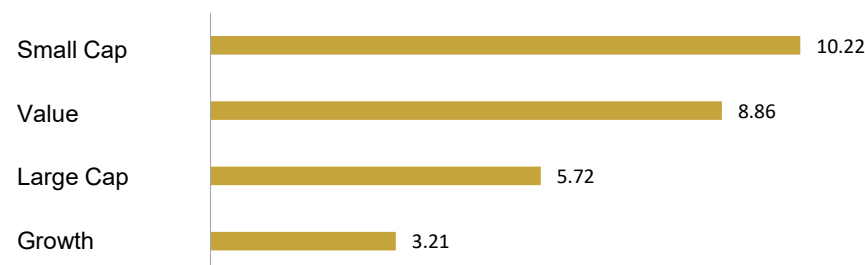
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# Canadian Stocks

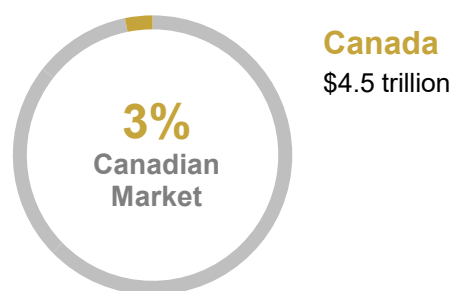
Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

- The Canadian equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed US, international developed, and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps outperformed large caps.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## World Market Capitalization—Canada



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Small Cap	10.22	50.19	23.21	15.33	12.00	5.75	5.84
Value	8.86	34.47	23.06	20.39	13.42	9.48	8.33
Large Cap	5.72	29.06	20.52	16.01	12.78	9.38	8.65
Growth	3.21	25.45	19.31	10.62	9.66	6.71	6.62

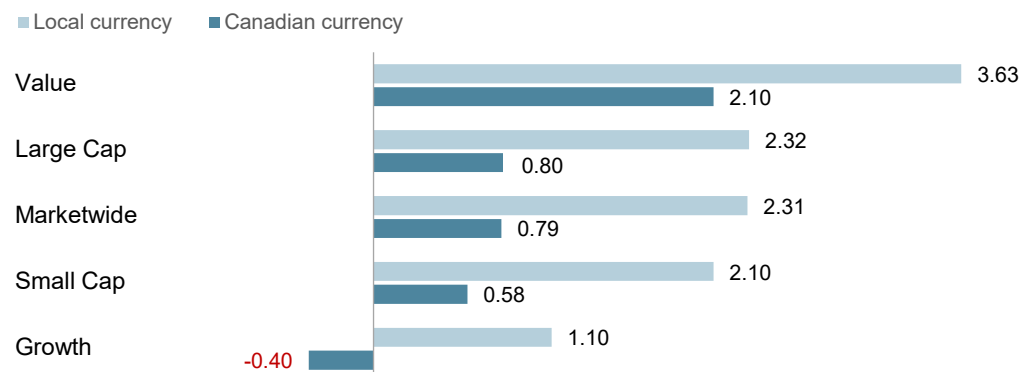
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# US Stocks

Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

- The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed Canadian, international developed, and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## World Market Capitalization—US



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	2.10	9.63	13.48	12.11	9.55	12.24	—
Large Cap	0.80	11.44	22.70	14.78	13.87	15.72	—
Marketwide	0.79	11.23	22.21	14.33	13.58	15.44	11.05
Small Cap	0.58	7.11	13.72	7.25	9.04	11.41	—
Growth	-0.40	12.41	30.48	16.01	17.08	18.24	—

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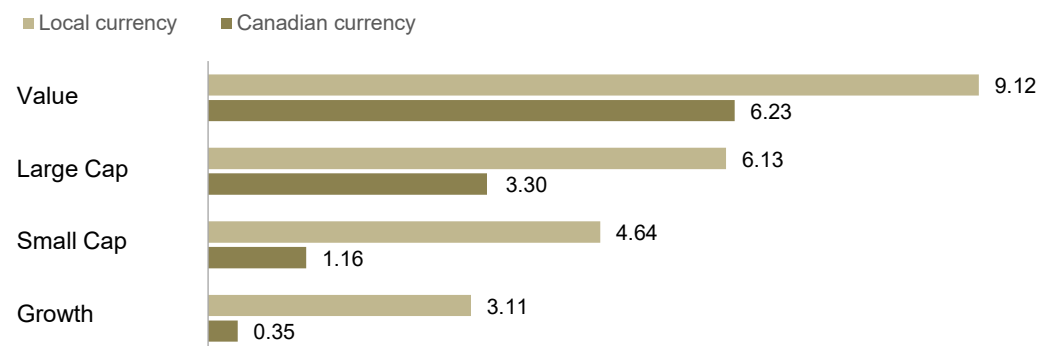


# International Developed Stocks

Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

- The international developed equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed the Canadian market, but outperformed US and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## World Market Capitalization—International Developed



**International Developed Markets**  
\$32.7 trillion

## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	6.23	35.58	21.85	15.04	8.54	8.91	6.11
Large Cap	3.30	25.07	17.68	10.53	8.04	8.95	6.42
Small Cap	1.16	25.65	15.40	7.18	7.35	9.42	6.86
Growth	0.35	15.09	13.59	5.97	7.28	8.78	6.56

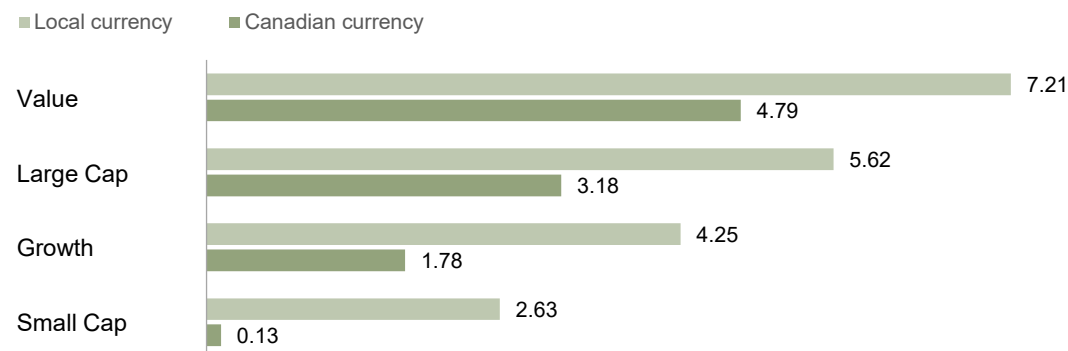
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# Emerging Markets Stocks

Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

- The emerging equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed Canadian and international developed markets, but outperformed US developed markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## World Market Capitalization—Emerging



**Emerging Markets**  
\$16.1 trillion

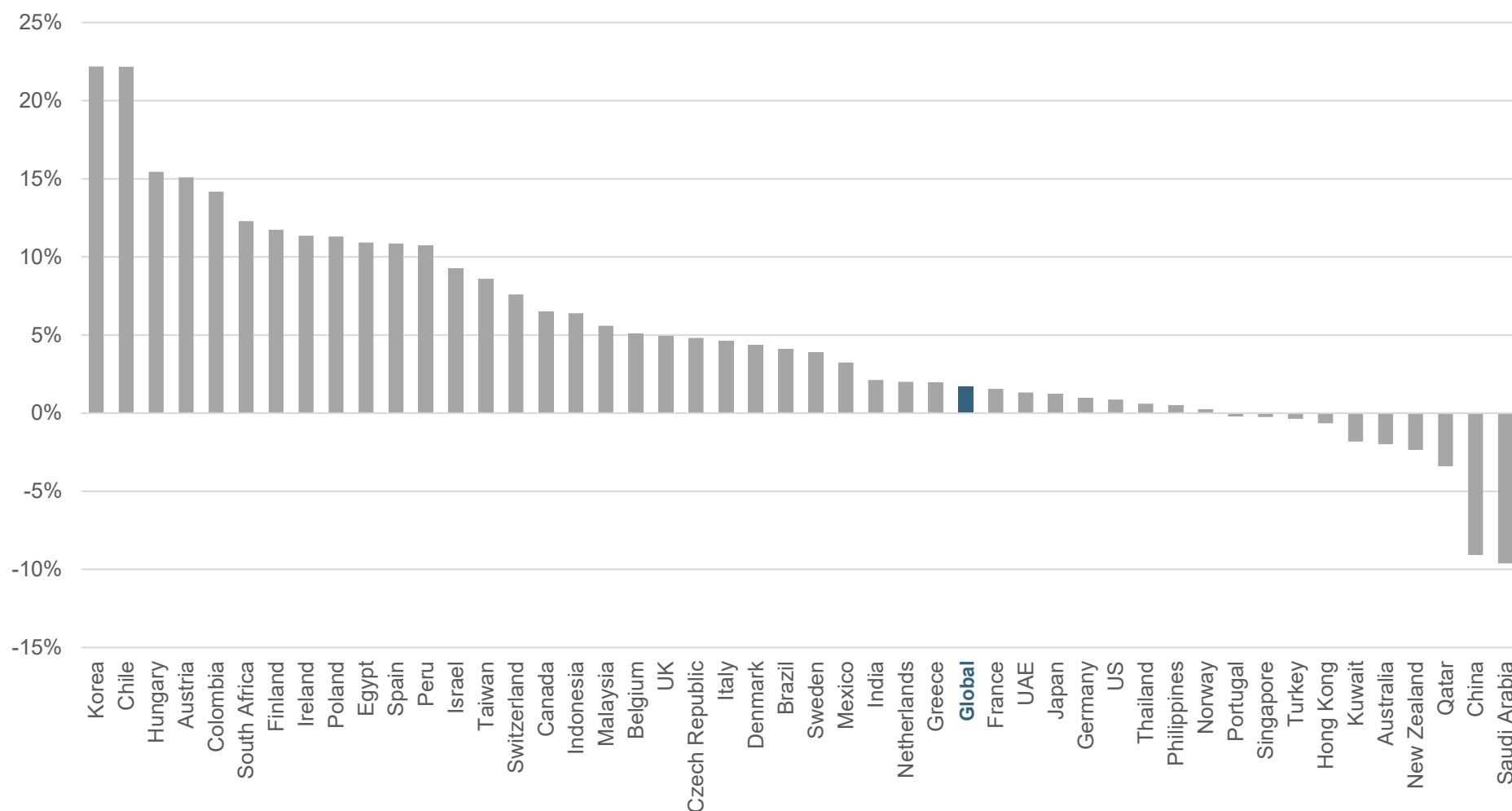
## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	4.79	26.52	17.03	8.34	7.82	5.05	6.50
Large Cap	3.18	27.30	16.85	5.73	8.27	6.07	6.84
Growth	1.78	28.01	16.62	3.27	8.62	6.98	7.09
Small Cap	0.13	13.02	15.92	10.03	8.17	6.56	8.06

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# Country Returns

Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025



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# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

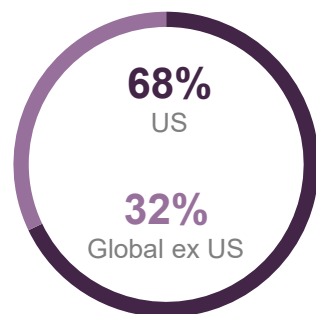
Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

- US real estate investment trusts underperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Total Value of REIT Stocks



### US

\$1,465 billion  
102 REITs

### Global ex US

\$693 billion  
276 REITs  
(26 other countries)

## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Global ex US REITS	0.02	18.46	6.97	2.58	2.48	5.89	3.79
US REITS	-2.26	-1.19	8.92	8.22	4.67	9.58	6.85

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# Fixed Income

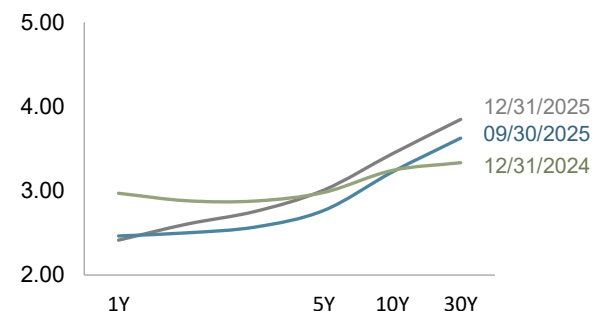
## Returns (CAD), 4th Quarter 2025

Interest rates generally increased in the Canadian government bond market during the quarter. The Canadian government yield curve was flat in the short-term maturity range but upwardly sloped in the intermediate- to long-term maturity range.

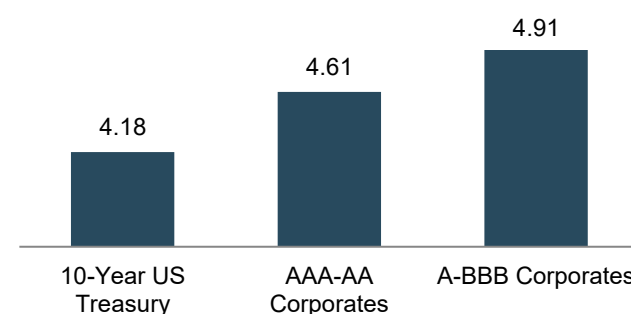
Realized term premiums were negative in Canadian dollar-denominated during the quarter as longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds.

Realized credit premiums in Canadian bonds were positive during the quarter as corporate bonds generally outperformed their government counterparts.

**Canadian Treasury Yield Curve (%)**



**Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)**



**Periodic Returns (%)**

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
FTSE Canada 30 Day T-Bill	0.60	2.73	4.07	2.78	1.86	1.52	1.71
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to CAD)	0.59	3.26	3.77	1.11	1.52	1.79	2.35
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to CAD)	0.33	3.05	3.92	-0.42	1.77	2.73	3.19
FTSE Canada Short-Term Bond Index	0.33	3.88	4.86	1.85	2.06	2.31	2.96
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	-0.32	2.64	4.51	-0.35	1.89	2.85	3.45
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (CAD)	-0.70	3.47	4.83	1.34	1.14	2.41	2.68

One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Source: ICE BofA government yield. AAA-AA Corporates represent the ICE BofA US Corporates, AA-AAA rated. A-BBB Corporates represent the ICE BofA Corporates, BBB-A rated. Bloomberg data provided by Bloomberg. US long-term bonds, bills, inflation, and fixed income factor data © Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation (SBBI) Yearbook™, Ibbotson Associates, Chicago (annually updated work by Roger G. Ibbotson and Rex A. Sinquefeld). FTSE fixed income indices © 2026 FTSE Fixed Income LLC, all rights reserved. ICE BofA index data © 2026 ICE Data Indices, LLC.

# Global Fixed Income

## Yield curves, 4th Quarter 2025

Except for the UK and the US, interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter.

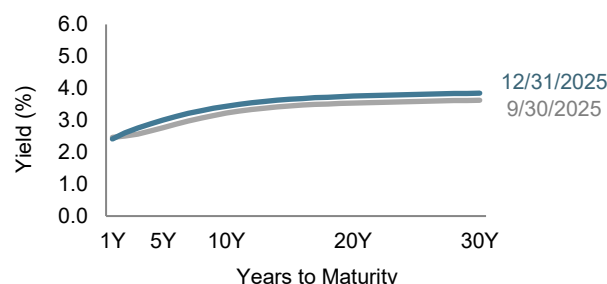
In the UK, interest rates decreased across all maturity ranges. In the US, short-term interest rates decreased while long-term interest rates increased. In Canada, Germany, the UK, and Australia, their yield curves were generally flat in the short-term maturity range but upwardly sloped in intermediate- to long-term maturity range.

Global term premiums were mixed. Realized term premiums were mixed in the US, as intermediate-term bonds generally outperformed shorter and longer-term bonds. Realized term premiums were positive in the UK, as longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds during the quarter. However, realized term premiums were negative in Canada and Japan, as longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds during the quarter.

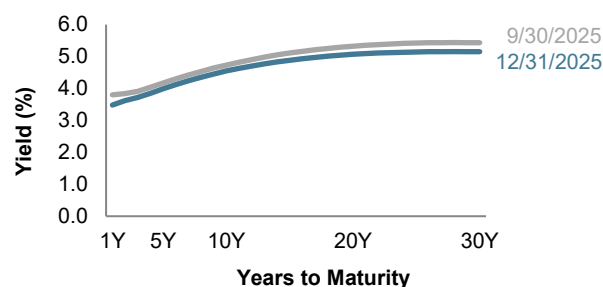
### Changes in Yield (bps) Since 09/30/2025

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
Canada	-5.0	24.2	21.6	21.6	22.2
US	-20.1	-1.7	3.9	10.3	13.3
UK	-32.0	-18.3	-18.7	-25.7	-28.5
Germany	2.1	16.0	16.8	18.7	20.2
Japan	11.4	30.9	39.0	34.8	31.4
Australia	41.5	55.8	44.1	32.3	25.6

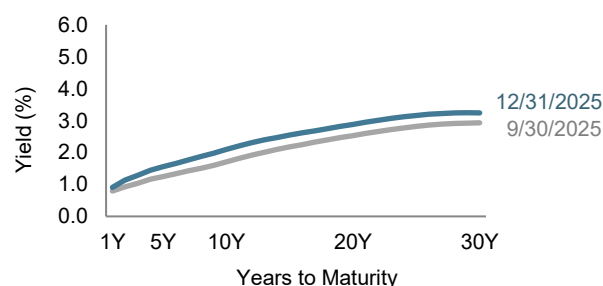
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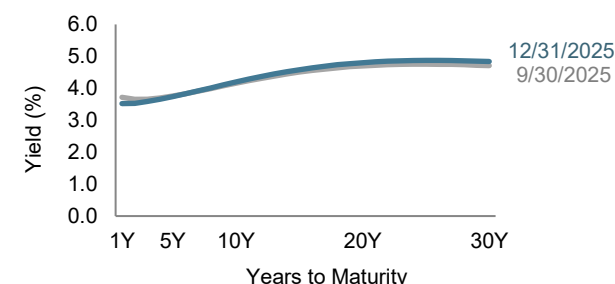
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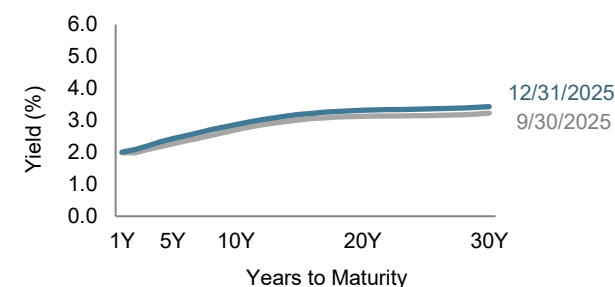
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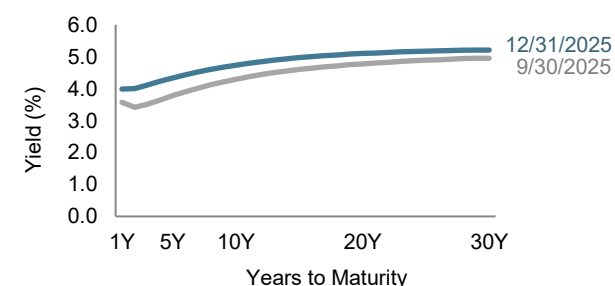
### US



### Germany



### Australia



# Sometimes It Helps to Pay Less Attention

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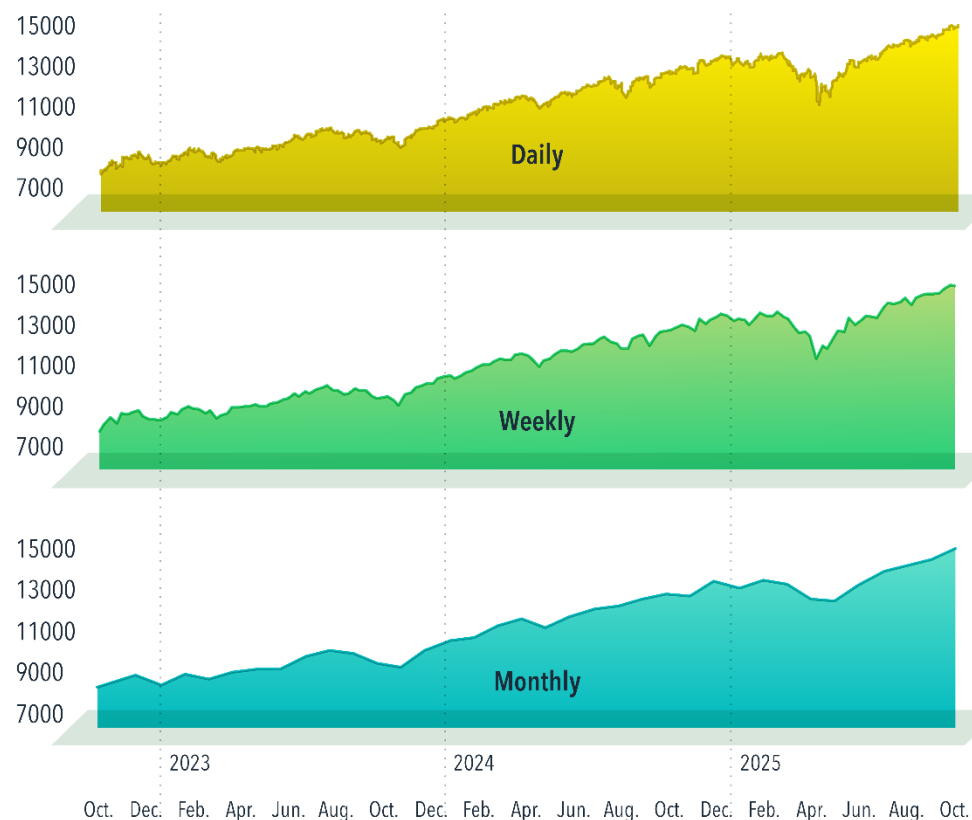
I was on holiday during the stock market's recent ups and downs and missed out on the media coverage and the surrounding "will they/won't they" China tariff news. That is actually my preferred way of coping with market volatility, which is to be unaware of it in real time. While I don't always have a built-in buffer,<sup>1</sup> there's certainly an argument for tuning out daily market movements.

The benefit of the ignorance-is-bliss approach can be visualized by plotting out returns at longer time intervals. As you switch from daily returns to weekly, the jagged edges begin to smooth out. By the time you get to monthly returns, some of the big drawdowns (e.g., third quarter of 2023, April 2025) seem like small blips during an otherwise continuous climb.

A desire to stay informed about what's going on in the world is human nature, and developments with the stock market are part and parcel of that. But thinking about investments in a long-term framework might dull the temptation to make asset allocation changes that studies have shown are a recipe for disappointment.

## S&P 500 TOTAL RETURN INDEX LEVEL

For the 3-year period ending September 30, 2025



1. In this case, I was attending my octogenarian mother's wedding. I'm not sure I can go back to that well again.  
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