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Recap 2024 and Looking Ahead...



2024—Another rise in excess of 20%

One year ago, we opined, “Rate cuts that occur because the Fed ‘can,’ not because they ‘must,’ is the preferred path” for investors.

It’s not that we have special insights when peering into the future. We have yet to find anyone who can consistently and accurately forecast peaks and valleys in the stock market.

But we recognize that Federal Reserve rate cuts in response to weak economic growth (the “must” cut scenario) have historically failed to spur market gains.

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2025 Financial Data Info Sheet

KEY FINANCIAL DATA 2025

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2025 Tax Rate Schedule	Taxable income (\$)	Base amount of tax (\$)	Plus	Marginal tax rate	Of the amount over (\$)
Single	0 to 11,925			10.0	
	11,926 to 46,475	1,330.50		12.0	11,925.00
	46,476 to 103,350	5,578.50		22.0	46,475.00
	103,351 to 197,300	17,651.00		24.0	103,350.00
	197,301 to 250,525	40,199.00		32.0	197,300.00
	250,526 to 626,350	57,231.00		35.0	250,525.00
	Over 626,350	186,768.75		37.0	626,350.00
Married filing jointly and surviving spouse	0 to 23,850			10.0	
	23,851 to 96,950	2,385.00		12.0	23,850.00
	96,951 to 206,700	11,157.00		22.0	96,950.00
	206,701 to 394,600	35,262.00		24.0	206,700.00
	394,601 to 501,050	60,396.00		32.0	394,600.00
	501,051 to 751,600	114,462.00		35.0	501,050.00
	Over 751,600	202,154.50		37.0	751,600.00
Head of household	0 to 17,000			10.0	
	17,001 to 64,850	1,700.00		12.0	17,000.00
	64,851 to 103,350	7,442.00		22.0	64,850.00
	103,351 to 197,300	25,912.00		24.0	103,350.00
	197,301 to 250,525	38,460.00		32.0	197,300.00
	250,526 to 626,350	55,484.00		35.0	250,525.00
	Over 626,350	187,631.50		37.0	626,350.00
Married filing separately	0 to 11,925			10.0	
	11,926 to 46,475	1,330.50		12.0	11,925.00
	46,476 to 103,350	5,578.50		22.0	46,475.00
	103,351 to 197,300	17,651.00		24.0	103,350.00
	197,301 to 250,525	40,199.00		32.0	197,300.00
	250,526 to 626,350	57,231.00		35.0	250,525.00
	Over 626,350	187,631.50		37.0	626,350.00
Estates and trusts	0 to 1,100			10.0	
	1,101 to 11,450	335.00		14.0	1,100.00
	11,451 to 15,450	2,367.00		35.0	11,450.00
	Over 15,450	3,777.00		37.0	15,450.00

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Standard Deductions & Child Tax Credit	Amount
Filing status	Standard deduction
Married, filing jointly and qualifying widow(er)s	\$30,000
Single or married, filing separately	\$15,000
Head of household	\$22,500
Dependent filing own tax return	\$1,300*
Additional deductions for non-itemizers	
Blind or over 65	Add \$1,600
Spouse or child who is unmarried & filing a surviving spouse	Add \$2,000
Child Tax Credit	
Income phaseouts begin at AGI of:	\$2,000 (\$1,700 refundable)
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Tax Rates on Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualified Dividends	
1. Taxable income falls below \$41,200 (single/married filing separately), \$49,600 (joint), \$64,700 (head of household), \$32,500 (estate)	0%
2. Taxable income falls at or above \$41,200 (single/married filing separately), \$49,600 (joint), \$64,700 (head of household), \$32,500 (estate)	15%
3. Taxable income falls at or above \$513,400 (single), \$100,000 (married filing separately), \$513,400 (joint), \$100,000 (head of household), \$15,500 (estate)	20%
3.3% Tax on Lesser of Net Investment Income or Excess of MAGI Over	
Married, filing jointly	\$200,000
Married, filing separately	\$100,000
Single	\$125,000
Exemption Amounts for Alternative Minimum Tax**	
Married, filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$117,000
Single	\$58,500
Married, filing separately	\$66,500
Estates and trusts	\$30,700
24% tax rate applies to income over:	
Married, filing separately	\$119,500
Single	\$79,500
Exemption amounts phase out at:	
Married, filing jointly or surviving spouse	\$1,252,700
Single	\$626,350
Estates and trusts	\$102,500

Gift and Estate Tax Exclusions and Credits	Amount	
Maximum estate, gift & GST rates	40%	
Estate, gift & GST exclusions	\$13,990,000	
Gift tax annual exclusion	\$19,000	
Exclusion on gifts to non-citizen spouse	\$190,000	
Education Credits, Deductions, and Distributions		
Credit Deductions	Maximum credit/ deduction	Income phaseouts begin at AGI of
American Opportunity Tax Credit/ Hope	\$2,500 credit	\$80,000 joint, \$60,000 all others
Lifetime learning credit	\$2,000 credit	\$100,000 joint, \$80,000 all others
Savings bond interest tax credit	Deduction limited to amount of qualified expenses	\$149,250 joint, \$99,500 all others
Coverdell	\$2,000 maximum, not deductible	\$100,000 joint, \$50,000 all others
529 plan (K-12)	\$10,000 distribution	None
529 plan (Higher Ed.)	Distribution limited to amount of qualified expenses	None
Tax Deadlines		
January 15 - 4th installment of the previous year's estimated taxes due		
April 15 - Tax filing deadline, or request extension to Oct. 15. 1st installment of 2025 taxes due. Last day to file amended return for 2023. Last day to contribute to SEP or traditional IRA for 2024. USA for 2024. Kwanzaa or SEP for 2024 (unless tax filing deadline has been extended).		
June 15 - 2nd installment of estimated taxes due		
September 15 - 3rd installment of estimated taxes due		
October 15 - Tax return due for those who requested an extension. Last day to contribute to SEP or 401(k) if extension was filed.		
December 31 - Last day to: 1) pay expenses for itemized deductions; 2) complete transactions for capital gains or losses; 3) establish a ROTH plan for 2025; 4) establish and fund a solo 401(k) for 2025; 5) complete 2025 contributions to employer-sponsored 401(k) plans; 6) correct excess contributions to IRAs and qualified plans to avoid penalty.		
*Greater of \$1,300 or \$400 plus the individual's earned income.		
**Based on inflation and scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025.		
† \$10,000 lifetime 529 distribution can be applied to student loan debt.		

Check with your financial professional for updates.

Do you have questions about the tax rate schedule? Rates on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends? What about education credits?

If so, this info sheet is for YOU!

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KEY PLANNING & INVESTMENT DEADLINES WINTER 2025

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FINANCIAL DATES & DEADLINES

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JANUARY FOCUS: 2025 Key Numbers

January 1. Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period starts
January 1. Medicare General Enrollment Period starts
January 15. 4Q 2024 estimated taxes due

Financial Wellness Month
January 1. New Year's Day (markets closed)
January 1. Kwanzaa ends
January 20. MLK Day (markets closed)

Where are your opportunities for 2025?
Let's talk...

FEBRUARY FOCUS: Financial Numbers

February 1. W-2's & 1099-Misc due

February 9. Super Bowl
February 14. Valentine's Day
February 17. President's Day (markets closed)
February 28. Ramadan begins

How can I serve you better?

MARCH FOCUS: Tax Planning

March 17. 2025 S-Corp returns due (cal yr)
March 17. 2025 partnership returns due
March 31. Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period closes
March 31. Medicare General Enrollment Period closes

March 9. Daylight Savings Time begins
March 17. St. Patrick's Day
March 18. March Madness begins
March 20. First day of Spring
March 30. Ramadan ends

Let's review your quarterly statement!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS OR ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE CALL US!
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The Top Investing Questions for 2025



As we turn the page on 2024, a new chapter begins filled with new opportunities as well as obstacles we must face in our lives and investment portfolios.

With the backdrop of a new administration entering the White House and the Republican sweep of Congress, 2025 is shaping up to be a year of significant change. Let's look at the top investing questions for the year ahead and the potential implications for your portfolio.

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Our Partner's New Name

We've always believed in the power of strong partnerships to bring added value and exceptional service to you, our valued client. That's why we've been proud to work alongside Buckingham Strategic Partners, a partner we've previously mentioned for their contributions to the services we deliver.

Buckingham Strategic Partners recently announced that as of January 13, 2025, they will begin using a new name, Focus Partners Advisor Solutions. While their name has changed, their commitment to excellence and the quality of service we've come to expect remains steadfast.

While you may see their new Focus Partners name on reports, emails, and other communication, our partnership, as well as our advisory team name and our commitment to you will not change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am excited about what our expanded partnership will bring in the new year.



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