

Stocks edged lower last week despite a powerful end-of-week rally.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index lost 0.48 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index slid 0.51 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.60 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, dropped 0.90 percent.<sup>1,2</sup>

## Selling Then Buying

Stocks were under pressure right out of the gate on Monday for no apparent reason other than worries over the loss of year-end momentum. By the end of trading on Monday, markets recovered some losses, but the selling picked up again on Tuesday.<sup>3,4</sup>

After being closed for the New Year's holiday, stocks opened higher for the first trading day of 2025. But sellers gained the upper hand by the end of trading. On Friday, investors perked up with tech stocks leading a recovery rally that erased most of the week's losses.<sup>5,6</sup>

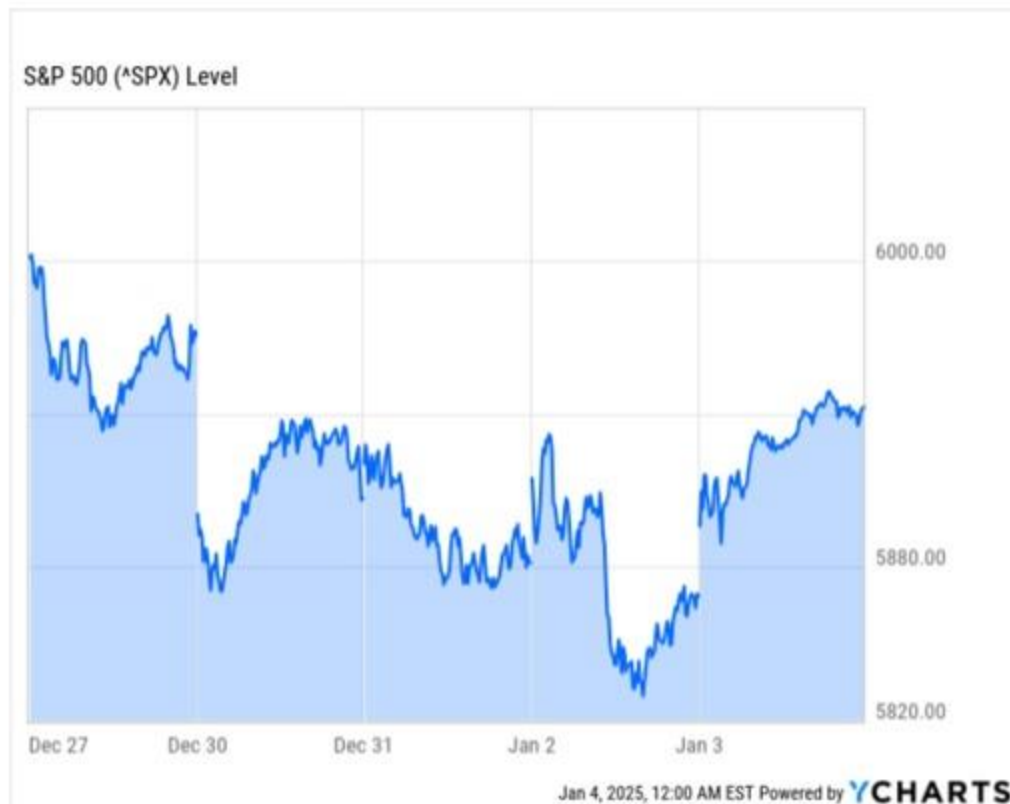


## Weekly Market Insights (WMI)

### Major Index Return Summary

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Yr TR
<u>Dow Jones Industrial Average</u>	-5.27%	-0.36%	14.50%	62.62%
<u>MSCI EAFE</u>	-2.51%	-0.08%	5.21%	28.21%
<u>Nasdaq Composite</u>	-0.57%	-0.15%	31.52%	120.6%
<u>S&amp;P 500</u>	-2.85%	-0.22%	25.45%	94.93%

### S&P 500 Daily Close



### 10-Year Note Review

Source: YCharts.com, January 4, 2025. Weekly performance is measured from Friday, December 27, to Friday, January 3. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

## Megacap's Mega Influence

Megacap tech stocks have captured many headlines over the last two years as the S&P 500 posted double-digit returns (24 percent for 2023 and 23 percent for 2024).

And for a good reason—megacap tech stocks were doing most of the work. For example, during the past 12 months of trading, more than half (53 percent) of the S&P 500's return can be attributed to the Magnificent Seven—the seven megacap tech companies that most investors would consider household names.<sup>7</sup>

## This Week: Key Economic Data

**Monday:** Fed Official Lisa Cook speaks. Factory Orders.

**Tuesday:** Fed Official Thomas Barkin speaks. International Trade in Goods and Services.

**Wednesday:** FOMC Minutes released. ADP Employment Report. Fed Official Christopher Waller speaks.

**Thursday:** *Stock market closed for President Carter's state funeral.*

**Friday:** Employment Situation. Consumer Sentiment.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; January 3, 2025

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## This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

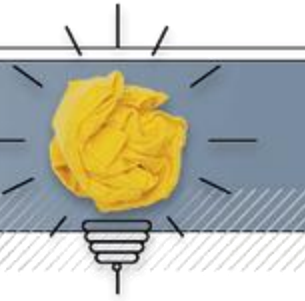
**Wednesday:** Jefferies Financial Group Inc. (JEF)

**Thursday:** Infosys (INFY), Constellation Brands Inc. (STZ)

**Friday:** Bank of America Corporation (BAC), Wells Fargo & Company (WFC), BlackRock, Inc. (BLK), Delta Air Lines, Inc. (DAL)

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



*"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted."*

**- Mother Teresa**

## TAX TIP



### **Tips for Good Recordkeeping**

When you file your tax return, the first step is to prepare your records. Good recordkeeping throughout the year can make filing your taxes easier.

Here are some recordkeeping tips:

- Identify all sources of income.
- Keep track of expenses.
- Add tax records to your files as you receive them to make filing easier.
- Organize support items that you may need to clarify your tax return.

This information is not a substitute for individualized tax advice. Please discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS<sup>8</sup>



## **How to Drink More Water Throughout the Day**

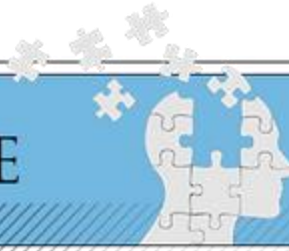
Drinking enough water is essential to keep you feeling your best. While there aren't any strict rules on exactly how much water you should drink, you should listen to your body to ensure you're getting enough.

Here are some tips on how to drink more water throughout the day:

- Keep a reusable water bottle with you, saving plastic and making drinking water more convenient (and fun).
- Set reminders on your phone to drink water, or “anchor” drinking water to other habits throughout your day (for example, drink some water at the end of every meeting).
- Replace other drinks, such as coffee and soda, with water.
- Drink a glass of water before every meal.
- Flavor your water with fruit or healthy water enhancers.

Tip adapted from Healthline<sup>9</sup>

## WEEKLY RIDDLE



David put on a white shirt with three large holes in it and went to the grocery store. No one gave him a funny look; no one objected to it. What kind of shirt was David wearing?

*Last week's riddle: Throughout Friday, Hanna asks her mother the same four-word question. On each occasion, her mother gives her a different answer.*

*What is the question?*

*Answer: "What time is it?"*

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK





## *Surfing Pulau Panaitan*

Jakarta, Banten, Indonesia

## **Footnotes and Sources**

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