

# Market Flash Report

October 2024

## Key Takeaways

- **Market News:** The October economic landscape was characterized by rising market volatility. Resilient economic activity (+2.8% QoQ annualized) following the Fed's initial outsized rate cut has market participants questioning whether the Fed will need to slow its pace. Treasury yields climbed to their highest since mid-July, which triggered a sell-off across stocks and bonds.
- **Labor Market:** October's job growth slowed to just 12,000 new payrolls. This report was heavily impacted by hurricanes and the Boeing strike. However, weekly jobless claims hit a five-month low, which could signal that payroll growth was more reasonable than indicated.
- **Global Tensions:** Commodity markets reflected global economic uncertainty, with gold reaching fresh highs and up 30% year-to-date. Oil rose 3% in October after a volatile period of ebbs and flows related to the conflict in the Middle East. The U.S. dollar jumped versus other currencies in October which weighed heavily on Non-U.S. equity results for the month.
- **China:** Economic challenges continued for China, with Q3 growth expanding at 4.6%, below the government's 5% target. The slowdown, driven by sluggish consumption and a property sector slump, prompted Beijing to announce significant monetary and fiscal stimulus. Chinese equity markets rallied on the initial announcement, however, equity markets gave up their momentum, ending down over 6% in October.

## Index Performance (as of 10/31/2024)

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COLORADO
D.C. METRO AREA
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Equity	October	YTD	One-Year
U.S. Large Cap	-0.9%	21.0%	38.0%
U.S. Small Cap	-1.4%	9.6%	34.1%
Developed Non-U.S.	-5.4%	7.3%	23.6%
Emerging Markets	-4.3%	12.2%	25.9%
<b>Real Assets</b>			
Real Estate	-3.6%	10.1%	34.1%
Infrastructure	-2.6%	13.9%	28.7%
<b>Fixed Income</b>			
<u>Core Plus</u>			
U.S. High Yield Debt	-0.5%	7.4%	16.5%
Emerging Market Debt	-1.4%	6.7%	17.1%
<u>Core Bonds</u>			
U.S. Aggregate Bonds	-2.5%	1.9%	10.5%
U.S. Treasuries	-2.4%	1.4%	8.4%
U.S. Municipal Bonds	-1.1%	0.7%	6.5%
<b>Month-End Values/Yield</b>			
CBOE Volatility Index	23.2	16.7	18.1
10-Year Treasury Yield	4.3%	3.8%	4.9%

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