

Weekly Macro Call

December 22, 2025

MARKET RECAP

Broad Equity Markets	Level	1 Week	QTD	YTD	3МО	6MO	1YR
S&P 500	6,834.50	0.13	2.46	17.66	3.36	14.97	17.89
NASDAQ 100	25,346.18	0.60	2.85	21.47	3.82	17.09	20.36
Dow Jones Industrial	48,134.89	-0.64	4.18	15.09	4.76	15.12	15.68
Russell 2000	6,286.26	-0.83	4.08	14.89	2.83	20.50	14.91
FTSE Developed International	2,588.75	0.09	4.45	32.52	4.91	13.10	30.49
FTSE Emerging International	2,035.99	-1.09	0.03	22.49	-0.09	12.65	20.82
Bloomberg US Aggregate Inde	x	0.34	0.90	7.09	0.84	4.07	6.94
S&P GSCI		-0.54	-0.31	5.76	-0.12	-2.93	7.82
United States Oil		-1.21	-7.64	-9.93	-8.85	-17.74	-7.63
Bitcoin	88,053.05	-2.44	-22.96	-6.41	-25.25	-15.59	-13.45
Gold	4,337.60	-0.22	13.39	66.25	19.04	27.90	64.57

Interest Rates		Last four weeks:				3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
	Levels as of:	12/19/2025	12/12/2025	12/5/2025	11/28/2025	9/19/2025	12/19/2024
3 Month Treasury Yield		3.62	3.63	3.71	3.88	4.03	4.35
2 year Treasury Yield		3.48	3.52	3.56	3.47	3.57	4.32
10 Year Treasury Yield		4.16	4.19	4.14	4.02	4.14	4.57
30 Year Treasury Yield		4.82	4.85	4.79	4.67	4.75	4.74
CBOE VIX		14.9	15.7	15.4	16.4	15.5	24.1

Top Style		Top Sector	
Large Cap Growth	0.63	Cons. Disc.	0.96

Top Factor		Top Fixed Income Sector	
Momentum	0.89	Long Term Treasuries	0.51





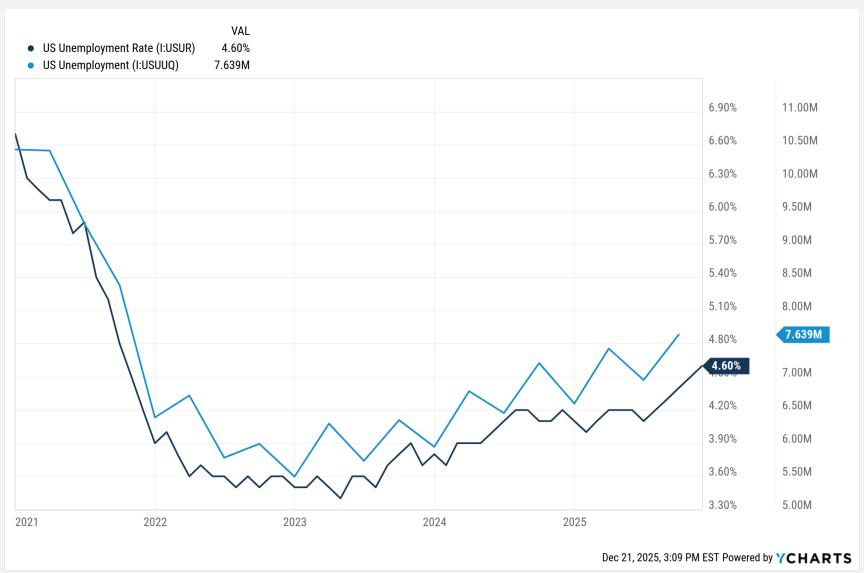
Leading indicators continue indicate slow growth ahead







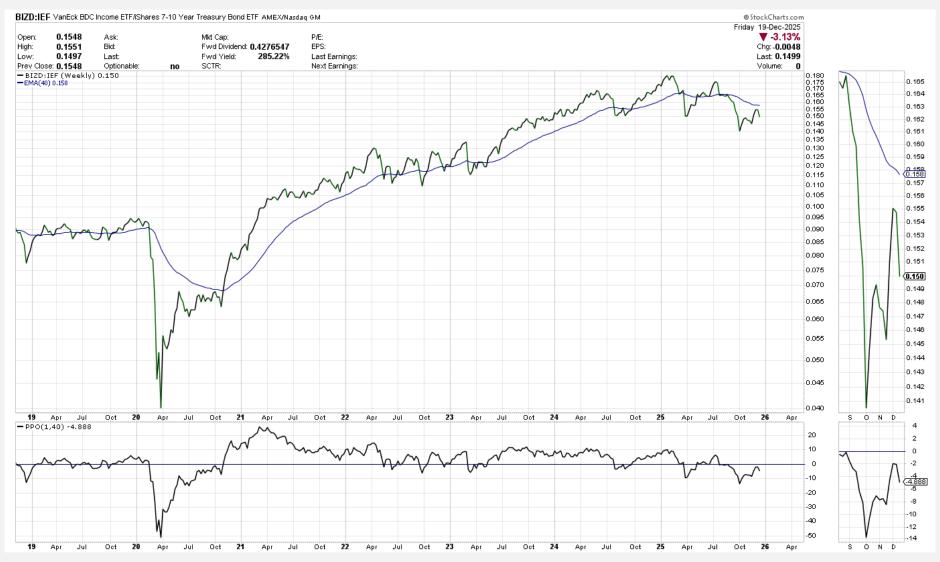
Labor trends are starting to catch up to leading indicators







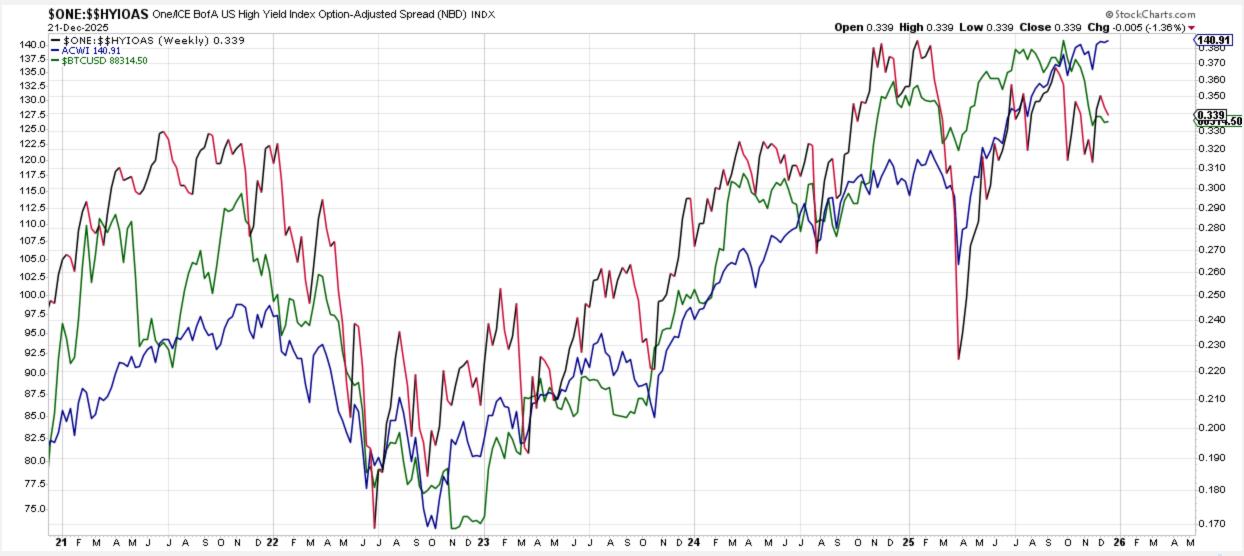
Private credit doesn't look good







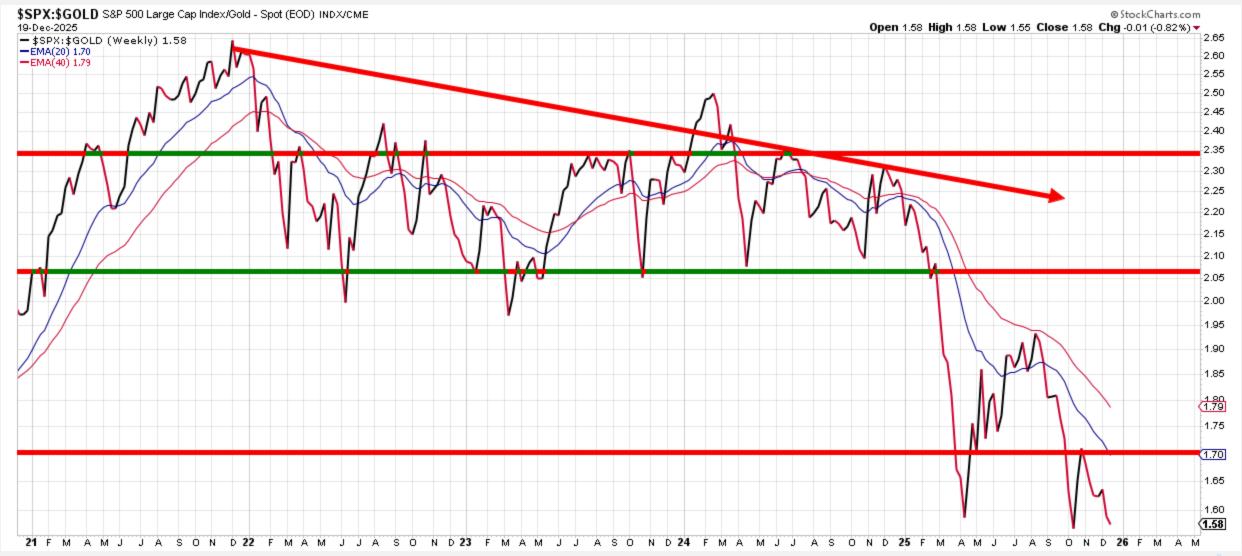
Crypto and credit continue to demonstrate negative divergence







Real Assets over financial assets...the trend continues







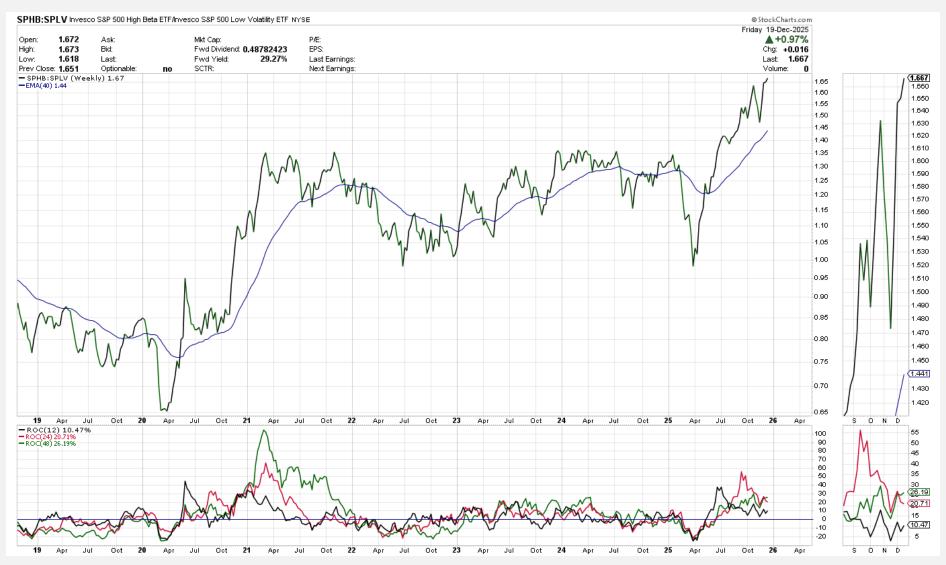
The good news is that Dr. Copper is suggesting better economic times ahead







High beta is breaking to new highs versus defensive equities







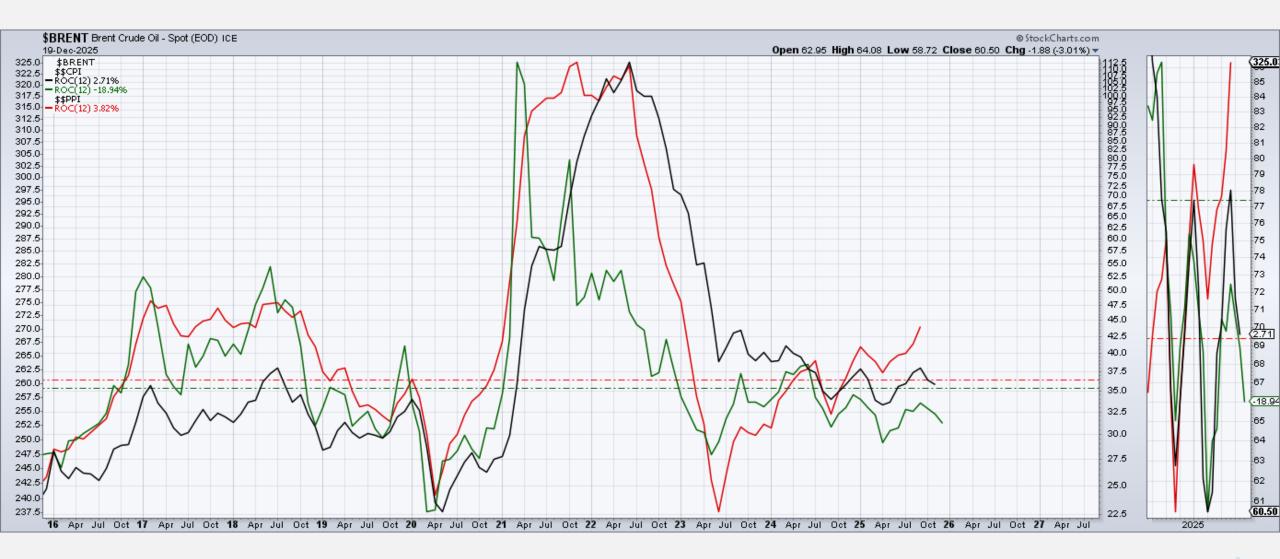
Microcaps are trending positive against large cap stocks







Brent crude oil points to lower inflation ahead







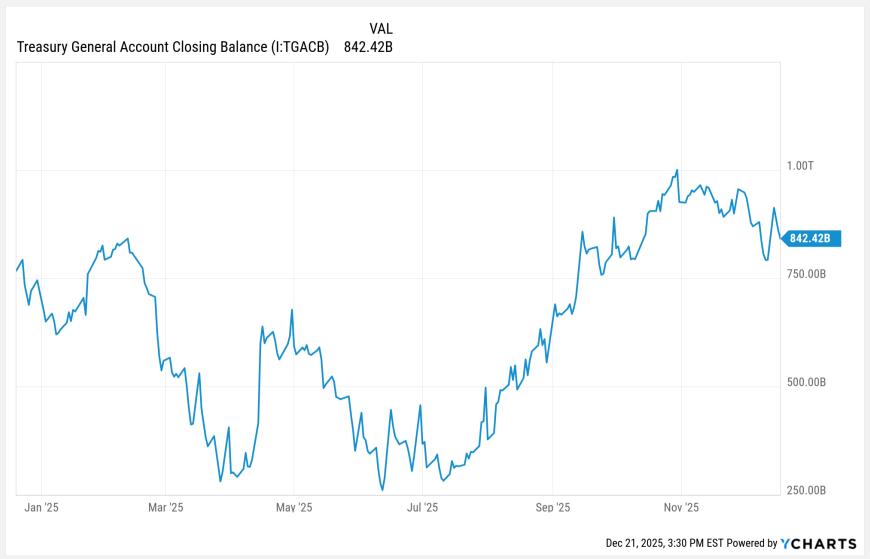
Monetary policy is finally moving in the right direction







Fiscal policy is also aligned









Equity Insights

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S&P 500 Earnings Outlook for 2026

- Analysts project 15.0% year-over-year earnings growth for CY 2026, marking the third consecutive year of double-digit growth and sixth straight year of positive earnings growth
- Expected growth rate significantly exceeds the 10-year average of 8.6% (2015-2024)

Magnificent 7 vs. Other Companies

- Only two Magnificent 7 companies (NVIDIA and Meta Platforms) rank among top five earnings growth contributors for 2026
- Magnificent 7 expected to grow earnings by 22.7% (slightly up from 22.3% in 2025)
- Remaining 493 companies projected to grow earnings by 12.5% (up from 9.4% in 2025)

Sector Performance

- All eleven sectors expected to report positive year-over-year earnings growth
- Five sectors projected for double-digit growth: Information Technology, Materials, Industrials, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary

Revenue Growth

- Estimated revenue growth of 7.2% exceeds 10-year average of 5.3%
- Ten of eleven sectors projected to grow revenues, led by Information Technology and Communication Services
- Energy sector is the only sector expected to decline

Profit Margins

- Projected net profit margin of 13.9% would be the highest since FactSet began tracking in 2008
- This exceeds the 10-year average net profit margin of 11.0% -FactSet





MARKET TECHNICALS

- Nvidia's bounce from support drove gains, while most other S&P 500 stocks lagged ("Nvidia vs. the 493").
- Friday's nearly 1% S&P 500 rally had flat breadth, with unprofitable tech stocks outperforming profitable ones.
- The S&P Small-Cap 600 vs. Russell 2000 (IWM) ratio turned down sharply in the last two days, signaling high-quality small-cap underperformance.
- Semiconductor stocks nearly touched a key uptrend line, sparking brief concern, but expecting sentiment to quickly turn bullish on semis again.
- A potential inverse head-and-shoulders–type pattern in semis is viewed as "funky" and suspect because the rally off the left shoulder did not reach the neckline at 7400.
- Ssemiconductors still get the "benefit of the doubt" as long as the uptrend line holds.
- The VIX Daily Sentiment Index (DSI) is at 21; the VIX is bottoming and would consider a reading under 15 as sufficient for a low.
- Market sentiment is clearly complacent: every sentiment indicator monitored is elevated.
- In a long-running Twitter poll on the next 100 S&P points, respondents have voted "up" for 10 straight weeks; the S&P is only about 10 points higher than 10 weeks ago.
- This weekend's poll showed 73.3% voting for an up move, the highest "up" reading since the poll began.
- A similarly high bullish reading in April preceded a 100-point down move and a bottom about a week later, but that occurred after prior panic, unlike today's complacent backdrop.
- Multiple surveys show bullish lean: AAII, Investors Intelligence, NAAIM, put/call ratios, Consensus Inc. (74% bulls), and Market Vane (67% bullish).
- Virtually no evidence of fear in the market based on these sentiment and positioning measures.
- New 52-week highs did not expand on Friday despite the S&P rally, with Nvidia's strength masking underlying weakness in the broader market. -Helene Meisler





Investment Updates

December 2025





ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

Ascentis Alternative Investment Inventory available on BridgePort					
Asset Class	Available Capacity	Next Close	Documents Due by:	Wires due by	Alerts
Multi-Strategy	Ask Investment Team for More Information	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
Multi-Strategy	Not Capacity Constrained	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
Multi-Strategy	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
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Multi-Strategy	Limited - \$3,500,000	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Limited capacity that will be available for January 2026 closing.
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Multi-Strategy	Ask Investment Team for More Information	N/A	N/A	N/A	Capacity is provided on first come first serve basis as capital is called by Millenium.
Long/Short Equity	Not Capacity Constrained	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
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Arbitrage	Taking Indications of Interest Only	N/A	N/A	N/A	Please provide any indications of interest to your investment team.
Global Macro	Not Capacity Constrained	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
Diversified Commodities	Ask Investment Team for More Information	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
Real Estate Lending	Ask Investment Team for More Information	2/1/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Final close expected June 2026.
Private Industrial Real Estate	Not Capacity Constrained	2/1/2026	1/23/2026	1/23/2026	Best practice is to alert invesment team for anticipated allocations.
Private Industrial Real Estate	Not Capacity Constrained	Every Friday	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	Final Close expected September 2026
Pre-IPO Equity Index	Limited number of Investors Seats Available	1/1/2026	12/31/2025	1/19/2026	Single close fund
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Trend Following	Not Capacity Constrained	2/1/2026	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	N/A
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