



Welcome to the fourth quarter.

Equity markets around the world continue to prove resilient, many recently setting new highs. This could continue as earnings grow, the US economy expands, and inflation subsides. Interest rate cuts are positive for equities. While we still await clarity on the US election next month, it is our intention to stay grounded. Either outcome could provoke a rally in equity prices. Both lower taxes and increased government spending are stimulative agendas.

US Treasury yields fell on news of an impending rate cut. We used a good amount of your liquidity last quarter to extend duration in fixed income holdings. Thus far, this appears well timed. Outside rampant government spending next year, rates appear to want to move lower.

Market Performance:

S&P 500:	21.9%
S&P 400:	13.2%
Russell 2000:	11.0%
NASDAQ:	19.7%
MSCI World ex-US:	18.5%
US Agg. Bond	4.6%

Markets continue to function in a rational manner. Global Small Cap exposure came to form this quarter. Likely on account of globally easing monetary policies. Large Cap US held its hold outperforming Small Cap. Value performed well but a Growth orientated portfolio with a domestic tilt was the place to be.

Portfolio Positioning

We continue to believe neutral positioning to our target amount of equities is optimal for the remainder of the year. The US consumer is well funded, and the economy grows on consumption. There will always be exogenous risks. We plan for these by remaining disciplined. Look to take profits if we own too many equities. This will prefund expenses and insulate the portfolio from adverse effects. We do not trade around elections. History has proven this unprofitable. Additionally, we do not stop buying at all-time highs. For those of you in the accumulation phase of life, the best day to begin filling the allocation remains today!

We believe small consistent changes to be far more profitable than playing into emotion. We achieve this by adhering to the quarterly process. This quarter is no different.

We look forward to connecting soon.

-Fountainhead Financial, LLC.