

# Logan Fixed Income

## LOGAN FIXED INCOME MARKET COMMENTARY

### Q4 | 2025 REVIEW<sup>1</sup>

#### MARKET ENVIRONMENT

Yields in the Treasury market were exceptionally range-bound during the fourth quarter. We observed a small rally in the front of the curve, while yields outside the 5-yr ended nearly where they began (source: Bloomberg).

Even though inflation is higher than target, the FOMC is placing more emphasis on the employment side of its mandate. Not only did we see a “quiet dissent” at the December FOMC meeting, but a large group of regional Fed bank presidents also opposed the cut. We’ll be watching upcoming meetings to see if the new Fed chair struggles to achieve a consensus among Fed voters.

The Federal Reserve Board of Governors unanimously voted to reappoint 11 of the 12 regional bank presidents to five-year terms, eliminating a key threat to Fed independence. For now, that should take some pressure off longer-term government borrowing costs.

Tariffs had a minor influence on consumer prices this past year, but we could see a little lag in its impact bleeding into the early months of 2026. Inflation not including tariffs, has been very low, so the total effect was significantly less than most people expected.

#### PORTFOLIO REVIEW

##### U.S. Treasuries

Yields of the 10-year Treasury note moved within a 25-bps range during the 4th quarter, ending at nearly the identical yield compared to the

beginning of the period. The curve bull steepened from the end of October straight through to the end of December as shorter maturities (more sensitive to movements by the Federal Reserve) fell compared to longer maturities. Rate cuts by the Fed at the October and December meeting were mostly due to weaker-than-expected payroll data and lower inflation. We still see higher term premiums for longer maturities as geopolitics and a still elevated federal budget deficit allow investors to command additional compensation.

##### Corporates

Spreads moved in sync with the equity market during the period. The spread widening during October was due to the mega deals (mostly AI-related) and the Treasury rally. It was seen as orderly (vs. panic) and not due to credit issues. We anticipate the pace of new issuance will continue and initiate a widening in spread in the first half of 2026. Investors are showing the beginning of being more cautious and we question if demand will keep up with supply, especially if a lower overall yield environment persists.

##### Municipals

Technical factors had a strong impact on municipal bond performance with demand remaining strong, led by retail investors. Strong inflows into ETFs and mutual funds during the period vs slower issuance, were contributors to the sector’s performance. From a fundamental perspective, local governments retained their strong revenue growth and fiscal health, as well as high reserve fund balances. This led to upgrades outnumbering downgrades 2 to 1.

<sup>1</sup>LOGAN FIXED INCOME results discussed herein should be read in conjunction with the attached performance and disclosures

Multiple cuts by the Federal Reserve were a tailwind for municipal bonds, in addition to the Big Beautiful Bill which preserved the tax exemption. The asset class kept its appeal for investors seeking tax-free income. We question if demand stays elevated as yields return to moderate levels compared to 2025.

## PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The monetary policy for 2026 is highly uncertain due to the differing opinions within the FOMC, the rotation of policy makers, and the new Fed Chair (whose term starts in June 2026). The bar is high for a January cut (currently showing a 15% chance of occurring) as a few voters that supported the December cut indicated they could have supported keeping the target rate unchanged.

With economic fog due the Federal shutdown, persistent above target inflation, softening employment data, and dissents on both sides of the majority at the FOMC, what comes next is trickier than ever. Maybe the Federal Reserve is at neutral (or close to it)? Being in the “band of neutral” feels like the closest topic we can get to a majority.

If the next Fed chair is not “data dependent”, we could expect the risk premium to increase further out the curve. This, and the federal deficits impact on the bond market are markers we will be looking for throughout 2026. Greater dissenting from the Fed Chair’s position may also enhance the bank’s credibility.

Affordability for the average consumer will continue to be a headline, important for economic growth, but also the 2026 midterm election. Currently, gas prices have come down, but utility costs are still elevated. Consumer spending will be a highly visible indicator on the health of the economy.

We’ll be watching inflation (or more specifically Core CPI) over the coming year, if it moves towards the Fed target, that will allow the Fed to cut rates once or twice more than currently priced in.

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U.S. TREASURY YIELDS	12/31/2024	3/31/2025	6/30/2025	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	YTD Change
2 YR	3.48%	4.24%	3.89%	3.71%	3.61%	-0.13%
3 YR	3.54%	4.28%	3.88%	3.68%	3.62%	-0.08%
5 YR	3.73%	4.38%	3.95%	3.79%	3.74%	-0.01%
7 YR	3.94%	4.48%	4.08%	3.99%	3.93%	0.01%
10 YR	4.17%	4.57%	4.21%	4.23%	4.15%	0.02%
20 YR	4.79%	4.86%	4.61%	4.78%	4.70%	0.10%
30 YR	4.84%	4.78%	4.58%	4.79%	4.73%	0.12%
10S MINUS 2S	69.3bps	32.9bps	31.9bps	51.5bps	53.8bps	

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**Performance Disclosure Results**  
**International Dividend ADR Composite**  
**December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2025**

Year	Total Return		FTSE Developed x US	Number of Accounts	Composite Dispersion	Composite 3- Yr Gross Std Dev	FTSE Developed x US 3-Yr Gross Std Dev	Composite 3- Yr Gross Sharpe Ratio	Assets in Composite (\$millions)	% of Firm Assets	Firm Assets (\$millions)
	Net of Model Fees*	Total Return Gross of Fees									
2025	33.0%	34.0%	34.9%	8	N.M.	11.2%	12.3%	1.2	\$17	0.5%	\$3,100
2024	3.2%	4.0%	3.8%	12	0.2%	15.4%	17.0%	0.2	\$4	0.2%	\$2,753
2023	17.1%	17.9%	18.7%	13	0.3%	15.5%	17.0%	0.6	\$5	0.2%	\$2,451
2022	-1.7%	-0.9%	-14.6%	10	0.2%	19.8%	20.5%	0.2	\$35	1.6%	\$2,261
2021	16.9%	17.7%	11.8%	11	0.3%	17.0%	17.5%	0.6	\$4	0.1%	\$2,635
2020	-4.1%	-3.1%	10.3%	11	N.M.	17.6%	18.2%	0.0	\$3	0.2%	\$2,240
2019	20.5%	21.4%	22.6%	14	0.1%	10.8%	11.0%	0.6	\$27	1.3%	\$2,050
2018	-13.9%	-13.2%	-14.1%	10	0.4%	10.5%	11.3%	0.2	\$22	1.5%	\$1,431
2017	19.7%	20.6%	26.3%	15	0.4%	9.7%	11.7%	0.8	\$6	0.4%	\$1,590
2016	4.7%	5.5%	3.4%	15	0.3%	10.8%	12.3%	0.0	\$22	1.6%	\$1,401

<sup>†</sup>Inception 12/31/2006

**Annualized Returns (December 31, 2025)**

**YTD is not annualized**

Year	Total Return		
	Net of Model Fees*	Total Return Gross of Fees	FTSE Developed x US
YTD	33.0%	34.0%	34.9%
3 Year	17.1%	18.0%	18.5%
5 Year	13.1%	13.9%	9.7%
10 Year	8.7%	9.5%	9.2%
Since Inception <sup>†</sup>	5.2%	6.0%	5.4%

<sup>†</sup>Inception 12/31/2006

N.M. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index. Unless otherwise noted, performance of indices does not account for any fees, commissions or other expenses that would be incurred. Returns do not include reinvested dividends. The FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index a market-capitalization weighted index representing the performance of large, mid and small cap companies in developed markets, excluding the USA. The index is derived from the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (GEIS), which captures 98% of the world's investable market capitalization.

N/A - Information is not available. The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviations are not presented because 36 monthly returns are not available.

**Net of fees includes a .75% model fee**

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