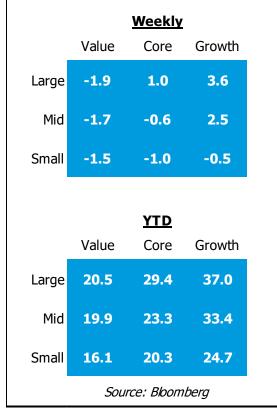


# Weekly Update – December 9, 2024

Market Returns Ending 12/6/2024			
Category	1 Week	QTD	YTD
<u>US</u>			
Large Cap	1.0%	5.9%	29.3%
Mid Cap	-1.0%	7.7%	19.9%
Small Cap	-1.0%	8.2%	20.3%
International			
Developed	1.7%	-4.3%	8.7%
Emerging	2.5%	-5.5%	10.8%
<u>Bonds</u>			
Aggregate	0.2%	-1.2%	3.2%
High Yield	0.3%	0.9%	9.0%

#### **US Equity Style Returns**



#### Key Events: Increasing optimism

Economic data continues to improve: The 4Q Atlanta Fed Real GDP Nowcast increased to 3.3%, while manufacturing surveys and consumer sentiment improved. The unemployment rate, however, ticked up to 4.2%, up from 3.4% in 2023.

Israel and Hezbollah accused each other of breaches to their ceasefire and fighting continued in Ukraine amidst heightened Russian rhetoric.

### Market review: A pause from the rally

US Stocks took a pause after their November rally but large cap stocks were supported by tech gains.

International stocks recovered some from their November decline, while bonds showed slight gains.

### Outlook: Processing a new administration

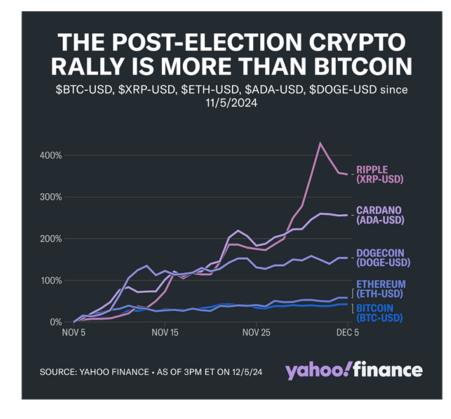
We do not spend much time discussing Bitcoin or other Cryptocurrencies, but the chart below shows their monstrous gains since Trump's election. Bitcoin is up 40%, and smaller tokens are up far more. Does this say anything about how cryptocurrencies or other sectors may perform during a Trump presidency?

The outlook is positive: Trump's SEC pick is perceived to be crypto-friendly, and Trump is expected to have a bias towards less regulation, benefitting stocks. Greater protectionism, though, is expected from a Trump Presidency. This has led to strong gains in US Stocks since the election, as the market anticipates healthy US Growth in 2025 and forward.

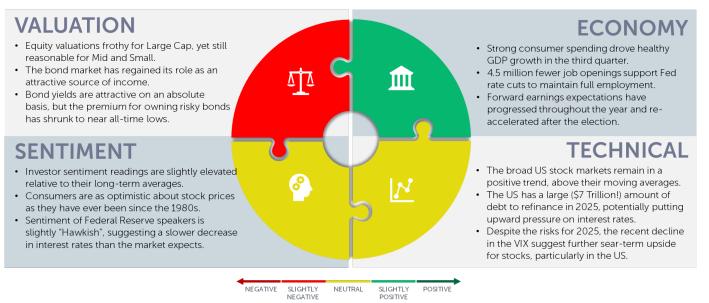
While we see increased opportunity in the US stock market, our portfolios remain diversified, with a slight 'risk-on' stance in our tactical portfolios.

We encourage investors to maintain their discipline.

## Crypto currencies rally since Trump's win<sup>i</sup>



# **OneAscent Navigator Outlook: December 2024**



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Source: yahoo finance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Market Returns reference the following indices: Large Cap – S&P 500, Mid Cap Growth – Russell Midcap growth, Mid Cap Value – Russell Midcap Value, Small Cap – Russell 2000, Developed – MSCI EAFE, Emerging – MSCI Emerging Markets, Aggregate – Bloomberg US Aggregate, High Yield – Bloomberg High Yield