Q4 2025 Market Themes to Watch

October 2025

The Federal Reserve's (Fed) easing path is the primary focus for the market in the near-term, especially in fixed income. Zooming out beyond the next quarter, the long-term deterioration in the dollar and secular increase in electricity demand, driven by artificial intelligence (AI) data centers, reshoring and consumer behavior, stand out as key themes. Critically, many of the categories that stand to benefit from dollar weakness and electrification are inherent diversifiers against equity concentration risk.

Fed Easing

Despite sticky, above target inflation, the Fed delivered its second rate cut of this easing cycle in September, with markets expecting two more by year-end. Yet long-term yields have risen following both cuts, reflecting persistent inflation—creating volatility across fixed income at a time when investors are looking beyond cash as short-term yields decline. In this environment, experienced portfolio management is essential as we head into 2026.

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ALPS | Smith Core Plus Bond ETF

Actively managed core-plus fixed income focused on capital preservation.

MNBD

ALPS Intermediate Municipal Bond ETF

Actively managed intermediate municipal bond portfolio run by Brown Brother Harriman focused on long-term total return.

Dollar Destruction

The US Dollar Index was down more than 10% in the first half of the year, and additional rate cuts could put additional pressure on the greenback. Developed ex-US markets have historically benefitted from a falling dollar. As Gold prices reach record highs, rebalancing profits to a diversified commodities basket may be prudent. Commodities priced in dollars could also benefit from a weakening currency.

SDCI

USCF SummerHaven Dynamic Commodity Strategy No K-1 Fund Dynamic commodities exposure rebalanced monthly toward 14 commodities with strong market technical indicators.

IDOG

ALPS International Sector Dividend Dogs ETF

Equal weighted portfolio of high dividend yield stocks in developed ex-US markets with equal exposure to 10 GICS sectors.

OEFA

ALPS | O'Shares International Developed Ouality Dividend ETF^(*)

Basket of developed ex-US companies screened and weighted based on quality metrics, dividend growth and dividend coverage.

Al Adjacencies

While the focus of most Al-centric investment strategies has been semiconductors and software, there is a burgeoning opportunity to invest in the companies providing the wiring, components, energy and basic materials needed to support massive electricity demand growth coming from Al infrastructure.

FI FY

ALPS Electrification Infrastructure ETF

A comprehensive portfolio of publicly-listed large- and mid-capitalization companies poised to benefit from the massive increase in electricity demand coming from Al data center investment and the electrification of the economy.

ENFR

Alerian Energy Infrastructure ETF

Diversified portfolio of energy infrastructure Master Limited Partnerships and Corporations that own and operate the critical energy transportation, storage and processing facilities at the heart of the US energy market.

CCNR

ALPS | CoreCommodity Natural Resources ETF

Actively managed portfolio of global natural resources firms positioned to benefit from rising demand for the metals, energy and minerals necessary to support global electricity demand growth and infrastructure investment.

^(*) Effective 10/1/2025, the Fund's underlying index changed from the O'Shares Europe Quality Dividend Index to the O'Shares International Developed Quality Dividend Index. Accordingly, the Fund's name changed to the ALPS | O'Shares International Developed Quality Dividend ETF (formerly the ALPS | O'Shares Europe Quality Dividend ETF), the Fund's ticker symbol changed to OEFA (formerly 0EUR) and the Fund adopted a new investment objective along with new principal investment strategies.

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Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS): an industry analysis framework that helps investors understand the key business activities for companies around the world.

US Dollar Index: measures the value of the US dollar relative to a basket of foreign currencies.

One may not invest directly in an index.

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