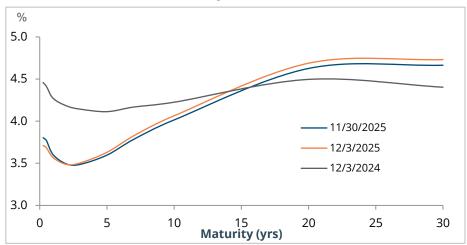
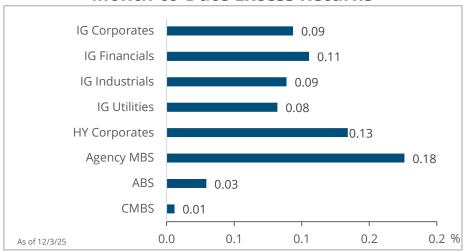
- Economic data continued to suggest a slowdown in the labor market, cementing expectations that the Federal Reserve (Fed) delivers another rate cut in December
  - ADP private employment declined by 32k jobs in November versus expectations of a 10k increase; small business employment notably fell by 120k jobs – the largest one-month decline since May 2020
  - Continuing jobless claims remained elevated at 1.94 million, as workers are having a harder time finding new employment; Initial jobless claims declined to 191k, below expectations of 220k
- The ISM Services Index improved to 52.6 last month, as projects restarted after the government reopened; business activity improved from October, despite a slowdown in new orders
- Treasury yields were higher, led by the long-end, as investors looked ahead to 2026 and reassessed the speed and depth of the current easing cycle
- Investment-grade (IG) supply totaled over \$26 billion this week above forecasts of \$20 billion; deals were met with strong demand, with the average order just over 5x oversubscribed
  - Investment-grade corporate spreads tightened 1bp to 79bps, while yields increased 2bps to 4.78%
- High-yield (HY) issuers were similarly active and capitalized on attractive funding levels, pricing over \$8 billion of new debt
  - High-yield corporate spreads remained unchanged at 269bps, while yields rose 2bps to 6.59%
- Agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) outperformed other securitized sectors as strong bank demand helped drive spreads tighter by 3bps to 26bps
- Intermediate- and long-duration municipals outperformed Treasuries, with the 10-year muni/Treasury ratio falling from 68.2% to 67.8%; municipal bond funds reported \$217 million of net inflows

## **Treasury Yield Curve**



Maturity	2-year	5-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
12/3/25	3.49	3.63	4.06	4.69	4.73
MTD Change	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.07

## **Month-to-Date Excess Returns**



Sources: Bloomberg and Bloomberg Index Services Limited. All commentary and data as of 12/4/25 unless otherwise noted.

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