



**FIRST READ**

**DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**Pre-Market Futures**

DOW JONES	S&P 500	NASDAQ
45016.00 (+0.46%)	6082.25 (+0.31%)	21419.50 (+0.65%)

**International Markets**

NIKKEI	HANG SENG	SHANGHAI	KOSPI	ASX 200	BSE SENSEX
39276.39 (+0.07%)	19742.46 (-0.02%)	3364.65 (-0.42%)	2464.00 (-1.44%)	8462.60 (-0.38%)	80964.56 (+0.15%)
DAX	FTSE	CAC	FTSE MIB	IBEX 35	SMI
20216.49 (+1.00%)	8336.83 (-0.27%)	7287.65 (+0.44%)	34201.66 (+1.10%)	11948.70 (+0.63%)	11781.22 (-0.45%)

**Commodities and Rates**

Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Gold	Silver	Copper	Corn
70.04 (+0.14%)	3.00 (-1.25%)	2644.80 (+0.05%)	31.35 (-0.45%)	418.70 (-0.36%)	430.50 (-0.40%)
US 10-YR	German 10-YR	UK 10-YR	Italy 10-YR	Aussie 10-YR	Japan 10-YR
4.25% (+3 bps)	2.08% (+3 bps)	4.27% (+3 bps)	3.25% (+1 bps)	4.26% (-4 bps)	1.05% (-2 bps)

**Currencies & Cryptocurrencies**

EUR/USD	GBP/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CAD	USD/CHF	AUD/USD
1.0497 (-0.07%)	1.2678 (+0.05%)	150.908 (+0.89%)	1.4062 (-0.04%)	0.8863 (+0.03%)	0.6408 (-1.19%)
BTC/USD	BCH/USD	ETH/USD	LTC/USD	XRP/USD	ZEC/USD
95838.39 (-0.08%)	562.12 (-3.85%)	3708.56 (+2.54%)	127.78 (-2.36%)	2.5850 (+2.82%)	72.39 (-2.34%)

## Economic Calendar & Key Summaries

Time (ET)	Data	Actual	Previous	Consensus
Tues Night	AIG Manufacturing Index (Nov)	-17.9	-19.7	N/A
Tues Night	Australia Services PMI (Nov)	50.5	51.0	49.6
Tues Night	Japan Services PMI (Nov)	50.5	49.7	50.2
Tues Night	China Caixin Services PMI (Nov)	51.5	52.0	52.5
3:15AM	Spain Services PMI (Nov)	53.1	54.9	53.6
3:45AM	Italy Services PMI (Nov)	49.2	52.4	51.1
3:50AM	France Services PMI (Nov)	46.9	49.2	45.7
3:55AM	Germany Services PMI (Nov)	49.2	51.6	49.4
4:00AM	Eurozone Services PMI (Nov)	49.5	51.6	49.2
4:30AM	UK Services PMI (Nov)	50.8	52.0	50.0
5:00AM	Eurozone PPI (YoY) (Oct)	-3.2%	-3.4%	N/A
7:00AM	MBA Mortgage Applications (WoW)	2.8%	6.3%	N/A
8:15AM	ADP Nonfarm Employment Change (Nov)	Waiting...	233K	166K
9:45AM	US Services PMI (Nov)	Waiting...	55.0	57.0
10:00AM	US Factory Orders (MoM) (Oct)	Waiting...	-0.5%	0.3%
10:00AM	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Nov)	Waiting...	56.0	55.5
10:30AM	US Crude Oil Inventories	Waiting...	-1.844M	N/A
1:45PM	Fed Chair Powell Speaks	N/A	N/A	N/A
2:00PM	Beige Book	N/A	N/A	N/A

- China's Caixin Services PMI declined 0.5 pts to 51.5 vs 52.5 expected in November.** The deterioration was driven by a slowdown in the growth of activity and new orders, offsetting marginal increases in employment and backlogs of work. On the cost side, input price inflation fell to its lowest in 53 months and output prices contracted for the 3rd time in 4 months due to intensified competition.
- The Japanese Services PMI has returned to expansion, climbing 0.8 pts to 50.5 (revised up from 50.2 flash).** The nation saw a 5th straight month of growth in new orders alongside employment hitting 4-month highs. Backlogs also rose for the 2nd time in 3 months, with the rate of accumulation the strongest since March amid capacity pressures. Input costs continued to rise significantly, and respondents were able to pass on the inflation with a historically sharp and accelerated increase in selling prices.
- The Eurozone Services PMI dropped 2.1 pts to 49.5, revised up from 49.2 flash, marking the first contraction since January.** New orders from foreign clients were a major drag on total orders, causing backlogs of work to fall for a 7th straight month. However, services employment continued to rise, sustaining a run of job creation that stretches back almost 4 years. On prices, the report noted an uplift in inflationary pressures as both input costs and output charges increased at faster rates.

## Major Market News

### Asia-Pacific

Flat-to-negative session in Asia overnight as the region digested the aftermath of South Korea's short-lived martial law decree. The nation's KOSPI index dropped 1.4%, recovering from steep losses intraday after the Bank of Korea said it would boost short-term liquidity and deploy measures to stabilize the FX market as required. Elsewhere, Mainland China slipped 0.4% lower as trade tensions with the US remain elevated, while the rest of the region was little changed.

- Per Yonhap, South Korea's finance ministry said overnight it is ready to deploy 10T won in liquidity into financial markets after President Yoon Suk Yeol lifted a martial law declaration that pushed the won to multi-year lows. The announcement came after Finance Minister Choi Sang-mok and Bank of Korea Governor Rhee Chang-yong held emergency talks overnight, to approve rescue measures for the local credit market. The central bank also said it will loosen repo collateral policies by accepting bank debentures issued by some state-run enterprises. Meanwhile, South Korean lawmakers have submitted a bill to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol after the incident.
- Four of China's largest industry associations declared in a joint statement overnight that US chips are *"no longer safe"* and that Chinese business should seek to buy locally instead. The industry association warnings came after the US on Monday launched its third crackdown in three years on China's semiconductor industry, while Beijing banned the export of critical minerals gallium, germanium, and antimony to the US.

### EMEA

European markets are now climbing moderately following a muted open as the region braces for a crucial no-confidence vote by French lawmakers that will likely oust PM Michel Barnier's government. The debate is due to start at 11AM ET, with voting expected a few hours later. In the meantime, macro is in focus with services sector activity across the Eurozone tumbling sharply last month, joining the manufacturing sector in contraction.

- Advisors to Donald Trump publicly and privately are *"floating proposals to end the Ukraine war that would cede large parts of the country to Russia for the foreseeable future"*, according to a Reuters analysis of their statements and interviews with several people close to the US president-elect. The statements also emphasize that NATO membership for Ukraine will be off the table, and *"carrots and sticks"* that include halting military aid to Kyiv unless it agrees to talk but boosting assistance if Russian President Putin refuses.
- The EU is considering stern measures on the growing flood of packages from Asian online retailers including **PDD's (PDD)** Temu and Shein following a large increase in e-commerce goods that evade custom checks, FT reported. According to five people familiar with the discussions, the bloc is considering a new tax on e-commerce platforms' revenue and an administrative handling fee per item that would make most shipments less competitive.
- Business sentiment among German companies in China is at an all-time low as they face fierce pricing competition and a slowing economy, according to the latest survey by the German Chamber of Commerce. Just over half of German companies said conditions in their industry had worsened this year, while only 32% forecast an improvement in 2025, the lowest since records began in 2007. *"This year has been difficult for the majority of German companies, prompting a downward adjustment of their business outlook."*

*Companies are also, for the first time, contending with a 'Buy China' trend with President Xi Jinping's self-sufficiency drive 'Made in China 2025' resulting in local customers opting to buy from local producers."*

### United States

S&P futures are advancing in premarket with focus turning to an afternoon speech by Fed Chair Powell. His address comes ahead of the Fed's final meeting of 2024 where it is widely expected to cut interest rates by 25 bps. Very quiet otherwise as the sleepy start to December continues. In corporate news, **Salesforce (CRM)** is surging over 12% after the company beat Q3 revenue expectations and raised the lower end of its annual revenue forecast, helped by robust spending on its enterprise cloud.

- *Outperformance in US stocks is likely to persist through 2025, according to Barclays. "MAGA policy expectations coupled with Goldilocks data have revived animal spirits for US equities. It is hard to see an end to US exceptionalism any time soon, which we think remains the playbook into 2025. The outlook for US GDP growth remains healthy, with only a moderate slowdown anticipated in 2025 to around 3%. For Europe, we expect growth to stagnate at around 0.7% due to trade and political uncertainty, though further ECB rate cuts and a weaker euro could provide some relief. We forecast China's growth to slow to 4% on trade headwinds and weak domestic demand, but additional stimulus measures could be introduced in response to US policies."*
- President-elect Donald Trump is considering dropping his current nominee to lead the Pentagon, Pete Hegseth, and nominating Florida Governor Ron DeSantis in his place, WSJ reported late Tuesday, citing several sources familiar with the discussions. The article added that Trump could decide not to choose DeSantis and select another replacement, if Hegseth's nomination falls apart.
- Fitch subsidiary BMI is maintaining its 2025 global average steel price forecast at \$730/ton (vs the current the YTD global average of \$649/ton), expecting prices to climb on protectionist measures under Donald Trump, offsetting bearish pressure from lackluster Mainland Chinese demand. *"While faltering domestic demand in Mainland China, resulting in an influx of relatively cheaper Mainland Chinese products, is expected to squeeze global markets and place a lid on the global average in the coming months, steeper protectionist measures by numerous market players will dampen demand for Chinese steel. On the other hand, Trump's plans to introduce import tariffs are likely to push domestic prices higher, which will support the global average, though introducing greater market volatility on the back of supply chain disruptions."*

## Company News *(via Industry)*

### HEALTHCARE

- **ATI Physical Therapy (ATIP)** and its common stock are in the process of being delisted from NYSE.
- **Curis (CRIS)** was granted orphan designation for its emavusertib for the treatment of primary central nervous system lymphoma.
- **Heron Therapeutics (HRTX)** announced that the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware ruled in Heron's favor in the company's patent litigation against **Fresenius Kabi USA** with respect to CINVANTI, or aprepitant, injectable emulsion.
- **Janux Therapeutics (JANX)** announced a \$300M common stock offering.
- **NeuroPace (NPCE)** announced completion of enrollment and implant procedures in its feasibility investigational device exemption, or IDE, study of the RNS System for the treatment of Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, or LGS, a devastating form of childhood-onset epilepsy characterized by cognitive dysfunction and frequent generalized onset seizures that often lead to injury.
- **Novavax (NVAX)** announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to sell its manufacturing facility in Bohumil, Czech Republic to **Novo Nordisk (NVO)** for \$200M.
- **Theratechnologies (THTX)** announced that the production of Egrifta SV has resumed following a voluntary shutdown of the company's contract manufacturer's facility to address observations from an inspection by the FDA.
- **Trevi Therapeutics (TRVI)** announced positive results from the human abuse potential, or HAP, study of oral nalbuphine. The HAP study was a randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, active and placebo controlled five-way crossover study in recreational drug users. The study's primary endpoint was the peak effect for "Drug Liking", assessed on a bi-polar, 100-point visual analog scale, or VAS.
- **UnitedHealth (UNH)** is backing its FY24 EPS Guidance and said it sees FY25 EPS coming in at \$29.50 - \$30.00 vs \$29.95 estimate.

### CONSUMER

- **Campbell Soup (CPB)** announced it is raising its quarterly dividend by 5%.
- **Walmart (WMT)** announced the completion of its \$2B acquisition of **VIZIO (VZIO)**.

### FINANCIALS

- **Enact Holdings (ACT)** announced that its flagship legal entity, **Enact Mortgage Insurance Corporation**, has entered into two quota share reinsurance agreements with a broad panel of highly-rated reinsurers.
- **Franklin Resources (BEN)** reported preliminary November-end AUM of \$1.65T, an increase of \$1.63T in October.

- **KKR & Co. (KKR)** is nearing a deal to acquire a 60.36% stake in **Healthcare Global Enterprises**, India's biggest specialty cancer care hospital chain, from **CVC Capital Partners**, The Economic Times reports.
- **Raymond James Financial (RJF)** announced a quarterly dividend raise and a new share repurchase program of up to \$1.5B.
- **Stewart Information Services (STC)** announced its Board of Directors has agreed with Frederick H. Eppinger, CEO, to amend and restate his employment agreement, extending the term for another three years through the end of 2028.
- **Wells Fargo (WFC)** is slated to sell its San Francisco headquarters as part of the bank's broader efforts to move its power base to the East Coast, the Wall Street Journal reports.
- **TeraWulf (WULF)** provided its unaudited monthly production and operations update for November where it self-mined 115 bitcoin, with an average daily production rate of approximately 3.8 bitcoin.

## **INDUSTRIALS**

- **Alternus Clean Energy (ALCE)** filed to sell 4.99M shares of common stock.
- **FTAI Aviation (FTAI)** announced the sale of its remaining offshore energy vessels, the Pioneer and the Pride, for approximately \$143M.
- **General Motors (GM)** said in a regulatory filing that it expects to record two non-cash charges of more than \$5B on its joint venture in China.
- **GXO Logistics (GXO)** to turn down acquisition offers and remain an independent company, according to Bloomberg.
- **Intuitive Machines (LUNR)** announced a \$65M common stock offering.
- **Old Dominion Freight Line (ODFL)** reported certain less-than-truckload operating metrics for November 2024. Revenue per day decreased 8.2% as compared to November 2023 due to an 8.0% decrease in LTL tons per day and a slight decrease in LTL revenue per hundredweight. The decrease in LTL tons per day was attributable to a 6.8% decrease in LTL shipments per day and a 1.2% decrease in LTL weight per shipment.
- **Parsons (PSN)** and **Globalstar (GSAT)** announced their exclusive partnership to support the public, government, and defense sectors.
- **Radiant Logistics (RLGT)** announced it has acquired the assets and operations of **TCB Transportation Associates**, a St Louis, Missouri-based, privately held intermodal marketing company specializing in the movement of 40 and 53-foot containers across North America.
- **Rush Enterprises (RUSHA)** announced a \$150M stock repurchase program.
- **XPO Inc. (XPO)** reported certain preliminary LTL segment operating metrics for November 2024. LTL tonnage per day decreased 4.0%, as compared with November 2023, attributable to a year-over-year decrease of 4.2% in shipments per day and an increase of 0.2% in weight per shipment.



## MATERIALS

- **Cabot (CBT)** boosted its stock buyback authorization by 10M shares.
- **Crescent Energy (CRGY)** announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire Eagle Ford assets from **Ridgemar Energy** for upfront consideration of \$905M plus future oil price contingent consideration. It would also announce a common stock offering of 18M shares.
- **Consolidated Edison (ED)** announced a common stock offering of 7M shares.
- **Iris Energy (IREN)** announced a \$300M convertible senior notes offering.
- **Rio Tinto (RIO)** and **Sumitomo Metal Mining** have signed a Term Sheet for a Joint Venture to deliver the Winu copper-gold project, located in the Great Sandy Desert region of Western Australia.
- **Sigma Lithium (SGML)** announced that it is in the process of loading 27,500 tonnes of its already produced Quintuple Zero Green Lithium for shipment from the Port of Vitoria to **IRH Global Trading LTD** in Abu Dhabi, demonstrating its increased operational excellence and its ability to meet both operational and sales targets.
- **The American Petroleum Institute** reported that crude inventories rose by 1.2M barrels last week while gasoline inventories rose by 4.6M barrels.

## TECHNOLOGY

- **Genpact (G)** announced a multi-year Strategic Collaboration Agreement with **Amazon Web Services**, with plans to accelerate the adoption of AI and empower business leaders across functions to harness its transformative potential.
- **Pure Storage (PSTG)** announced a collaboration with **Kioxia** to develop technology that addresses the growing demand for high-performance, scalable storage infrastructure among today's hyperscale environments.
- **Ubisoft (UBSFY)** plans to shut down multiplayer game "XDefiant" in June 2025, Insider Gaming reports.

## **Market Movers** (Price Movement as of 7:45AM ET)

	
<b>Salesforce (CRM)</b>	<b>Solventum (SOLV)</b>
<b>Dollar Tree (DLTR)</b>	<b>Hormel Foods (HRL)</b>
<b>ServiceNow (NOW)</b>	<b>Nike (NKE)</b>
<b>Oracle (ORCL)</b>	<b>Live Nation (LYV)</b>
<b>Broadcom (AVGO)</b>	<b>General Motors (GM)</b>

## Today's Events

### Conferences:

- B Riley Securities Energy Convergence: Mining, Nuclear and Infrastructure Conference
- Bank of America Leveraged Finance Conference
- Barclays Annual Eat, Sleep, Play Conference
- Citi Basic Materials Conference
- Citi Global Healthcare Conference
- DA Davidson Financial Institutions
- Evercore ISI HealthCONx Conference
- Goldman Sachs Industrials and Materials Conference
- Janney Montgomery Scott Clean Energy Investment Symposium
- Jefferies Renewables & Clean Technology Conference
- JPMorgan Brazil Opportunities Conference
- Morgan Stanley P&C Insurance Corporate Access Day
- Piper Sandler Healthcare Conference
- Roth MKM Sustainability Private Capital Event
- Scotiabank Mining Conference
- Sidoti & Co. Small Cap Conference
- UBS Global Technology and AI Conference
- UBS Industrials and Transportation Conference
- Wells Fargo TMT Summit
- Wolfe Research Small and Mid-Cap Conference

### Analyst/Investor Days/AGMs:

- Cabot Corp. (CBT)
- Robinhood (HOOD)
- UnitedHealth (UNH)

## Corporate Events Calendar (Bullish, Bearish)

### December 2024 (Preliminary version. Calendar will be updated as the month progresses):

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ZS earnings	3 CRM, OKTA, PSTG earnings	4 AVAV, FIVE, PVH, S earnings	5 DG, GTLB, LULU, RBRK, ULTA earnings	6	7
8	9 MDB, TOL earnings	10 AZO, OLLI earnings	11 ADBE earnings	12 AVGO, COST earnings	13	14
15	16	17	18 MU earnings	19 FDX, KMX, NKE earnings	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



Actionable Catalysts (updated every weekend, latest/updated entries highlighted in yellow)

Ticker	Company	Potential Catalyst
DNB	Dun & Bradstreet	Working with BofA to evaluate takeover interest from potential buyers.
BLCO	Bausch + Lomb	TPG and Blackstone are teaming up to jointly bid up to \$25/share for the company.
INTC	Intel	Qualcomm's interest in potentially acquiring Intel has reportedly waned.
CVS	CVS Health	Dan Loeb has acquired a starter stake in the company. Also added 4 new members to its board following "productive engagement" Glenview Capital Management.
FROG	JFrog	Has attracted preliminary takeover interest from potential suitors.
RPD	Rapid7	Exploring options with Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan after attracting interest.
INCY	Incyte	Merck is the latest industry giant to be linked to a takeover bid.
DAN	Dana, Inc.	Has engaged financial advisors to sell its Off-Highway business.

C-Suite Changes

Company	Ticker	Update
Campbell Soup	CPB	CEO Mark Clouse announced his retirement
Campbell Soup	CPB	Appointed Mick Beekhuizen as CEO from President
GXO Logistics	GXO	CEO Malcolm Wilson announced his retirement
Outlook Therapeutics	OTLK	CEO Russell Trenary is stepping down
Prudential	PRU	Appointed Andrew Sullivan as CEO from EVP

Insider Action (Latest Form 4 Filings)

Ticker	Company	Insider Name	Insider Role	Price	Total Value
TTSH	Tile Shop	Fund 1 Investments	10% Owner	\$6.66	+\$156,518
ALKT	Alkami Tech	George Kaiser	Former 10%	\$37.50	-\$93,750,000
UTI	Universal Technical	Coliseum Capital	Director, 10%	\$25.10	-\$62,337,833
PANW	Palo Alto Networks	Lee Klarich	EVP, Chief Product	\$389.41	-\$23,364,704
GILD	Gilead Sciences	Andrew Dickinson	CFO	\$92.76	-\$23,065,271
ATUS	Altice USA	Next Alt SARL	Director, 10%	\$24.50	-\$19,728,062
CVNA	Carvana	Daniel Gill	Chief Product	\$259.47	-\$11,416,833
APP	Applovin	Mary Georgiadis	Director	\$339.69	-\$10,360,433
RJF	Raymond James	Paul Reilly	Chair, CEO	\$167.30	-\$8,365,065
VMI	Valmont Industries	Mogens Bay	Director	\$348.92	-\$6,978,405
CHD	Church & Dwight	Rick Spann	EVP	\$112.00	-\$4,426,240
GS	Goldman Sachs	David Solomon	COB, CEO	\$610.91	-\$4,001,461
UTHR	United Therapeutics	Michael Benkowitz	Pres, COO	\$370.51	-\$3,705,074
WWD	Woodward	Thomas Cromwell	EVP, COO	\$179.77	-\$3,595,311
LVS	Las Vegas Sands	Robert Goldstein	COB, CEO	\$53.02	-\$3,191,115
GS	Goldman Sachs	David Viniar	Director	\$612.08	-\$3,060,400
COOP	Mr. Cooper	Jesse Bray	CEO	\$97.58	-\$2,927,400
CRVL	Corvel	Gordon Clemons	COB	\$365.66	-\$2,925,307
EQIX	Equinix	Adaïre Fox-Martin	CEO, Pres	\$961.62	-\$2,851,209
TTD	Trade Desk	Samantha Jacobson	Chief Strategy	\$128.25	-\$2,829,525
V	Visa Inc.	Ryan McInerney	CEO	\$316.90	-\$2,731,678
PGR	Progressive	John Sauerland	VP, CFO	\$268.09	-\$2,680,900
CRDO	Credo Tech	Chi Fung Cheng	CTO	\$48.57	-\$2,671,353
CVNA	Carvana	Mark Jenkins	CFO	\$255.07	-\$2,550,667
SNX	TD Synnex	Richard Hume	Director	\$121.25	-\$2,424,984
RJF	Raymond James	Steven Raney	Exec Chair	\$169.02	-\$2,340,135

UPST	Upstart Holdings	Cassidy Singh	Director	\$74.46	-\$2,233,278
ORLY	O' Reilly Automotive	Tamara Conn	SVP of Legal, GC	\$1,245.36	-\$2,179,380
HOOD	Robinhood Markets	Daniel Gallagher Jr	GC	\$37.54	-\$2,172,965
RVTY	Revvity	Prahlad Singh	Misc.	\$116.22	-\$2,134,366
R	Ryder System	Robert Fatovic	EVP, CLO	\$169.11	-\$2,113,817
TEAM	Atlassian	Michael C-Brookes	CEO, Co-Founder	\$265.96	-\$2,113,817
TEAM	Atlassian	Scott Farquhar	Director, 10%	\$265.96	-\$2,113,817
PTC	PTC Inc.	Kristian Talvitie	EVP, CFO	\$199.34	-\$2,054,368
CIFR	Cipher Mining	Bitfury Top Holdco	10% Owner	\$7.17	-\$1,990,521
SBUX	Starbucks	Sara Kelly	EVP	\$101.37	-\$1,936,370
EMN	Eastman Chemical	Mark Costa	CEO, Board Chair	\$105.00	-\$1,919,190
EXPE	Expedia Group	Dara Khosrowshahi	Director	\$184.66	-\$1,846,553
DRS	Leonardo DRS	William Lynn III	CEO	\$34.07	-\$1,533,150
GFF	Griffon	Brian Harris	EVP, CFO	\$82.60	-\$1,531,351

## IPO Tracker

Reported Filings on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:

*\*\* No new filings reported. \*\**

Scheduled to Trade on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:

*\*\* None scheduled. \*\**

## Open Interest Check

Top Notable Changes in Open Interest					
	Company	Symbol	Month/Strike	OI - Dec 3	OI - Dec 4
1	GEO Group	GEO	June 35 Call	1,574	5,831
	With stock currently at \$27 they are loading up June 35 calls today. Over 5,000 contracts bought to open for up to \$3.10 offer. Approx \$1.5 million bullish bet.				
2	TransAlta	TAC	November 15 Call	2,625	8,898
	Somebody bought 5,000 November 15 max strike call options for up to \$0.85 offer. Approx \$425,000 bullish bet on 59x daily average call volume. On average day stock trades only 86 contracts				
3	AppLovin	APP	January (2025) 400 Call	554	1,875
	No signs of stopping with the following Call Spread Roll: 897 December 360/420 Call Spread closed for \$16.90 and 897 January (2025) 400/470 Call Spread bought for \$12.38.				
4	Fluor	FLR	March 62.5 Call	670	5,738
	This has been a story about improving margins and cash flows all year long. Next up in 2025: Return to shareholders in the form of buybacks and increase/special dividends.				

## **Analyst Action** *(Courtesy of TheFlyOnTheWall)*

### **ACM Research (ACMR) – Needham downgrades ACM Research after US bans subsidiaries**

Needham downgraded ACM Research to Hold from Buy without a price target following the addition of ACM Shanghai and ACM Korea to the US Entity List. While the stock has pulled back, uncertainty around ACM's ability to source components to sustain the business, as well as the business relationship between the company, a US entity, and its banned subsidiaries in China and Korea, will remain an overhang for the stock, the analyst tells investors. On December 2nd, the US added several ACM subsidiaries to the Entity List, Needham points out. It believes ACM still relies on the outside world, including the US, to source certain components. The company will struggle to maintain the relationship with its US suppliers, Needham contends.

### **Align Tech (ALGN) – Initiated with an Outperform at Mizuho**

Mizuho initiated coverage of Align Technology with an Outperform rating and \$295 price target. Nearly every subsegment of the global dental/orthodontic market has witnessed softness over the last two years, but greater economic sensitivity of clear aligners has led to a greater delta of growth deceleration for Align than seen at other companies, notes the analyst. However, this means that as the industry potentially rebounds, Align is likely poised for the greatest lift in revenue and profit growth within the peer group in 2025-2027, the analyst argues.

### **Chipotle Mexican Grill (CMG) – Truist ups Chipotle target after uncovering start of price increases**

Truist raised the firm's price target on Chipotle to \$74 from \$72 and keeps a Buy rating. The firm says its weekly web scrape indicates Chipotle has raised menu prices by 2% at 20% of its stores in the past week, which it believes is the start of a system-wide rollout. The menu price increase is earlier than expected and a positive for the stock, the analyst tells investors. Truist believes Chipotle is taking the menu price "from a point of strength," with the firm's credit card data indicating strong traffic in November and "no clear red flags with operating cost inflation." It increased estimates saying the December menu price increase is not factored into Chipotle's Q4 guidance or the firm's prior 2025 numbers.

### **Coherent (COHR) – Initiated with a Buy at Jefferies**

Jefferies analyst George Notter initiated coverage of Coherent with a Buy rating and \$135 price target. Coherent is a materials science company with a focus on optoelectronic components and laser systems, the analyst tells investors. The firm thinks the Street still underestimates the amount of earnings power they can generate as new CEO Jim Anderson's streamlining and restructuring plan gets implemented.

### **Frontier Group (ULCC) – First class option to increase revenue, says Barclays**

Barclays keeps an Overweight rating on Frontier Group with a \$10 price target after the company added a first-class option and loyalty program. These should help "bridge some of the revenue generation gap" to tiered premium products and loyalty rewards seen at larger network carriers, the analyst tells investors. The firm says first class and

unlimited companion passes could increase revenue per available seat mile five points by 2026, which it views as "long-term favorable changes," especially in light of Spirit's bankruptcy. However, Frontier's lack of Q4 guidance upgrade may have challenged investors seeking near-term upside, Barclays adds.

#### **GE Vernova (GEV) – Wolfe starts GE Vernova at Outperform amid accelerating electricity demand**

Wolfe Research initiated coverage of GE Vernova with an Outperform rating and \$403 price target. The stock has been a strong outperformer since its separation from GE, but the firm sees growth and margin expansion potential well ahead of the Street view, the analyst tells investors. GE Vernova is hosting its second investor event of the year on December 10TH and the firm sees potential for management to raise its 2028 sales growth forecast, adds the investor, who argues "there is no better proxy for accelerating demand for electricity."

#### **HealthEquity (HQY) – Initiated with an Outperform at Mizuho**

Mizuho analyst Steven Valiquette initiated coverage of HealthEquity with an Outperform rating and \$126 price target. Amid continued adoption of high-deductible health plans with HSAs in the US market, along with the expected multiple future years of tailwinds to HealthEquity from higher interest rates, the company looks well-positioned to generate double-digit revenue and EBITDA growth over the next several years as the market leader for technology-driven HSA solutions, the analyst tells investors. The tailwinds from increased US HDHP commercial membership from a flow of incoming Medicaid-ineligible lives in the aftermath of state Medicaid redeterminations are also underappreciated, the firm adds.

#### **MSC Industrial Direct (MSM) – Downgraded to Equal Weight from Overweight at Stephens**

Stephens downgraded MSC Industrial to Equal Weight from Overweight with an unchanged price target of \$85. Since earnings, shares have moved about 9% higher, aided by post-election enthusiasm as the company should benefit from any tariff-driven inflation and/or stimulus of the US manufacturing base. However, the nearer-term trends appear challenged, with PMI continuing to languish well below 50, and shares are now sitting just under the firm's \$85 price target, notes the analyst, who expects shares to "remain range-bound in the mid-\$80s."

#### **Okta (OKTA) – Price target raised to \$100 from \$85 at Jefferies**

Jefferies analyst Joseph Gallo raised the firm's price target on Okta to \$100 from \$85 and keeps a Hold rating post the Q3 report. The company delivered "solid results in a tough yet stable macro" environment, the analyst tells investors. The firm says that while Okta's new logos and net retention revenue "remain under duress" and will limit its growth inflection for the next few quarters, the Q4 and fiscal 2026 revenue guidance "continue to appear abundantly prudent contrary to management commentary. "

#### **Pure Storage (PSTG) – Upgraded to Overweight from Neutral at Piper Sandler**

Piper Sandler upgraded Pure Storage to Overweight from Neutral with a price target of \$76, up from \$56. The company's fiscal Q3 results were better than expected given traditional sales, but lead metrics struggled, the analyst tells investors. However, the firm says Pure Storage's "significant" design win with a top-four cloud hyperscaler

"removes risk and creates a catalyst for upside ahead." The opportunity with the hyperscaler alone represents a \$500M opportunity in 2026, and more hyperscalers could be coming, contends Piper.

**Salesforce (CRM) – Price target raised to \$425 from \$415 at Barclays**

Barclays raised the firm's price target on Salesforce to \$425 from \$415 and keeps an Overweight rating post the Q3 report. The firm thinks Salesforce shares "will continue to work from here." The company's Q3 was better than expected and underlying Q4 remaining performance obligation guidance also came in above expectations but does not even assume contribution from Agentforce yet, the analyst tells investors.

**Salesforce (CRM) – Price target raised to \$405 from \$395 at Piper Sandler**

Piper Sandler raised the firm's price target on Salesforce to \$405 from \$395 and keeps an Overweight rating. The firm notes that robust multi-cloud adoption, international expansion, early renewals, and solid transactional create/close bookings contributed to another \$100M-plus top-line beat and better-than-feared cRPO growth of 10% year-over-year. Free cash flow growth expectations were raised to a mid-point of 27% year-over-year for 2025 on further margin expansion, Piper adds.

**Salesforce (CRM) – Price target raised to \$345 from \$330 at Wells Fargo**

Wells Fargo analyst Michael Turrin raised the firm's price target on Salesforce to \$345 from \$330 and keeps an Equal Weight rating. The firm says Salesforce's Q3 results were enough to keep attention on Agentforce. However, Wells continues to expect AF contribution further out than appreciated and hard to underwrite Data Cloud plus pricing and packaging driving 10%-plus growth in the interim.

**Trimble (TRMB) – Upgraded to Overweight from Neutral at JPMorgan**

JPMorgan upgraded Trimble to Overweight from Neutral with a price target of \$92, up from \$74, ahead of the company's investor day on December 10th. The firm expects acceleration in Trimble's organic growth on a cyclical hardware recovery and stable software growth. It thinks management will update its long-term targets over the next five years with annual organic revenue high-single-digit at the mid-point and low-double-digit annual recurring revenue growth.

**Zscaler (ZS) – Price target raised to \$190 from \$177 at Goldman Sachs**

Goldman Sachs raised the firm's price target on Zscaler to \$190 from \$177 but keeps a Neutral rating. The company's Q1 operating margins, billings and revenue were above consensus estimates, the analyst tells investors. The firm adds however that while it continues to see Zscaler as best of breed in SSE, it is also incrementally more cautious on the stock given that its opportunity is likely tied to larger customers as SASE products from competitors mature down market.

**Results after the Close (Previous day)**

Company	Earnings Notes
<p>Box, Inc. (BOX)</p>	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.45 vs \$0.42 est. – Beat <u>Revenue</u>: \$275.9M vs \$275.1M est. – Beat</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: ~\$1.70 vs \$1.67 est. – Beat</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: ~\$1.09B vs \$1.09B est. – In Line</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>Lower</b></p>
<p>Marvell (MRVL)</p>	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.43 vs \$0.41 est. – Beat <u>Revenue</u>: \$1.52B vs \$1.46B est. – Beat</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$0.54 to \$0.64 vs \$0.52 est. – Beat</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$1.71B to \$1.89B vs \$1.65B est. – Beat</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>BOOM!</b></p>
<p>Okta (OKTA)</p>	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.67 vs \$0.58 est. – Beat <u>Revenue</u>: \$665.0M vs \$649.6M est. – Beat</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$2.75 to \$2.76 vs \$2.61 est. – Beat</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$2.60B vs \$2.56B est. – Beat</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>BOOM!</b></p>
<p>Pure Storage (PSTG)</p>	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.50 vs \$0.42 est. – Beat <u>Revenue</u>: \$831.1M vs \$818.1M est. – Beat</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Operating income</u>: ~\$540.0M</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: ~\$3.15B vs \$3.13B est. – Beat</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>BOOM!</b></p>
<p>Salesforce (CRM)</p>	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$2.41 vs \$2.45 est. – Miss <u>Revenue</u>: \$9.44B vs \$9.35B est. – Beat</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$9.98 to \$10.03 vs \$10.11 est. – Miss</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$37.80B to \$38.00B vs \$37.86B est. – In Line</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>BOOM!</b></p>

## Results Before the Open (Today)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Earnings Notes</u>
Chewy (CHWY)	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.20 vs \$0.23 est. – Miss  <u>Revenue</u>: \$2.88B vs \$2.86B est. – Beat  <u>Active customers</u>: 20,160, (0.5%) YoY  <u>Net sales per active customer</u>: \$567 vs year-ago \$544</p> <p>Price reaction: <b>Lower</b></p>
Dollar Tree (DLTR)	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$1.12 vs \$0.08 est. – Beat  <u>Revenue</u>: \$7.57B vs \$7.44B est. – Beat  <u>Comps</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dollar Tree +1.8%</li> <li>• Family Dollar +1.9%</li> </ul> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$5.31 to \$5.51 vs \$5.41 est. – In Line</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$30.70B to \$30.90B vs \$30.71B est. – Beat</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>Higher</b></p>
Foot Locker (FL)	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.33 vs \$0.40 est. – Miss  <u>Revenue</u>: \$1.96B vs \$2.00B est. – Miss  <u>Comps</u>: +2.8%</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$1.20 to \$1.30 vs \$1.53 est. – Miss</li> <li>• <u>Revenue growth</u>: (1.5%) to (1.0%) vs (0.5%) est. – Miss</li> <li>• <u>Comps</u>: +1.0% to +1.5%</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>KABOOM!</b></p>
Hormel Foods (HRL)	<p><u>EPS</u>: \$0.42 vs \$0.42 est. – In Line  <u>Revenue</u>: \$3.14B vs \$3.14B est. – In Line</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$1.58 to \$1.72 vs \$1.68 est. – Miss</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$11.90B to \$12.20B vs \$12.25B est. – Miss</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>Lower</b></p>
Thor Industries (THO)	<p><u>EPS</u>: (\$0.03) vs \$0.72 est. – Miss  <u>Revenue</u>: \$2.14B vs \$2.23B est. – Miss</p> <p><u>FY guidance</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPS</u>: \$4.00 to \$5.00 vs \$4.86 est. – Miss</li> <li>• <u>Revenue</u>: \$9.00B to \$9.80B vs \$9.61B est. – In Line/Miss</li> </ul> <p>Price reaction: <b>KABOOM!</b></p>

Campbell (CPB)

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### Notable Callouts (Additional commentaries from previous trading day)

**Global E-Online (GLBE)** – Last month, shares of this Israeli-based e-commerce platform surged after reporting Q3 earnings. **The company's Total GMV of \$1.134B grew +35% Y/Y, an acceleration versus recent quarters, and topped consensus of \$1.094B** by around 4%. Notable new customer wins spanned across geographies and verticals, including Fossil (US), Trapstar London (UK), MISBHV (Poland), Dissh (Australia), Dimito (Korea), Manchester United and Bayern Munich football clubs, and LongChamp (France). The company also called out launching with luxury department store Harrods, the last large merchant planned to launch in 2H24. Expansion activity included adding all remaining lanes with Victoria's Secret, going live with Disney Australia and New Zealand, and supporting more markets on Assouline's APAC store. *Raymond James added that the partnership with Shopify also continues to grow, with merchant adds running as expected while new features are slightly increasing merchant sizing.*

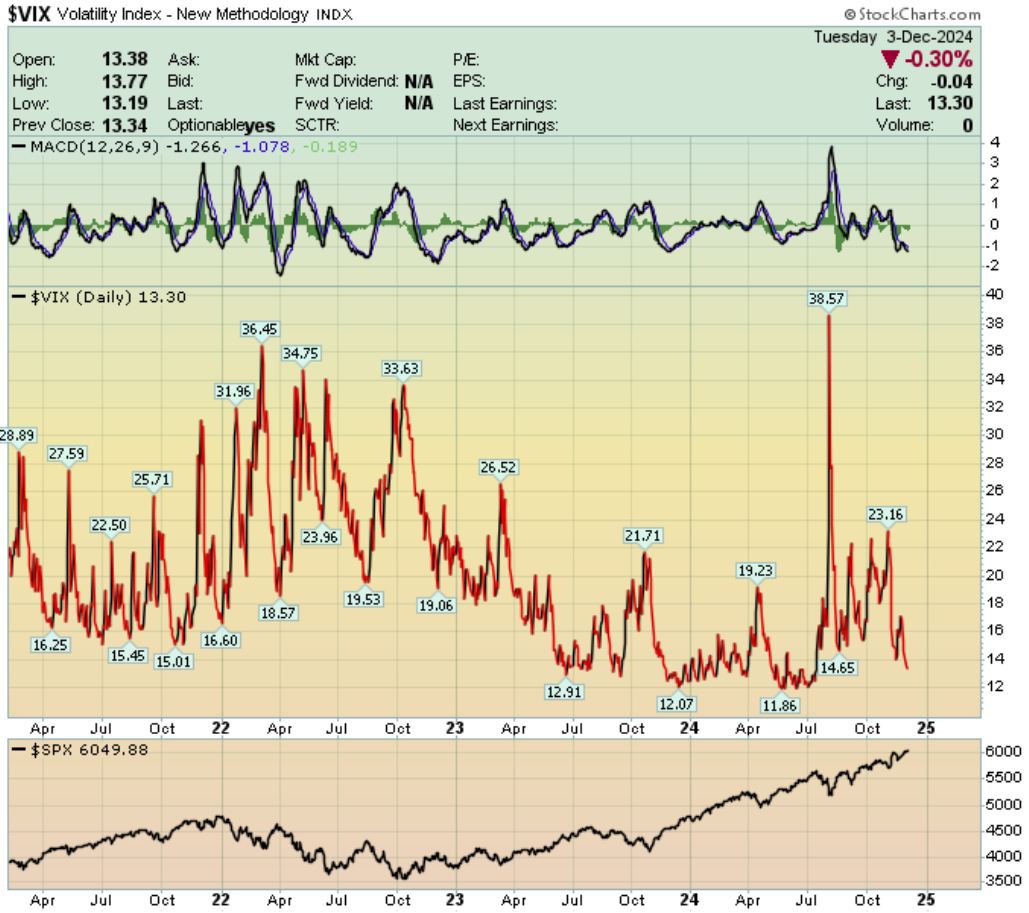
*On Tuesday, the company reported that transaction volumes over Black Friday/Cyber Monday (BFCM) were up 43% Y/Y.* BofA believes the strong BFCM results were helped by Global-E's ability to launch many of its strategic go-lives in time for the holiday season. They are anticipating that transaction volumes over the remainder of the holiday season should be higher than last year. As a result, **they are raising their estimates for Q4 to account for healthy BFCM volumes. They are modeling Q4 GMV of \$1.665B (+40% Y/Y) compared to \$1.650B prior.**

Lastly, it should be noted that when looking at JaguarFlow, as shown in the screenshot below, I purposely filtered out a lot of the December and January strikes and only focused on longer-dated options. **Simply put, it has been non-stop bullish action for the last few weeks.**

Date	Symbol	DTE	Option	Quantity	Price	Side	Premium	Sentiment
21-Nov-24	GLBE	147	GLBE Apr25 55.0 Calls	573	\$ 4.00	Near Ask	\$ 229,200	BULLISH
21-Nov-24	GLBE	147	GLBE Apr25 55.0 Calls	439	\$ 3.80	On Ask	\$ 166,820	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	160	\$ 9.18	Near Ask	\$ 146,880	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.05	Near Ask	\$ 181,000	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.10	Near Ask	\$ 182,000	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.10	Near Ask	\$ 182,000	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.07	Near Ask	\$ 181,400	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.08	Near Ask	\$ 181,600	BULLISH
25-Nov-24	GLBE	235	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	200	\$ 9.08	Near Ask	\$ 181,600	BULLISH
26-Nov-24	GLBE	234	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	400	\$ 9.16	Near Ask	\$ 366,400	BULLISH
26-Nov-24	GLBE	234	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	400	\$ 9.15	Near Ask	\$ 366,000	BULLISH
26-Nov-24	GLBE	234	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	190	\$ 9.15	Near Ask	\$ 173,850	BULLISH
26-Nov-24	GLBE	234	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	190	\$ 9.15	Near Ask	\$ 173,850	BULLISH
29-Nov-24	GLBE	231	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	338	\$ 9.42	Near Ask	\$ 318,396	BULLISH
29-Nov-24	GLBE	231	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	250	\$ 9.42	Near Ask	\$ 235,500	BULLISH
3-Dec-24	GLBE	227	GLBE Jul25 50.0 Calls	300	\$ 9.50	Near Ask	\$ 285,000	BULLISH



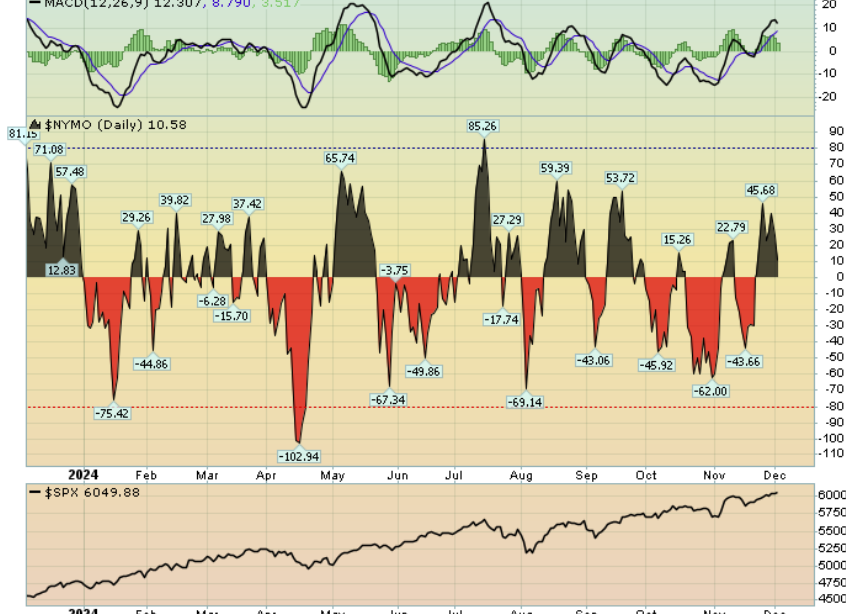
# Market Internals



**\$NYMO** NYSE McClellan Oscillator (Ratio Adjusted) (EOD) INDX

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Open: **10.58** Ask: Mkt Cap: P/E: Tuesday 3-Dec-2024  
 High: **10.58** Bid: **Extreme market overbought / oversold reading occurs at +80/-80.** Chg: **-15.01**  
 Low: **10.58** Last: Last: **10.58**  
 Prev Close: **25.59** Optional: Volume: **0**  
 - MACD(12,26,9) 12.307, 8.790, 3.517



**\$NYSI** NYSE McClellan Summation Index (Ratio Adjusted) (EOD) INDX

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Open: **389.27** Ask: Mkt Cap: P/E: Tuesday 3-Dec-2024  
 High: **389.27** Bid: Fwd Dividend: **N/A** Chg: **+2.79%**  
 Low: **389.27** Last: Fwd Yield: **N/A** Last Earnings: Last: **389.27**  
 Prev Close: **378.69** Optional: **no** SCTR: Next Earnings: Volume: **0**  
 - MACD(12,26,9) -69.143, -104.305, 35.162



**\$NYA50R** NYSE Percent of Stocks Above 50 Day Moving Average INDX

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**A reading above 50% implies broad participation of many sectors which is a sign of market strength, but hyper reading of above 80% also means complacency is too high, potential market topping signal. The same logic in opposite manner applies on the downside. See the relationship below.**

Tuesday 3-Dec-2024  
 ▼ **-2.87%**  
 Chg: **-1.87**  
 Last: **63.18**  
 Volume: **0**



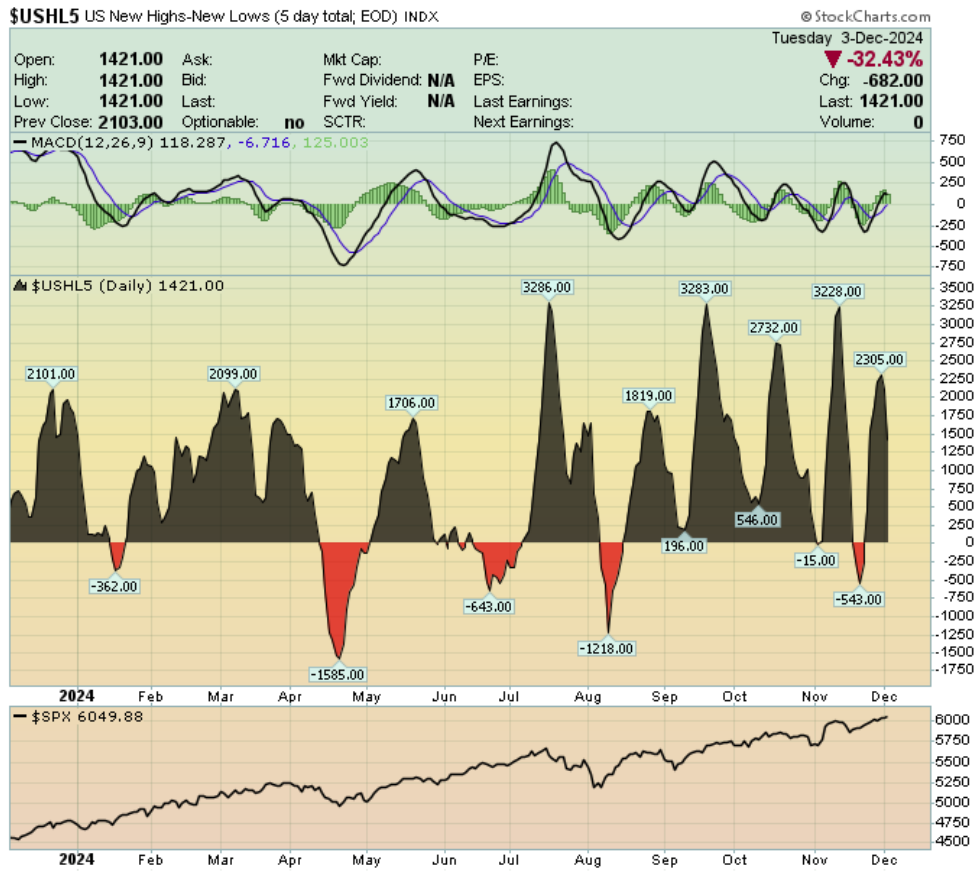
**\$SPXA50R** S&P 500 Percent of Stocks Above 50 Day Moving Average INDX

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Tuesday 3-Dec-2024  
 ▼ **-5.60%**  
 Chg: **-3.80**  
 Last: **64.00**  
 Volume: **0**





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