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Welcome to *The Rolling Report*, your monthly guide to the dynamic world of investing and the latest updates from our firm. Each edition brings you a concise overview of the stock market, highlighting key trends, opportunities, and challenges shaping the financial landscape. In addition, we'll keep you informed about important developments within our firm, including strategic initiatives, new offerings, and insights from our team. Whether you're a seasoned investor or just starting your financial journey, *The Rolling Report* is here to keep you informed and empowered. Let's roll forward together toward informed decision–making and financial success!



Quick Market Review

How Did Markets Perform Last Month?

S&P 500

NASDAQ

DOW 30

2.7%

1.6%

4.7%

Despite all the fireworks, the S&P 500 ended January with a solid 2.7% gain, with 72% of its stocks finishing the month in positive territory. Constellation Energy (CEG) led the index, surging 34% as it continued its strong momentum from 2024. Meta Platforms (META) also performed well, rising 18% after delivering what MoffettNathanson Research described as an "incredibly strong" fourth-quarter earnings report.

On the losing side, Nvidia (NVDA) fell 11%, impacted by developments surrounding DeepSeek. Meanwhile, Edison International (EIX) suffered the biggest decline, plunging 32% as California wildfires disrupted its electric utility operations in the state.

The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure, the personal consumption expenditures price index, rose 0.3% in December, as expected. At the January meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee kept its policy rate between 4.25% and 4.50%. However, it adjusted its statement, noting that inflation is still high and removing mention of any progress.

Additionally, President Trump's issuance of multiple executive orders and threat of potential tariffs introduced elements of uncertainty, contributing to market volatility as investors weighed the potential impacts of new policies.

Overall, January 2025 was marked by sectoral divergences, significant technological developments, and policy-driven market responses, underscoring the complex dynamics influencing the current investment landscape.

To read more on some of the best and worst preforming stocks in the month of January click **here**.



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California Wildfires

Burned But Not Broken: Los Angeles' Response to Crisis

The devastating wildfires sweeping across California have left lasting economic scars, from destroyed homes and businesses to disrupted supply chains and increased insurance costs. Beyond the immediate financial toll, entire communities are grappling with the long-term impact of rebuilding lives and livelihoods in an already challenging economic climate. These disasters highlight not only the vulnerability of our cities but also the resilience of those who call them home.

Christian Hutchins, a partner and wealth advisor here at Rolling Hills Advisors, explores this resilience in his latest article, taking a deep dive into what truly defines Los Angeles beyond its sprawling cityscape. From the rich cultural tapestry that makes up LA's neighborhoods to the incredible unity shown in the face of disaster, his piece captures the soul of a city that, even in its darkest moments, stands together. Read the full article to discover how the wildfires have reshaped Los Angeles and the inspiring ways its residents are coming together to rebuild.

To read Christian's full article, click here.

For more information on the economic impact of the California wildfires, click here.

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