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The Peak Perspective

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Dear Olympus Clients,

I would like to share several new market updates and what it could mean for your finances this year.

The Fed's Dovish Shift at Jackson Hole

At the late-August Jackson Hole Symposium, Fed Chair Jerome Powell struck a dovish tone, signaling rate cuts beginning in September and likely another before year-end. Markets cheered, with all major indices being up 1.5 – 2%, led by tech and other rate-sensitive sectors. Powell noted slowing labor markets, tariffs fueling inflation, and a “restrictive” policy stance that may soon ease.

Economic Backdrop & Market Context

Recent data shows modest growth and cooling inflation, though still above target. The labor market is softening, and tariffs remain a pressure point. Globally, large-cap growth and tech have led gains, high-yield bonds outperformed as spreads tightened, and international markets – especially Europe and Asia – offer attractive diversification though the U.S. remains favored.

Outlook Across Asset Classes

Equities should continue to benefit from easing policy, with strength in tech, real estate, and utilities, while more cyclical sectors may depend on how quickly growth stabilizes. Internationally, select opportunities in European defense and Asian tech remain attractive, though geopolitical risks warrant caution. Private equity and M&A activity are expected to pick up as lower borrowing costs improve deal economics, potentially leading to more activity in late 2025. In fixed income, bonds have already rallied on lower yields, but when yields do eventually get cut, we should anticipate yields slowly drifting downward as managers are forced to reinvest in lower-yielding new issues.

Sincerely,

John Sidery, CFP[®], CPWA

Our Team is Growing!

We are thankful to have both Stephanie Ondesko and Sara Sidery join the Olympus team!

Many of you may have already interacted with Stephanie. She brings years of experience working in financial services and will be a cornerstone as the Client Service Specialist.

Sara brings 15 years of communications expertise and will be our Chief Marketing Officer, striving to help us deliver more valuable content and resources for you.

Exciting Updates to Our Website

As part of our commitment to client education, we've built a new Resource Center: a central hub for all things financial education. We hope this will deliver value for you and your family.

Explore the free Resources tab here: <https://investolympus.com/resources/>

Have a financial topic you'd like us to cover? Let us know – we'd love to create resources around the questions that matter most to you.