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MARKET REVIEW

The stock market traced a bumpy path upward in the fourth quarter with a subdued October giving way to a post-election rally that slowed after mid-December. The S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq Composite indices all set record highs in the first half of December on the strength of falling short-term interest rates, strong corporate earnings, and continued momentum from artificial intelligence (AI).

The S&P 500 outpaced smaller company indices with a 2.41% gain whereas the Russell Midcap Index increased 0.62% and the Russell 2000 Index rose 0.33%. Rising long-term interest rates led to negative performance in certain bond categories as the 10-Year U.S. Treasury ended the quarter at 4.57%. $^{\rm 1}$

ECONOMY

The Federal Reserve ("Fed") continued to cut interest rates with two decreases during 2024's final quarter — by 0.25% on both November 7 and December 18. The Fed stated in a recent press release that economic activity continues to expand while unemployment levels remain low and inflation continues to get closer to their long-term goal of 2%.² Inflation is up 2.7% year-over-year through November 2024³ and the national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.2%.⁴ Fenimore continues to use the macroeconomic backdrop to help inform our decisions while focusing on longer-term factors.

A COMPANY-LEVEL VIEW

Most of our energy is devoted to studying specific businesses. We remain convinced that long-term wealth creation is driven by holding shares in what we believe are quality companies with strong leadership — not by making macroeconomic predictions.

The firms we invest in will feel the bumps of economic cycles and policy changes. Change is inevitable, but resilience varies. Our goal is to find a small number of robust businesses that can push through changes and continue driving profits higher — maybe not every year, but certainly over the medium and long term. They make their own luck through actions like hiring producers, creating new products, accretively acquiring peers, and taking market share from fragile competitors.

One aspect worth highlighting is that Fenimore's research analysts study economic and governmental policies in large part to find opportunities to add shares in what we believe are outstanding enterprises. In recent months, we have been discussing these issues — especially the potential impact of higher tariffs — with our holdings' management teams. The responses are mostly encouraging. Due to tariff hikes during the Trump

FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- The S&P 500 Index rose 2.41% for the quarter while the Russell Midcap Index gained 0.62% and the Russell 2000 Index 0.33%.
- The Federal Reserve continued cutting short-term interest rates with quarter-percentage-point reductions in November and December.
- The FAM Value Fund returned 0.04% in the quarter, while the FAM Dividend Focus Fund and FAM Small Cap Fund declined by -5.19% and -0.13%, respectively.



administration's first term, COVID, and a growing fear of doing business in China, most companies now have a diverse supplier base and can adapt. We believe they are much more prepared for change this time around.

OUTLOOK

The U.S. economy seems to be heading into 2025 in growth mode. Interest rates have declined, employment is strong, and investors anticipate a deregulatory, lower-tax environment under the new administration. Market watchers will be looking for continued earnings growth, additional interestrate cuts by the Fed, and broadening participation in stock gains beyond large-cap tech names.

Meanwhile, if other investors get nervous about proposed or new policy changes, then the stock of certain businesses may "go on sale." This can happen during periods of uneasiness. Fenimore's goal is to know our holdings so well that we can respond by buying additional shares should others panic.

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¹ FactSet as of 12/31/24

² federalreserve.gov as of 12/18/24

³ bls.gov as of 12/11/24

⁴ bls.gov as of 12/6/24

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- Established 1974 (Thomas O. Putnam)
- Independent (100% family- & associate-owned)
- Offering a series of long-equity investment solutions in separately managed accounts and mutual funds
- 10 Investment Research Analysts creating proprietary, detailed, financial models
- Long-term, risk-adjusted focus on quality equities through concentrated portfolios
- \$5.1B in Assets Under Management as of 12/31/2024

FENIMORE SMALL CAP STRATEGY

FAM SMALL CAP FUND (FAMFX, FAMDX)

- The FAM Small Cap Fund declined by -0.13% for the quarter, while its benchmark Russell 2000 Index returned 0.33%. Low-quality stocks outperformed high-quality stocks as evidenced by the Russell 2000 Growth Index's positive return of 1.7% and the Russell 2000 Value Index's loss of -1.1%.⁵
- The fund's top performers included Dutch Bros (BROS), which
 continues to execute its growth strategy against a softening backdrop
 in the restaurant industry. CBIZ (CBIZ) reported strong results after a
 softer-than-anticipated second quarter and is optimistic about their
 recent acquisition of Marcum. ExlService Holdings (EXLS), another top
 performer, continues to report strong results based on companies'
 interest in outsourcing and automation.
- Our detractors from performance included Colliers International Group (CIGI), which saw a softer fundraising environment within its investment management division. We remain confident in the long-term prospects for CIGI.

Exponent (EXPO) was hurt by slowness tied to client spend in consumer electronics and industrial chemicals. Management recently stated that these issues are largely behind them. Over the long term, EXPO should benefit from trends in safety and failure analysis.

Dream Finders Homes (DFH), a fast-growing homebuilder headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, was another detractor. While demand remains strong for the business, there have been signs that homebuilders are seeing some slowness due to new-home affordability. While we expect these cycles to occur, we like DFH's asset-light approach to homebuilding and view management as highly skilled.

Valuations are fair to slightly rich, in our opinion. However, we do see
value in certain positions within the strategy. This includes businesses that
are dealing with shorter-term "noise" such as Trisura Group (TRRSF) or
Exponent; firms tied to housing such as DFH, SiteOne Landscape Supply
(SITE), and Floor & Decor Holdings (FND); and companies like CIGI and
Brookfield Infrastructure Corp. (BIPC) that are tied to capital markets activity.



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Purchases

• We did not initiate any new positions in the quarter.

Sales

 We trimmed Dutch Bros, which had doubled its stock price during the year, in order to manage the position size. We also completed our sale of SouthState Corp. (SSB). While we have a positive view of SSB, we decided to reinvest the capital into opportunities we view as more promising.

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⁵ FactSet as of 12/31/24

FENIMORE DIVIDEND FOCUS STRATEGY

FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND (FAMEX)

- The fund declined -5.19% and lagged the Russell Midcap Index, which posted a return of 0.62%.⁶ The underperformance was due to two factors:
 - o First, two of our larger names (CDW Corp. and Microchip Technology) had significant declines in the quarter.
 - o Second, high-quality midcap names came under pressure from a "risk-on" environment, partially driven by the election, and this was compounded by a late-quarter selloff as investor sentiment shifted and profits were taken from the year's top performers.

This shift in market dynamics was evident as two-thirds of the portfolio's holdings declined during the quarter — a highly unusual occurrence in our 29-year history.

- The best performers were Broadridge Financial Solutions (BR) and Paychex (PAYX).
 - BR continues to post strong results driven by innovation and a strong sales pipeline. BR is aggressively deploying AI tools for their customers. Management has reiterated that they are confident in hitting their three-year financial targets, which boosted investor confidence. The acquisition of Securities Industries Services (SIS) also increases BR's solutions for Canadian wealth management clients.
 - o Paychex delivered better-than-expected results. The mid-market environment is becoming more rational as they see peers focused on profitability, not just growth, creating a more balanced competitive landscape. Heading into its key selling season, PAYX's demand, sales pipeline, and outlook remain healthy. PAYX plans to leverage this momentum by ramping up advertising efforts behind several new products to drive further growth.



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- The worst performers were CDW Corp. (CDW) and Microchip Technology (MCHP).
 - o CDW was the largest detractor, declining -23% during the quarter. The weak performance was driven by softness in the U.S. IT market as traditional sales cycles have been disrupted by the pandemic's pull forward of demand, and enterprise customers and the federal government delaying hardware upgrades due to ongoing evaluations of emerging AI use cases and AI-enabled hardware. We expect CDW to benefit from a recovery in the U.S. IT market in 2025 and believe the long-term structural growth of IT spending provides a strong foundation for them to leverage their leadership position and resume strong performance.
 - o MCHP had the second-largest negative impact, declining -28%, as they continued to struggle with soft customer demand and excess inventory. Weakness in the automotive and industrial markets for analog chips and microcontrollers has weighed on sales for several quarters. The former CEO retook the reins and is leading efforts to reposition MCHP for growth. Their track record of emerging from past cyclical downturns, base of 123,000 customers, and vast product portfolio gives us confidence in their ability to return to meaningful growth.
- 26 out of 27 names in the fund increased their dividend in the past 12 months. Entegris (ENTG) did not increase their dividend as they are using excess cash to pay down debt due to a large acquisition. The average year-over-year increase is 9.7%.⁷
- The top three dividend growers were Amphenol Corp. (APH) at 50%, Cintas Corp. (CTAS) at 16%, and Verisk Analytics (VRSK) at 15%.

Purchases

· We added to positions in Martin Marietta Materials (MLM), Steris (STE), Watsco (WSO), Broadridge, and Houlihan Lokey (HLI).

Sales

• We trimmed our position in Trane Technologies (TT) as it bumped up against our 9% single-stock limit. We also trimmed our position in Microchip Technology to limit our exposure in case the recovery takes longer or is more difficult than anticipated.

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FENIMORE VALUE STRATEGY

FAM VALUE FUND (FAMVX, FAMWX)

- The FAM Value Fund returned 0.04% in the quarter, compared to the Russell Midcap Index which returned 0.62%.⁹
- Our top contributors were Booking Holdings (BKNG) and Markel Corp. (MKL).
 - o BKNG continues to benefit from resilient travel demand with European travel, in particular, exceeding expectations.
 - o MKL touts its three interdependent engines insurance, investments, and Markel Ventures. It benefited this quarter from stabilization in its core insurance engine alongside improved investment income. Questions persist about the effectiveness of the Ventures engine, which introduced activist investor JANA Partners to advocate for changes late in the quarter.
- Our top detractors were CDW Corp. (CDW) and Microchip Technology (MCHP).
 - o CDW encountered headwinds in the U.S. IT market driven by a challenging technology spending environment and tightened corporate
 - budgets that interrupted traditional sales patterns. Enterprise and government clients deferred hardware upgrades while assessing emerging
 - Al technologies and awaiting next-generation Al-enhanced hardware. A rebound in the U.S. IT sector is anticipated in 2025, potentially reigniting demand.
 - o MCHP continues to grapple with weak customer demand and elevated inventory levels. Prolonged challenges in the automotive and industrial markets for analog chips and microcontrollers have suppressed sales. Leadership changes, including the return of the former CEO, are aimed at steering MCHP back toward growth. With a robust customer base of 123,000 and a wide-ranging product portfolio, we believe MCHP is well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities as market conditions improve.

12/31/2024 QTR 1 YR 3 YR 5 YR 10 YR 0.04% FAMVX INVESTOR 15.57% 4.84% 9.11% 9.65% RUSSELL MIDCAP 0.62% 15.34% 3.79% 9.92% 9.63% 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 OTR 1 YR 3 YR 5 YR 10 YR RUSSELL MIDCAP INDEX* FAMVX

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Purchases

• We did not add to any positions or initiate any new positions this quarter.

Sales

- We continued to trim our position in Berkshire Hathaway (BRK/A) and fully exited our positions in CarMax (KMX) and SouthState Corp. (SSB).
 - o KMX, first purchased in 2004, was a successful long-term holding that became an underperformer in recent history. Originally, their used-car superstores with no-haggle pricing created a "better mousetrap." The high volume of used cars bought and sold provided KMX with a significant informational advantage. However, with the democratization of technology and data across car dealerships, KMX's competitive edge diminished. These shifts adversely affected their unit economics, prompting us to conclude that it was time to exit our position.
 - o SSB, a regional bank first purchased in 2009, was also a successful long-term holding. Although it remains a solid institution with strong profitability and robust credit metrics in our view, we concluded that other opportunities may offer more compelling long-term prospects.

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⁹ FactSet as of 12/31/2024

FAM FUNDS PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS UPDATE AS OF 12/31/2024

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND	
Trane Technologies	8.67%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	7.89%
Stryker Corp.	5.14%
Broadridge Financial Solutions	5.08%
CDW Corp.	5.03%
Ross Stores	4.84%
Paychex	4.33%
HEICO Corp.	4.14%
Republic Services	4.10%
Cintas Corp.	3.88%

FAM SMALL CAP FUND	
CBIZ	6.89%
ExlService Holdings	6.74%
Colliers International Group	5.45%
Pinnacle Financial Partners.	5.04%
Dutch Bros	4.17%
Brookfield Infrastructure Corp	4.16%
Choice Hotels International	3.92%
OneSpaWorld Holdings	3.54%
Frontdoor	3.47%
FirstService Corp.	3.43%

FAM VALUE FUND	
Brown & Brown	8.04%
Ross Stores	6.94%
CDW Corp.	5.50%
Markel Corp.	5.26%
Brookfield Corp.	5.18%
IDEX Corp.	5.11%
Progressive Corp.	4.61%
Amphenol Corp.	4.51%
Vulcan Materials Co.	4.34%
Stryker Corp.	4.24%

FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND (FAMEX) (AS OF 12/31/2024)

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TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS*		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
Broadridge Financial Solutions	4.74	0.22
Paychex	4.13	0.19
Houlihan Lokey	1.11	0.10
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	7.62	0.08
Amphenol Corp	1.32	0.07

TOP 5 DETRACTORS*		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
CDW Corp.	5.29	-1.33
Microchip Technology	3.37	-1.04
Entegris	3.79	-0.49
Cintas Corp.	4.19	-0.48
STERIS	2.75	-0.44

FAM SMALL CAP FUND (FAMFX) (AS OF 12/31/2024)

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS*				
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)		
Dutch Bros	3.59	1.64		
CBIZ	6.12	1.18		
ExlService Holdings	6.38	0.93		
Pinnacle Financial Partners	4.83	0.73		
OneSpaWorld Holdings	3.21	0.58		

TOP 5 DETRACTORS*		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
Dream Finders Homes	3.12	-1.30
Exponent	3.29	-0.85
Colliers International Group	5.77	-0.61
Trisura Group	3.39	-0.50
Floor & Decor Holdings	2.03	-0.47

FAM VALUE FUND (FAMVX) (AS OF 12/31/2024)

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS*		
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)
Booking Holdings	2.99	0.48
Markel Group	4.91	0.44
ExlService Holdings	2.54	0.37
Brookfield Corp.	4.93	0.36
Pinnacle Financial Partners	2.39	0.35

TOP 5 DETRACTORS*				
NAME	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	CONTRIBUTION (%)		
CDW Corp.	5.96	-1.57		
Microchip Technology	0.98	-0.30		
Progressive Corp.	4.70	-0.25		
Analog Devices	3.39	-0.25		
Graco	3.19	-0.11		

^{*}Reflects top contributors and top detractors to the fund's performance based on each holding's contribution to the overall fund's return for the period shown. The information provided does not reflect all positions purchased, sold or recommended for advisory clients during the period shown. It should not be assumed that future investments will be profitable or will equal the performance of the security examples discussed. Past performance is no guarantee, nor is it indicative, of future results. For more detailed information on the calculation and methodology as well as a complete list of every holding's contribution to the overall fund's performance during the time period shown, please call (800) 932-3271 or visit the fund's website at fenimoreasset.com. Portfolio composition will change due to ongoing management of the fund. References to individual securities are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as an offer or a recommendation, by the fund, the portfolio managers, or the fund's distributor, to purchase or sell any security or other financial instrument. The summary is not advice, a recommendation or an offer to enter into any transaction with Fenimore or any of its affiliated funds. The portfolio holdings as of the most recent quarter.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

FAM FUNDS AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (AS OF 12/31/2024)

	SINCE INCEPTION	10 YEAR	5 YEAR	3 YEAR	1 YEAR	TOTAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES
FAM DIVIDEND FOCUS FUND (4/1/96)	9.53%	11.07%	9.65%	3.69%	7.58%	1.22% (gross) 1.22%*(net)
FAM SMALL CAP FUND INVESTOR CLASS (3/1/12)	11.24%	9.14%	10.72%	5.77%	12.49%	1.25% (gross) 1.25%* (net)
INSTITUTIONAL CLASS (1/1/16)	11.33%	9.25%	10.84%	5.88%	12.65%	1.15% (gross) 1.15%* (net)
FAM VALUE FUND INVESTOR CLASS (1/2/87)	10.45%	9.65%	9.11%	4.84%	15.57%	1.17% (gross) 1.18%* (net)
INSTITUTIONAL CLASS (1/2/17)	10.49%	9.82%	9.32%	5.04%	15.79%	1.14% (gross) 0.99%* (net)

The performance data quoted represents past performance.

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