## **Equity Indexes Enter 2025 With Hesitation - Domestic Equity Update**

Equity indexes finished 2024 with gains across all eleven sectors of the S&P 500 Index. The communication services, financials, consumer discretionary, and the utilities sector saw the largest gains in 2024.

Equity indexes hesitated their upward trend in December as inflation data hindered the Fed from reducing rates more aggressively. Analysts will be focused on earnings and cabinet appointments whose influence on company directives and initiatives can be critical.

Sources: S&P, Bloomberg, Dow Jones, Nasdaq

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