



WEEKLY UPDATE | December 5, 2025



U.S. & World News

In the news this week the bidding war over who would buy what pieces of Warner Brothers Discovery (WBD) has likely come to a close. Warner Brothers Discovery owns the content rights to popular franchises like Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, The Sopranos, and many more. Netflix (NFLX) was the ultimate winner on most of the assets, with the planned spin-out of Discovery Global still set to occur. This transaction has valued WBD at \$72 billion with the Netflix offer being \$23.25 in cash and \$4.50 in Netflix common stock for each share of WBD common stock. This importantly will still have to get through Federal Trade Commission (FTC) who review mergers and acquisitions like this and evaluates anti-trust concerns. There is also the possibility that either party may backout. A better offer possibly for WBD or cold feet from NFLX, each would have to pay a break-up fee in the billions if they chose not to go through with the acquisition. The estimated close assuming everything goes as planned is between 12-18 months from now.



Markets

- Equity markets moved higher this week. The S&P 500 advanced 0.35% and closed at 6,870. The Dow Jones increased 0.62% and closed at 47,955. The year to date returns for the S&P 500 and Dow are 18.20% and 14.58%, respectively.
- Bond markets were down this week as yields moved higher. The US Aggregate Bond Index was down -0.46 for the week. The year to date return for the US Aggregate Bond Index is now 6.99%.
- The yield on the 2-year and 10-year treasuries moved higher this week and now yield 3.56% and 4.14%, respectively.
- The spot price of WTI Crude Oil rose 2.80% this week and closed at \$60.20/barrel. The price of Crude so far has fallen -16.06% this year.
- The spot price of Gold fell -1.03% this week to close at \$4,195.83/ounce. The price of Gold has risen by 59.87% this year.



Economic Data

- Initial Jobless Claims were released this week and came in below consensus at 191,000. The median analyst estimate was 220,000.
- Consumer Sentiment came in higher than expected for December at 53.3 compared to an estimate of 51.5 by analyst. November's reading was 51.0.
- Personal Income rose 0.4% for September, while Personal spending rose 0.3%.

Fact of the Week

IT'S ALL RELATIVE. The Magnificent Seven — Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla — trade at a trailing price-over earnings multiple of 36.8 times. That's less than half of the average 80+ multiple that the “four horseman” of tech (Cisco, Microsoft, Dell and Intel) peaked out at during the dot-com bubble.

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