

## Viewpoint / May

## Chart of the Month

A MONTH OF TURBULENCE - there was certainly a lot of noise, but the S&P 500 nearly ended the month right where it started.

- 1) Trump Administration announces tariffs after the market closes on April 2 ("Liberation Day") and equity markets slide as they come to grips with the potential impact.
- 2) Trump Administration announces a 90-day pause on "reciprocal" tariffs for all except China and equities jump +10% in a single day in relief.
- 3) Uncertainty abound, the market meets the 90-day pause with some skepticism given U.S. vs. China dynamics and tit-for-tat increases to levies on one another, exceeding 100%.
- 4) Certain Tech Products are announced as exempt from tariffs + start exploration of "sectoral tariffs" on those products.
- 5) Nvidia (NVDA)<sup>1</sup> gets caught in the cross hairs announce a \$5.5B write-down.
- 6) Fed Chairman Powell suggests there could be some tension around their dual-mandate of 1) price stability and 2) employment as a result of tariff policy.
- 7) President Trump's rhetoric towards Fed Chairman Powell spooks investors in U.S. Assets.
- 8) Treasury Secretary Bessent + President Trump suggests the situation with China is not sustainable and that Powell will not be fired, relieving markets.
- 9) Q1 GDP comes in below 0% on the final day of April and drops initially, only to fully recover throughout the day and ultimately finish one of the most chaotic months in market history with the S&P 500 only down < 1%.

1. Turner, Nick, and Mackenzie Hawkins. "Nvidia Sees \$5.5 Billion Hit From New Trump China Curbs on Chips." Bloomberg, 16 Apr. 2025

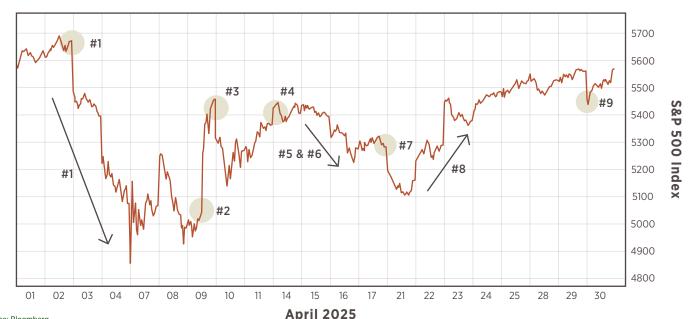


Chart Source: Bloomberg Data as of 4/30/2025

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	Source: Bloomberg 2025	April	YTD	2024	ETFs/Benchmarks
Stocks	United States Intl Developed Emerging Markets	-0.7% 4.0% 0.5%	-4.9% 12.3% 4.4%	24.9% 3.4% 6.9%	SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY) iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA) iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (EEM)
Bonds	US Investment Grade US Municipals Intl Investment Grade Global High Yield Emerging Markets \$	0.4% -0.5% 1.6% 3.2% -0.1%	3.2%	1.4% 1.1% 5.0% 3.0% 6.1%	iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF (AGG) iShares National Muni Bond ETF (MUB) iShares Coare Int'l Aggregate Bond ETF (IAGG) iShares Global HY Corp Bond UCITS ETF (HYLD) iShares JP Morgan USD EM Bond ETF (EMB)
Other	Commodities Gold Oil	8.4% 5.3% 18.6%	-4.1% 25.3% 18.8%	5.9% 27.2% 0.1%	iShares GSCI Commodity Dynamic Roll ETF (COMT) Gold New York Spot (\$/oz) Crude Oil WTI/Global Spot NYMEX

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