## Federal Reserve Cuts Interest Rates for Third Time This Year, U.S. Stocks Plummet, MAXE? Advices for Everyday Investors

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**New York City, New York Dec 19, 2024** (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - On December 18, U.S. time, the Federal Reserve announced a 25 basis point cut to the benchmark interest rate, lowering the target range for the federal funds rate from 4.5%–4.75% to 4.25%–4.50%. This marks the third consecutive rate cut since September, following earlier reductions of 50 and 25 basis points.

While the Fed's decision to cut rates by 25 basis points was expected, the communicated guidance indicated a shift in the path of future cuts, causing turbulence in the capital markets. Fed Chair Jerome Powell stated after a two-day monetary policy meeting that the U.S. economy remains resilient, with inflation pressures persistent but easing, and a cooling labor market that remains stable overall. In light of the current dual risks to the economy—renewed inflation and a weakening labor market—the Fed's policy trajectory will remain cautious to address potential future uncertainties.

Market participants had anticipated this rate cut, but they are now more focused on the magnitude and frequency of potential cuts in the coming year. Following this reduction, the market widely expects the Fed to slow its pace of cuts in 2024. Currently, futures pricing indicates that the probability of the Fed maintaining rates in January exceeds 90%, up from 81% prior to the announcement. This suggests a general consensus among investors that the Fed will pause its rate cuts in January.

Additionally, four Fed officials have projected a rate cut of 25 basis points or less by 2025. The Fed's dot plot indicates expectations for two rate cuts in 2025, each by 25 basis points, revising downward from four anticipated cuts of the same magnitude in September. The Fed also expects two cuts in 2026, consistent with September's projections.

Following this announcement, U.S. stock indices plummeted, with the Nasdaq Composite dropping more than 700 points and the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing its tenth consecutive day of decline, falling over 1,100 points—marking the longest losing streak since 1974. Notably, after the Fed's rate cut, gold prices fell to a one-month low, with spot gold down 2.3%. The U.S. dollar index and Treasury yields surged, while Bitcoin dropped from its record high.

At this stage, professional investors are swiftly adjusting their asset portfolios in response to industry information to effectively navigate the Fed's interest rate cuts. Everyday investors, however, may wonder how to manage their portfolios during this time. What strategies can they use to stay informed and respond effectively?

"To address these challenges, MAXE, an innovative investment tracking app, is dedicated to helping investors find asset portfolios that suit their needs," said the CEO of MAXE. "We provide users with direct access to the portfolios of respected investors, fund managers, and government officials. By tracking real-time changes, we empower users to navigate the complexities of the financial market with confidence. This feature removes information barriers that hinder investors, keeping them updated on market developments. As a result, users can make timely adjustments to their portfolios, aligning their strategies with those of industry leaders."

MAXE provides everyday investors with a distinctive opportunity to delve into the investment portfolios of influential individuals, such as notable investors, fund managers, and government officials. This feature enables users to monitor significant shifts in these holdings in real time, helping them navigate the considerable information barriers that often exist in financial markets. By offering timely insights, MAXE ensures that users stay informed about market trends, allowing them to make well-informed decisions that align with the strategies of industry leaders.

To further support investors who might miss critical opportunities due to delays in information, MAXE has introduced an innovative Al-driven financial management assistant. This advanced tool leverages big data and a unique algorithm to curate the most recent financial insights from trustworthy sources. Users can interact with the assistant by posing questions about their financial situations, receiving tailored investment and financial management strategies that reflect current market dynamics and analytical data. This personalized approach empowers users to navigate the market more effectively

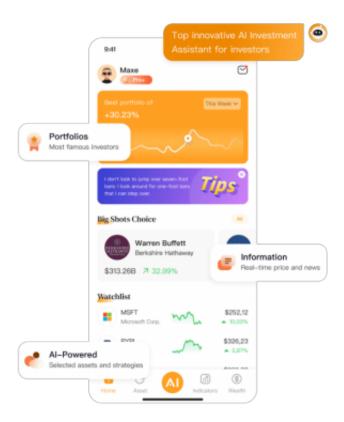
and enhance their strategic decision-making.

Moreover, MAXE provides real-time market data on a variety of popular assets, including stocks, bonds, commodities, and foreign currencies. The information is visualized in an engaging manner, making complex data more accessible and easier to comprehend. MAXE also aggregates comprehensive information about users' assets of interest, such as news updates, financial developments, and regulatory filings. This thorough compilation offers users a holistic view of their chosen assets, aiding them in making informed investment choices.

The immediacy of these features is particularly beneficial for those looking to seize market opportunities. By analyzing the strategies of successful investors, users can implement effective techniques and allocation models, refining their own investment strategies. This ongoing learning process not only enhances their understanding of prudent investment practices but also cultivates a culture of informed decision-making. Ultimately, MAXE equips everyday investors with the essential tools to navigate the complexities of financial markets with increased confidence and clarity, transforming them into more skilled participants in the investment arena.

MAXE serves users worldwide, with over 300,000 downloads of the app to date. This milestone reflects a growing recognition of MAXE's value, as more individuals turn to the app to enhance their investment and financial management strategies.

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