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It's the End of the World as We Know It—and the Market Feels Fine

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Americans woke up to a world remade in the first full trading week of 2026. For investors, it's a change they can believe in.

The biggest news was President Donald Trump's decision [to "run" Venezuela](#) after capturing its president, Nicolás Maduro. But the stock market is being remade too, as investors turn to new kinds of assets and Trump agitates for change in areas as diverse as defense, energy, and housing. Even market leadership seems to be changing, with investors tilting to value stocks and small companies.

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7000. The [Dow Jones Industrial Average ↑ DJIA +0.48%](#) is set to gain 2.4% and also could touch a new record, and the [Nasdaq Composite ↑ COMP +0.81%](#) is on track to rise 1.9%, though the S&P 500 information technology sector is up just 0.2%. It seems tech can take a breather and markets can still gain. So far this year, areas like materials and industrials are far outpacing tech names. And small-caps are doing [the best of all](#), with the [Russell 2000 ↑ RUT +0.78%](#) index already up around 6%.