



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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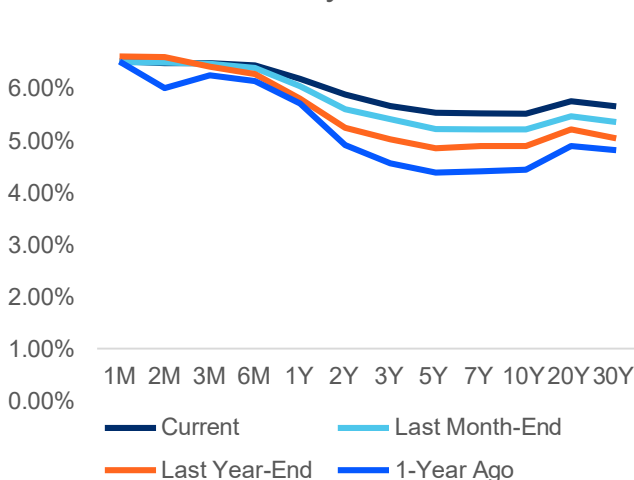
Week ending May 10, 2024

With a light week for economic releases, concerns over the U.S. job market were in focus as weekly jobless claims rose to their highest level since August with a gain of 231,000. Paired with last week's lower than expected April Non-Farm Payroll report and the flat March JOLTS (Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey) report, market participants are questioning whether higher interest rates have cooled the labor market.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Despite the market focus on the job market, U.S. Treasuries were flat for the week.
- Another key economic release last week was the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment preliminary reading for May which fell from April's level. The report also reflected participants inflation expectations which rose to the highest level in six months.
- The Bank of England kept rates unchanged at their meeting this week, but two of the rate setters voted for a cut as the Bank has now lowered its inflation expectations for the next two years. Bond rates fell during the week as expectations are now rising for a rate cut soon.

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of May 10, 2024

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	2.0%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.0%	-0.6%	-1.4%	2.0%
	International Aggregate	-0.1%	-3.4%	-5.7%	-1.1%
	US Aggregate	0.1%	-2.0%	-3.1%	1.2%
	US Treasury	0.1%	-2.2%	-3.3%	0.7%
	US TIPS	0.1%	-0.7%	-1.5%	3.0%
	US Corporate	0.0%	-1.6%	-2.6%	2.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.0%	1.5%	1.8%	5.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.5%	1.2%	-2.2%	2.2%
Muni	US Municipals	0.5%	-0.6%	-0.8%	2.6%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.7%	2.3%	0.1%	4.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 10, 2024

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	5/10/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	5/10/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.51%	5.49%	5.60%	5.50%
3 Month Treasury	5.47%	5.46%	5.40%	5.24%
6 Month Treasury	5.43%	5.38%	5.26%	5.13%
2 Year Treasury	4.87%	4.59%	4.23%	3.90%
5 Year Treasury	4.52%	4.21%	3.84%	3.37%
10 Year Treasury	4.50%	4.20%	3.88%	3.43%
30 Year Treasury	4.64%	4.34%	4.03%	3.80%
US Aggregate	5.11%	4.85%	4.53%	4.31%
US Corporate	5.55%	5.30%	5.06%	5.15%
US Corporate High Yield	7.92%	7.66%	7.59%	8.56%
US Municipal	3.61%	3.49%	3.22%	3.34%
US Municipal High Yield	5.54%	5.50%	5.57%	5.69%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	5/10/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	5/10/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.14%	0.14%	0.15%	0.37%
US Aggregate	0.61%	0.65%	0.65%	0.88%
US Corporate	1.05%	1.10%	1.18%	1.72%
US Corporate High Yield	3.42%	3.46%	3.71%	5.13%
US Municipal	-0.89%	-0.71%	-0.66%	-0.09%
US Municipal High Yield	1.04%	1.30%	1.69%	2.26%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 10, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- Equities were up again this week led by the DJIA with a gain of 2.2%. The S&P rose by 1.9%, while the NASDAQ was up by 1.2%
- All eleven of the S&P sectors were positive for the week led by Utilities with a gain of 4.1%.
- Earnings were mixed again this week with positive results from companies such as UBS, Robinhood, and Reddit. BP and Warner Brothers Discovery were among those that fell below analyst expectations. One notable report for the week was from Walt Disney, which fell by more than 10% after the company reported soft guidance for the next quarter based on the outlooks for both the parks and streaming services.
- As earnings season starts to wind down, look for a few more reports this week including retailers Home Depot, Walmart, and Ross Stores.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	1.9%	9.7%	9.2%	15.7%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	1.9%	10.0%	9.6%	16.2%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.7%	13.1%	8.9%	17.6%
	S&P 500 Value	2.2%	6.6%	9.7%	13.8%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	2.2%	8.2%	5.0%	11.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	2.3%	13.8%	5.4%	11.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	2.2%	2.4%	4.5%	10.4%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%	8.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	1.8%	4.2%	1.9%	8.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.8%	-2.0%	0.7%	7.0%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.5%	5.9%	1.2%	4.8%
	MSCI EM	1.0%	5.5%	-4.5%	1.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 10, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil was up slightly for the first time in many weeks over continued tensions in the Middle East.
- Gold also saw its first gain in several weeks on continued hopes for a rate cut due to signs of a weakening job market.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	0.7%	9.9%	13.5%	5.6%
Gold	3.7%	15.5%	9.2%	12.5%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.9%	-5.2%	-0.9%	6.4%
Bitcoin	-2.1%	44.4%	2.3%	47.8%
Ethereum	-5.6%	25.9%	-10.6%	33.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 10, 2024



### Upcoming Week

- The market will be watching Wednesday's release of the April Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a gauge on inflationary pressures. Current expectations are looking for a slight decrease from the March report.
- Other key economic releases this week include Retail Sales, the Producer Price Index, Industrial Production, and Capacity Utilization.

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