



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 24, 2024

The markets were mixed last week led by a surge in the technology sector due in part to a positive earnings report from chip maker Nvidia. Other sectors did not fare as well due to some disappointing earnings results and signs of a housing market continuing to struggle. The National Association of Realtors reported existing home sales dropped 1.9% in April on an annual basis versus expectations of an increase.

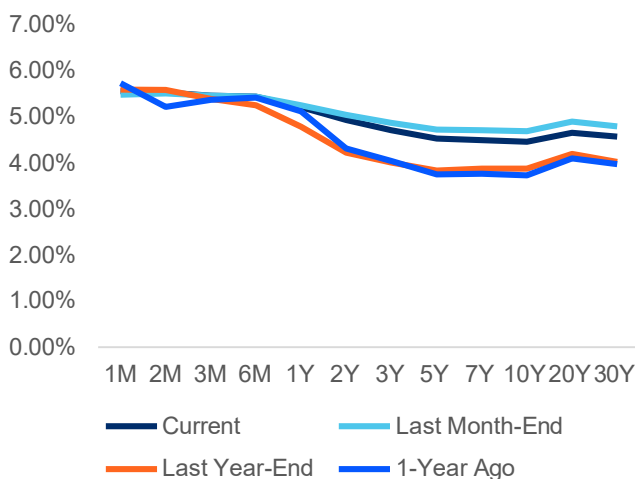
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields were up for the week with the 10-year U.S. Treasury up to 4.46% by Friday.
- The release of the May FOMC minutes revealed policy makers continue to be concerned about inflationary pressures. Some members expressed the idea of interest rate hikes if inflation does not stay under control.
- In more housing market news, Redfin reported the median home sales price in the U.S. rose by 4% on a year over year basis to \$387,600. However, mortgage rates have declined in recent weeks with Freddie Mac reporting the 30-year mortgage was at a rate of 7.02% last week.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	0.8%	0.3%	2.0%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.4%	-0.3%	-1.3%	2.1%
	International Aggregate	0.7%	-2.7%	-5.5%	-0.7%
	US Aggregate	0.6%	-1.4%	-2.9%	1.4%
	US Treasury	0.5%	-1.7%	-3.1%	0.9%
	US TIPS	0.5%	-0.2%	-1.4%	3.2%
	US Corporate	0.7%	-1.0%	-2.4%	2.7%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.4%	1.9%	1.9%	5.4%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.8%	2.0%	-1.9%	2.5%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.8%	2.6%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.3%	2.6%	0.2%	4.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 24, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of May 24, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	5/24/2024	4/30/2024	12/29/2023	5/24/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.56%	5.48%	5.60%	5.73%
3 Month Treasury	5.46%	5.46%	5.40%	5.37%
6 Month Treasury	5.44%	5.44%	5.26%	5.42%
2 Year Treasury	4.93%	5.04%	4.23%	4.31%
5 Year Treasury	4.53%	4.72%	3.84%	3.75%
10 Year Treasury	4.46%	4.69%	3.88%	3.73%
30 Year Treasury	4.57%	4.79%	4.03%	3.97%
US Aggregate	5.11%	5.31%	4.53%	4.67%
US Corporate	5.54%	5.73%	5.06%	5.47%
US Corporate High Yield	7.95%	8.11%	7.59%	8.86%
US Municipal	3.84%	3.77%	3.22%	3.69%
US Municipal High Yield	5.58%	5.66%	5.57%	5.88%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	5/24/2024	4/30/2024	12/29/2023	5/24/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.11%	0.10%	0.15%	0.24%
US Aggregate	0.65%	0.62%	0.65%	0.94%
US Corporate	1.08%	1.04%	1.18%	1.74%
US Corporate High Yield	3.49%	3.42%	3.71%	5.13%
US Municipal	-0.62%	-0.92%	-0.66%	-0.04%
US Municipal High Yield	1.12%	0.97%	1.69%	2.15%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 24, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- As mentioned, the equity indices were mixed for the week with the Dow falling by 2.3%, while the Nasdaq was up 1.4% and S&P 500 was flat.
- Information technology was the strongest performing sector for the week with a gain of 3.4%. Meanwhile nine of the eleven S&P sectors were negative for the week with the largest declines seen in the Energy and Real Estate sectors.
- Company earnings reports last week included retailers Lowes, TJX, and Macy's, which beat analyst estimates, while Target fell below expectations.
- Look for a few remaining earnings reports this week including Salesforce, Best Buy, Kohls, and Dell Technologies.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.1%	11.3%	9.4%	16.1%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.0%	11.8%	9.9%	16.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.5%	16.9%	9.4%	18.3%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.7%	6.1%	9.5%	13.8%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.3%	7.6%	5.2%	11.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.6%	13.6%	5.4%	11.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-2.0%	1.5%	4.7%	10.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.3%	0.9%	1.3%	7.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.5%	4.7%	2.0%	8.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-2.2%	-2.9%	0.6%	6.4%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.0%	6.8%	0.9%	5.4%
	MSCI EM	-1.5%	6.7%	-4.5%	2.0%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil was down for the week due to an increase in U.S. crude inventories. Market participants are also concerned higher interest rates may weigh on consumer demand for oil heading into the summer months.
- The price of gold was down for the week with a loss of 3.4% but touched another record high on Monday at \$2,439 per ounce.
- In cryptocurrency news, the SEC gave approval for the launch of eight spot-traded Ethereum exchange traded funds. The launch date of these funds is not yet known.

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S&P GSCI	-0.9%	11.0%	14.8%	5.9%
Gold	-3.4%	13.8%	7.4%	12.5%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-3.5%	-6.2%	-1.9%	6.3%
Bitcoin	3.2%	64.4%	22.6%	56.1%
Ethereum	21.2%	62.3%	13.8%	44.5%

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Upcoming Week

- On Thursday, the market will see the second estimate of 1st quarter GDP. The first estimate came in at 1.6% which was a significant decline from the fourth quarter rate of 3.4%
- The FOMC's favored measure of inflation, the Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) Price Index, will be released on Friday.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Ethereum Index is designed to measure the performance of a single Ethereum traded in USD.

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