



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 3, 2024

As expected, the Federal Reserve kept the Fed Funds rate unchanged at this week's FOMC meeting. Fed Chairman Powell stated a rate hike is unlikely, but he also does not see enough clear evidence inflation is moving downward to warrant a cut in the near future. However, this week's April Non-Farm Payroll report, which came in below expectations with a gain of 175,000 jobs, did reveal signs of a cooling job market as well as [a slight slowdown in wage growth](#).

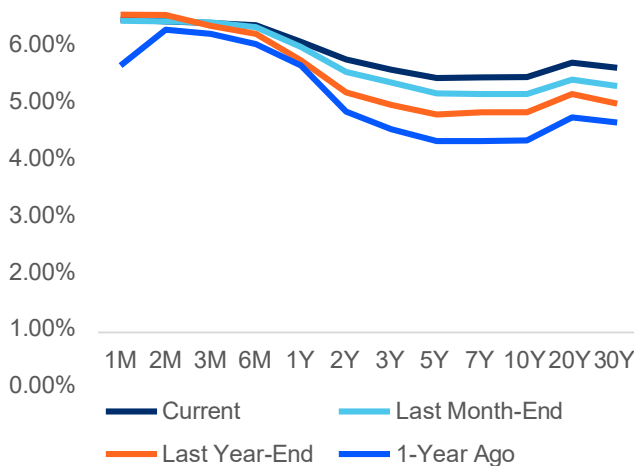
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bond yields were down following the jobs report with the 10-year U.S. Treasury falling to 4.50%
- Friday's jobs report boosted market hopes of a rate cut sooner than had been anticipated. According to CME Fedwatch Tool, expectations for a September rate cut increased from 43% to 48% on Friday.
- On Thursday, real estate company Redfin released a report noting home prices in the last week of April were the same or higher for all of the 50 most populous metro areas as compared to 1 year prior. The median home sales price moved higher by 4.8% over the past year to \$383,188.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	2.0%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.9%	-0.6%	-1.4%	1.9%
	International Aggregate	1.3%	-3.3%	-5.6%	-1.1%
	US Aggregate	1.2%	-2.1%	-3.2%	1.2%
	US Treasury	1.0%	-2.2%	-3.5%	0.7%
	US TIPS	0.8%	-0.9%	-1.4%	2.9%
	US Corporate	1.3%	-1.7%	-2.7%	2.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%	5.3%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	1.0%	0.7%	-2.2%	2.2%
Muni	US Municipals	0.7%	-1.0%	-0.9%	2.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.9%	1.6%	0.0%	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 3, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 3, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	5/3/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	5/3/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.51%	5.49%	5.60%	4.70%
3 Month Treasury	5.45%	5.46%	5.40%	5.26%
6 Month Treasury	5.41%	5.38%	5.26%	5.08%
2 Year Treasury	4.81%	4.59%	4.23%	3.89%
5 Year Treasury	4.48%	4.21%	3.84%	3.37%
10 Year Treasury	4.50%	4.20%	3.88%	3.38%
30 Year Treasury	4.66%	4.34%	4.03%	3.70%
US Aggregate	5.09%	4.85%	4.53%	4.24%
US Corporate	5.52%	5.30%	5.06%	5.05%
US Corporate High Yield	7.85%	7.66%	7.59%	8.53%
US Municipal	3.68%	3.49%	3.22%	3.37%
US Municipal High Yield	5.60%	5.50%	5.57%	5.71%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	5/3/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	5/3/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.16%	0.14%	0.15%	0.32%
US Aggregate	0.59%	0.65%	0.65%	0.86%
US Corporate	1.02%	1.10%	1.18%	1.67%
US Corporate High Yield	3.35%	3.46%	3.71%	5.15%
US Municipal	-0.82%	-0.71%	-0.66%	-0.01%
US Municipal High Yield	1.10%	1.30%	1.69%	2.33%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 3, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- All three equity indices were up for the week led by the Nasdaq with a gain of 1.4%. Sectors were mixed with Utilities seeing the highest gains of 3.4%, while Energy had the largest decline with a loss of -3.3%.
- April was a rough month for the market with all three equity indices falling by more than 4%. However, the gains from the first quarter have kept the markets positive for the year to date.
- Earnings continued to be the big story in the markets last week as Apple, Amazon, and Coca Cola were all able to beat expectations. Other positive results were seen from Pinterest, Eli Lilly, and Coinbase.
- Several companies reported disappointing results for the first quarter including Starbucks and McDonalds. Both companies reported a drop in store traffic as consumers appear to be tightening their discretionary spending.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.6%	7.6%	8.4%	15.8%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.6%	8.0%	8.9%	16.4%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.0%	11.2%	7.9%	17.8%
	S&P 500 Value	0.1%	4.3%	9.2%	13.8%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.2%	5.8%	4.0%	11.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.0%	11.2%	4.0%	11.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.4%	0.2%	3.8%	10.4%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	1.4%	-0.7%	0.3%	8.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	1.3%	2.3%	0.6%	9.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.5%	-3.8%	0.0%	7.2%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.6%	4.3%	1.0%	4.8%
	MSCI EM	2.0%	4.4%	-4.9%	1.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 3, 2024

Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil continued to slide this week with its largest decline in three months, falling by more than -6%.
- The price of gold fell for the second consecutive week, this time with a loss of -1.6%
- Bitcoin had a choppy week finishing down by -3%, but for the year to date its price has risen 47.5%.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-3.7%	9.2%	13.8%	5.7%
Gold	-1.6%	11.4%	9.1%	11.9%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.7%	-6.9%	-1.8%	6.2%
Bitcoin	-3.0%	47.5%	4.3%	45.1%
Ethereum	-2.2%	33.4%	-3.5%	31.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 3, 2024



Upcoming Week

- It will be a light week for economic releases but look for U.S. Consumer Credit on Tuesday followed by Wholesale Inventories on Wednesday.
- Earnings season continues this week with reports scheduled from Walt Disney, Duke Energy, Uber, and American Express.

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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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