



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 31, 2024

In a light week of economic releases, corporate earnings were the driver behind the market's negative performance this week, but all three indices managed to post positive returns for the month. Friday's release of the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index was in line with expectations with a gain of 0.3% for the month and 2.7% on a year over year (YoY) basis. The Core PCE, which excludes food and energy, came in below expectations with a gain of 0.2%.

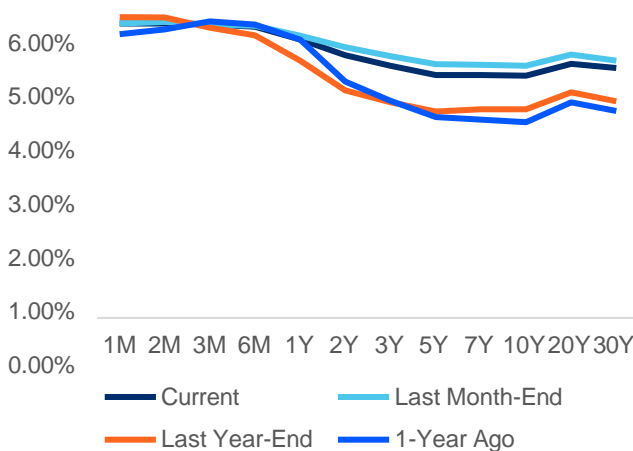
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bonds were relatively flat for the week as investors had no change in their rate forecasts following the PCE release.
- Housing data this week continues to show increasing prices across the U.S. as the S&P Core Logic Case-Shiller 20 City Composite Price Index reported a YoY increase of 7.4% as of March 2024, the highest level since 2022. San Diego saw the largest price gain, followed by New York and Cleveland.
- Higher home prices along with elevated mortgage rates continue to put pressure on real estate sales with April pending home sales dropping below expectations with a decline of 7.7%.

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				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.2%	-0.3%	-1.4%	1.9%
	International Aggregate	-0.1%	-3.3%	-5.8%	-1.0%
	US Aggregate	0.0%	-1.6%	-3.1%	1.1%
	US Treasury	0.0%	-1.9%	-3.3%	0.6%
	US TIPS	0.3%	-0.1%	-1.4%	3.0%
	US Corporate	0.1%	-1.1%	-2.7%	2.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.0%	1.6%	1.8%	5.3%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	1.6%	-2.2%	2.4%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.4%	-1.9%	-1.3%	2.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.4%	1.7%	-0.3%	4.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 31, 2024

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 31, 2024

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	5/31/2024	4/30/2024	12/29/2023	5/31/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.48%	5.48%	5.60%	5.28%
3 Month Treasury	5.46%	5.46%	5.40%	5.52%
6 Month Treasury	5.42%	5.44%	5.26%	5.46%
2 Year Treasury	4.89%	5.04%	4.23%	4.40%
5 Year Treasury	4.52%	4.72%	3.84%	3.74%
10 Year Treasury	4.51%	4.69%	3.88%	3.64%
30 Year Treasury	4.65%	4.79%	4.03%	3.85%
US Aggregate	5.10%	5.31%	4.53%	4.59%
US Corporate	5.52%	5.73%	5.06%	5.37%
US Corporate High Yield	8.00%	8.11%	7.59%	8.81%
US Municipal	3.93%	3.77%	3.22%	3.64%
US Municipal High Yield	5.63%	5.66%	5.57%	5.82%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	5/31/2024	4/30/2024	12/29/2023	5/31/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.14%	0.10%	0.15%	0.21%
US Aggregate	0.59%	0.62%	0.65%	0.95%
US Corporate	1.01%	1.04%	1.18%	1.73%
US Corporate High Yield	3.49%	3.42%	3.71%	5.17%
US Municipal	-0.58%	-0.92%	-0.66%	0.00%
US Municipal High Yield	1.12%	0.97%	1.69%	2.18%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 31, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- As mentioned, all three equity indices were down for the week with the Nasdaq seeing the largest decline of 1.1%. For the month of May all three indices were higher with the S&P up by 4.8%, the DJIA up by 1.5%, and the Nasdaq with a gain of 6.9%.
- There were mixed signs in the retail sector last week with earnings from Foot Locker and the Gap beating analysts' estimates, but Kohls, Nordstrom, and Ulta Beauty falling below expectations. Other key earnings reports included disappointing results from Salesforce, Marvell Technologies, and Dell Computer.
- With 98% of the S&P 500 companies having reported first quarter earnings, FactSet is reporting an earnings growth rate of 5.9%. 78% of the reporting companies have announced positive earnings surprises, while 61% have reported positive revenue surprises.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.4%	10.8%	9.0%	15.8%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.5%	11.3%	9.6%	16.4%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.2%	15.5%	9.1%	17.8%
	S&P 500 Value	0.4%	6.5%	9.3%	13.9%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.2%	7.9%	4.4%	10.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.4%	13.1%	4.8%	11.1%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.9%	2.4%	3.9%	10.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.7%	1.6%	0.1%	7.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.6%	5.3%	0.9%	8.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.9%	-2.1%	-0.7%	6.5%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.9%	5.8%	0.0%	5.3%
	MSCI EM	-3.1%	3.4%	-6.6%	1.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 31, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil was down for the month of May. OPEC+ is scheduled to meet this week and analysts are watching to see if the group will extend production cuts.
- Silver outperformed gold in May, up by almost 14% while gold was relatively flat despite reaching a new high mid-month. For the year to date, silver has seen a gain of over 27%, while gold is up 13.2%.
- Bitcoin also showed positive returns for the month, up by 11%. Ethereum has seen a 31% gain thanks in part to SEC approval for spot ETFs.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.3%	9.5%	13.1%	5.8%
Gold	-0.5%	13.2%	7.2%	12.5%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	2.1%	-4.3%	-2.0%	6.3%
Bitcoin	-2.0%	61.1%	23.4%	55.6%
Ethereum	1.1%	64.2%	14.1%	45.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 31, 2024



### Upcoming Week

- As we head into June, look for readings this week on the May ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing Indices, April Factory Orders, and Consumer Credit.
- Friday will be the all-important May Jobs report. Current expectations are looking for an increase of 185,000 jobs for the month, a slight increase over April's level.

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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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