



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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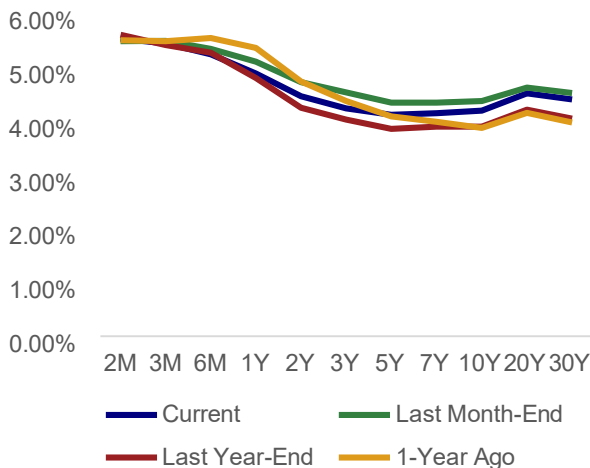
Week ending July 12, 2024

The Consumer Price Index fell 0.1% from May to June, beating the expectation for 0.1% increase over the month and marking its first monthly decline since May 2020. This resulted in annual inflation falling from 3.3% last month to 3.0%, which is a 3-year low. On the back of this encouraging data, bond yields fell last week and equity markets experienced an uptick in volatility. This was evidenced by tech stocks starting the week strong then experiencing their worst one-day decline since mid-April on Thursday and recovering to end the week positive. It was a week of market rotations, as we saw the Dow Jones outpace the Nasdaq and S&P, value outperform growth, and small caps rally against their large cap peers. Following the inflation data, expectations for the Federal Reserve to be cutting rates at their September meeting greatly increased.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields fell across the yield curve following last week's inflation release, ranging from 1 to 17 basis points. The 1- and 2-month rates fell the least only reducing 1 basis point, while the 3-year rate fell the most at 17 basis points.
- When examining the total change across the curve, we saw the greatest reduction in yields on Treasuries ranging from 6 months to 10 years, while the shorter- and longer-term rates fell more modestly.
- Market expectations for an upcoming Federal Reserve rate cut jumped dramatically over the past week from an expected probability of 75% on July 5 to 94.5% on July 12. However, we did see some discouraging data in the Producer Price Index climbing 0.2% month over month and coming in above expectations at 2.6% on a year-over-year basis. With several additional inflation releases before September's meeting, there is no guarantee the current expectation holds.

### U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of July 12, 2024

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.4%	2.1%	0.8%	1.4%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.6%	1.6%	-0.9%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	1.1%	-1.5%	-5.1%	-1.6%
	US Aggregate	0.8%	0.8%	-2.6%	0.1%
	US Treasury	0.7%	0.4%	-2.9%	-0.3%
	US TIPS	0.4%	1.8%	-1.3%	2.3%
	US Corporate	0.8%	1.3%	-2.5%	1.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.8%	3.7%	1.9%	4.1%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.9%	3.6%	-1.8%	0.7%
Muni	US Municipals	0.5%	0.2%	-0.9%	1.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.7%	4.8%	0.0%	3.1%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 12, 2024

### Interest Rates (%)

Date	7/12/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	7/12/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.47%	5.47%	5.60%	5.36%
3 Month Treasury	5.43%	5.48%	5.40%	5.47%
6 Month Treasury	5.23%	5.33%	5.26%	5.53%
2 Year Treasury	4.45%	4.71%	4.23%	4.72%
5 Year Treasury	4.10%	4.33%	3.84%	4.07%
10 Year Treasury	4.18%	4.36%	3.88%	3.86%
30 Year Treasury	4.39%	4.51%	4.03%	3.96%
US Aggregate	4.75%	5.00%	4.53%	4.78%
US Corporate	5.22%	5.48%	5.06%	5.45%
US Corporate High Yield	7.67%	7.91%	7.59%	8.37%
US Municipal	3.62%	3.72%	3.22%	3.55%
US Municipal High Yield	5.38%	5.43%	5.57%	5.74%

### Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	7/12/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	7/12/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.21%	0.15%	0.15%	0.10%
US Aggregate	0.57%	0.64%	0.65%	0.92%
US Corporate	1.04%	1.12%	1.18%	1.59%
US Corporate High Yield	3.49%	3.55%	3.71%	4.51%
US Municipal	-0.56%	-0.64%	-0.66%	-0.31%
US Municipal High Yield	1.20%	1.07%	1.69%	1.88%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 12, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- Finishing the week with small gains in the Nasdaq and S&P 500 continue to post record highs, while the Dow Jones saw the largest gain for the week after rising nearly 2% and nearly breaking its record high from 2 months ago.
- Small cap stocks outperformed their large cap peers (5.3% vs 0.9%, respectively), with much of their growth following the inflation data release; however, small caps still lag large caps on a year-to-date basis by a wide margin (3.4% vs 18.6%, respectively).
- Across all market cap sizes, value stocks outpaced their growth peers last week, but still lag on a year-to-date basis. As expectations of rate cuts increase, investors are questioning if the rotation into value stocks can persist or if growth stocks will continue their recent dominance.
- Sectors were largely positive for the week, with Defensive and Cyclical sectors outperforming their Sensitive peers. Real Estate saw the largest gain at 4.83% followed by Basic Materials at 3.37%, while Communication Services and Energy sectors were the only losers for the week falling 68 and 82 basis points, respectively.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	1.2%	17.7%	10.0%	14.7%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	0.9%	18.6%	10.4%	15.1%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.1%	27.8%	9.6%	17.0%
	S&P 500 Value	2.4%	8.1%	10.2%	11.9%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	4.3%	9.5%	5.9%	10.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	4.0%	15.0%	5.3%	10.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	4.7%	3.8%	6.2%	10.2%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	5.3%	3.4%	2.0%	9.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	4.8%	7.5%	2.2%	9.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	5.9%	-0.6%	1.7%	8.4%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.2%	10.2%	1.8%	6.4%
	MSCI EM	1.8%	11.5%	-3.1%	3.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 12, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices declined slightly on the backs of weaker US consumer sentiment and increased expectations of an impending rate cut. Brent crude futures fell almost 2% to just over \$85 per barrel, and US West Texas Intermediate futures fell just over 1% to \$82.21 per barrel.
- Bitcoin's price recovered slightly with just over a 2% gain for the week. The cryptocurrency has experienced several weeks of chop that some expect to subside following the recent end of Germany's sale of 50,000 bitcoin it received in January.
- The price of gold continues to climb last week rising 3% following the inflation data and increased rate cut expectations.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.7%	10.9%	12.4%	7.7%
Gold	3.0%	19.2%	10.8%	11.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	4.4%	1.9%	-1.2%	3.8%
Bitcoin	2.1%	37.4%	21.3%	37.7%
Ethereum	4.5%	35.4%	17.4%	62.6%

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### Upcoming Week

- Economic releases to monitor this week can help gauge the health of U.S. businesses (Business Inventories, Retail Sales, Capacity Utilization, and Industrial Production), the housing market (NAHB Housing Market Index, Building Permits, Housing Starts, and MBA Mortgage Applications Index), and the labor market (Initial Claims and Continuing Claims).
- Another notable economic release is the Conference Board's Leading Economic Indicator Index on Friday.
- It will be a busy week of second quarter earnings releases, including notable releases from Johnson & Johnson on Wednesday and Netflix 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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