



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending August 9, 2024

Last week, U.S. stocks experienced a volatile week as the prior week's selloff continued Monday before ending the week recovering most, but not all, of the lost ground. The main drivers of the market swings were Monday's sharp sell-off triggered by a global unwind of the yen carry trade, a surge in the VIX to the highest level since the pandemic, and fears of a recession signaled by an inverted yield curve and the Sahm/McKelvey rules triggering. However, markets recovered most of the losses in the following days, as the Bank of Japan signaled it would not raise rates amid market instability, and some positive economic data on services, jobless claims, and the Atlanta Fed's GDP forecast. The bond market also rallied, pushing the 10-year Treasury yield to an eight-month low- on Monday before rising slightly through the week.

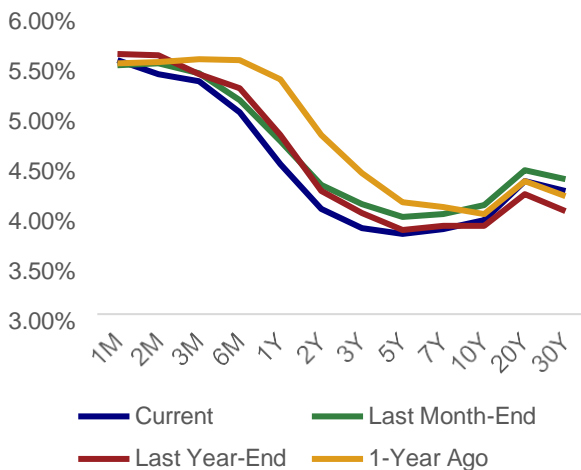
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- After dipping during the recent selloff, yields increased during the week with 2-year Treasury yields up to 4.05% versus 3.88% last Friday and 10-year Treasury yields currently 3.94%, up from 3.8% last Friday.
- Markets expectations around potential rate cuts from the Fed remain high but began to ease some this week. As of Friday, Bloomberg forecasts currently suggest 100-125 basis points of cuts by the year-end.
- Since the beginning of July, rates have fallen sharply, with the 10-year Treasury yield declined from 4.45% to 3.78% between July 1 and August 5. During that time, the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index gained 3.91%, providing a cushion for more balanced portfolios.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.2%	3.1%	1.1%	1.4%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.5%	2.9%	-0.5%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	-0.3%	0.7%	-4.4%	-1.5%
	US Aggregate	-0.8%	2.4%	-2.2%	0.1%
	US Treasury	-0.8%	2.2%	-2.5%	-0.4%
	US TIPS	-0.5%	2.6%	-1.3%	2.1%
	US Corporate	-0.8%	2.3%	-2.2%	0.8%
Other	US Corporate High Yield	0.3%	4.5%	2.3%	4.3%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.1%	4.6%	-1.5%	0.6%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.4%	1.0%	-0.6%	1.1%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.9%	6.1%	0.4%	3.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 9, 2024

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of August 9, 2024

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	8/9/2024	7/31/2024	12/29/2023	8/9/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.54%	5.49%	5.60%	5.51%
3 Month Treasury	5.33%	5.41%	5.40%	5.55%
6 Month Treasury	5.02%	5.14%	5.26%	5.54%
2 Year Treasury	4.05%	4.29%	4.23%	4.79%
5 Year Treasury	3.80%	3.97%	3.84%	4.12%
10 Year Treasury	3.94%	4.09%	3.88%	4.00%
30 Year Treasury	4.23%	4.35%	4.03%	4.18%
US Aggregate	4.51%	4.64%	4.53%	4.88%
US Corporate	5.08%	5.14%	5.06%	5.54%
US Corporate High Yield	7.66%	7.59%	7.59%	8.47%
US Municipal	3.49%	3.58%	3.22%	3.66%
US Municipal High Yield	5.31%	5.42%	5.57%	5.80%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	8/9/2024	7/31/2024	12/29/2023	8/9/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.29%	0.26%	0.15%	0.18%
US Aggregate	0.57%	0.55%	0.65%	0.88%
US Corporate	1.14%	1.05%	1.18%	1.54%
US Corporate High Yield	3.72%	3.50%	3.71%	4.47%
US Municipal	-0.45%	-0.51%	-0.66%	-0.34%
US Municipal High Yield	1.37%	1.33%	1.69%	1.80%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 9, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- All three major indices fell for the week following Monday's sharp selloff. The S&P 500 fared the best closing the week only a few points off the prior Friday's close, while the Dow Jones fell the most closing the week down -0.6%.
- As volatility remains present in the markets, small and mid cap stocks fell 1.0% and 0.4% for the week, respectively, lagging their large cap peers. The recent rotation into value stocks may be coming to an end as the value indices lagged their growth peers across the market cap spectrum. The most pronounced being in the large cap space where growth posted a 0.4% gain while value fell -0.5% for the week.
- Sector performance continues to be mixed with Defensive sectors holding up better than their Sensitive and Cyclical peers as markets react to all the uncertainty across the globe. Industrials and Energy sectors led the pack posting 1.2% and 1.17% weekly gains, respectively, while Consumer Discretionary and Basic Materials brought up the rear falling -1.68% and -1.01%, respectively.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	-0.1%	12.3%	7.7%	14.3%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	0.0%	13.0%	8.1%	14.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.4%	17.7%	6.1%	15.7%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.5%	8.0%	9.5%	12.6%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	-0.4%	6.5%	4.2%	10.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.3%	10.2%	3.3%	10.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.6%	2.5%	5.0%	10.7%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.0%	2.4%	1.2%	9.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.9%	5.7%	0.6%	9.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-1.1%	-0.9%	1.6%	8.9%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.0%	4.5%	0.2%	6.3%
	MSCI EM	0.3%	5.8%	-3.9%	4.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 9, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices rose over 3% during the week as fears of further escalation in the Middle East increase supply risks.
- Bitcoin prices continue their recent slide, falling just over 3% last week. Considering it was down almost 15% between August 2nd and 5th, like the equity markets the cryptocurrency made up a lot of the ground lost during Monday's selloff.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.1%	5.8%	11.6%	8.4%
Gold	0.1%	19.4%	12.6%	10.4%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.2%	6.1%	0.1%	4.3%
Bitcoin	-3.1%	44.4%	10.0%	38.7%
Ethereum	-13.8%	12.5%	-6.2%	65.4%

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### Upcoming Week

- It will be a week full of important economic data, expect markets to be watching closely for any positive/negative surprises. We will be monitoring inflation data (Tuesday: Producer Price Index and Wednesday: Consumer Price Index), housing data (Wednesday: Mortgage Applications, Thursday: NAHB Housing Index, and Friday: Building Permits and Housing Starts), and consumer health (Thursday: Retail Sales and Friday: UM Consumer Sentiment)
- As second quarter earnings draws closer to a close, some key releases this week will come from Home Depot, Cisco Systems, and Walmart.

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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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