

# Capital Markets Snapshot

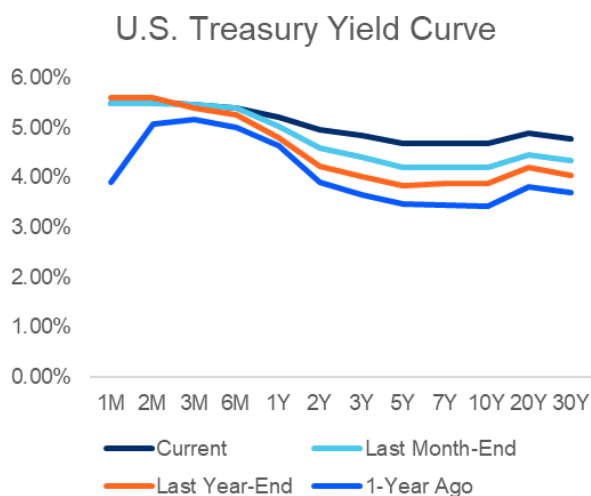
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Week ending April 26, 2024

Economic data this week did not move as the Federal Reserve may have wished. The preliminary estimates for first quarter GDP came in below expectations at a 1.6% annual rate, much lower than the fourth quarter rate of 3.4%. In addition to this news, the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) favored inflation metric, the Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) index came in at a slightly higher annual rate than was expected, indicating inflationary pressures continue to persist.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields were up again with the 2-year Treasury breaking above 5% early in the week.
- Mortgage rates continued to climb higher as the average 30-year mortgage rose to an average rate of 7.17% according to Freddie Mac.
- Look for a refunding announcement by the Treasury Department this week. Current expectations are looking for the Treasury to keep the amount of issuance steady after increasing levels over the past three quarters.
- The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index fell last week after hitting a 3 year high back in March. Participants raised their expectations for inflation to the highest level since last fall.



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of April 26, 2024

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.0%	-1.5%	-1.6%	1.8%
	International Aggregate	-0.3%	-4.6%	-6.0%	-1.4%
	US Aggregate	-0.1%	-3.2%	-3.5%	0.9%
	US Treasury	-0.2%	-3.2%	-3.7%	0.5%
	US TIPS	0.0%	-1.6%	-1.4%	2.8%
	US Corporate	0.0%	-2.9%	-3.0%	2.2%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.6%	0.4%	1.5%	5.1%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	-0.3%	-2.5%	1.8%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.3%	-1.7%	-1.2%	2.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.0%	0.7%	-0.2%	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 26, 2024

### Interest Rates (%)

Date	4/26/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	4/26/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.48%	5.49%	5.60%	3.91%
3 Month Treasury	5.46%	5.46%	5.40%	5.16%
6 Month Treasury	5.40%	5.38%	5.26%	5.00%
2 Year Treasury	4.96%	4.59%	4.23%	3.90%
5 Year Treasury	4.68%	4.21%	3.84%	3.46%
10 Year Treasury	4.67%	4.20%	3.88%	3.43%
30 Year Treasury	4.78%	4.34%	4.03%	3.70%
US Aggregate	5.28%	4.85%	4.53%	4.34%
US Corporate	5.71%	5.30%	5.06%	5.10%
US Corporate High Yield	8.13%	7.66%	7.59%	8.58%
US Municipal	3.77%	3.49%	3.22%	3.35%
US Municipal High Yield	5.63%	5.50%	5.57%	5.69%

### Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	4/26/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	4/26/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.11%	0.14%	0.15%	0.27%
US Aggregate	0.61%	0.65%	0.65%	0.91%
US Corporate	1.04%	1.10%	1.18%	1.67%
US Corporate High Yield	3.46%	3.46%	3.71%	5.15%
US Municipal	-0.90%	-0.71%	-0.66%	-0.08%
US Municipal High Yield	0.96%	1.30%	1.69%	2.26%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 26, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- Despite the disappointing GDP figures, earnings reports drove the equity markets higher this week following three weeks of losses. The Nasdaq saw the largest increase with a gain of 4.2%, the S&P was up 2.7%, and the DJIA saw an increase of 0.7%.
- All 11 of the S&P sectors were positive for the week with Information technology leading the group posting a return of 5.1%
- Technology earnings reports were a driver behind this week's gains, but not all of them were positive. Alphabet, Microsoft, and Google all exceeded estimates, but Facebook parent Meta provided a weak revenue outlook.
- Other positive earnings reports came from UPS, Chipotle, and Comcast, while Exxon and Southwest Airlines fell below expectations.
- Look for another large slate of earnings reports this week including Coca-Cola, McDonalds, Amazon, CVS Health, and Apple.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	2.6%	7.0%	7.9%	15.7%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	2.7%	7.4%	8.5%	16.2%
	S&P 500 Growth	4.1%	10.2%	6.7%	17.8%
	S&P 500 Value	1.0%	4.2%	9.6%	13.4%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	2.1%	4.6%	3.2%	11.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	2.5%	10.1%	2.6%	11.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.6%	-1.2%	3.5%	10.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	2.4%	-2.1%	-0.3%	8.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	3.2%	1.1%	-0.5%	8.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.7%	-5.2%	-0.2%	6.9%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.4%	2.6%	0.0%	4.4%
	MSCI EM	3.8%	2.4%	-6.2%	0.9%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil was up by 1.4% this week, but gold finally paused its recent rally, giving back 1.5% by Friday.
- Another metal that has been in the news is copper, which the price increased by over 18% since the start of the year. Copper demand is projected to increase due to the growth of electric vehicles and AI technology, but concerns over supply have driven the price to a 2 year high this past week.
- The price of Bitcoin initially rose this week following the halving event last Friday but closed the week down 0.7%.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.1%	13.4%	16.3%	6.8%
Gold	-2.8%	13.3%	9.7%	12.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.1%	-8.5%	-2.3%	6.1%
Bitcoin	-0.7%	52.0%	5.1%	48.1%
Ethereum	1.4%	36.4%	6.1%	37.1%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 26, 2024



### Upcoming Week

The Federal Reserve will hold their Open Market Committee meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

- Look for the April Non-Farm Payroll report on Friday. Current expectations are looking for a gain of 243k jobs, down from last month's gain of 303k.
- Other economic releases this week includes the ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing indices, Construction Spending, and Factory Orders.

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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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