

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending April 19, 2024

- The equity markets were down for the third week in a row on continued tensions in the Middle East and hawkish comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Jay Powell. On Tuesday, Powell noted current economic data has not proved a rate cut is needed and “it’s likely to take longer than expected to achieve that confidence”. By the end of the week, expectations for a July rate cut dropped to 35% according to CME Fedwatch Tool as many economists are now looking at a possible move at the September FOMC meeting.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields were up again this week with the 10-year US Treasury reaching its highest level since November 2023.
- There was disappointing news for the housing market this week as March data came in below expectations with housing permits at their lowest level in seventh months and a decline in existing home sales. In addition, the 30-year mortgage rose above 7% for the first time this year according to Freddie Mac.
- Other economic data this week included a positive March retail sales report which came in above expectations at 0.7%.

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				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.3%	-1.5%	-1.7%	1.8%
	International Aggregate	-0.6%	-4.3%	-5.9%	-1.5%
	US Aggregate	-0.6%	-3.1%	-3.5%	0.9%
	US Treasury	-0.4%	-3.0%	-3.7%	0.5%
	US TIPS	-0.3%	-1.6%	-1.3%	2.8%
	US Corporate	-0.7%	-2.9%	-3.1%	2.2%
Other	US Corporate High Yield	-0.6%	-0.2%	1.4%	4.9%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.5%	-0.2%	-2.5%	1.7%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.3%	-1.4%	-1.1%	2.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.0%	0.8%	-0.2%	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 19, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

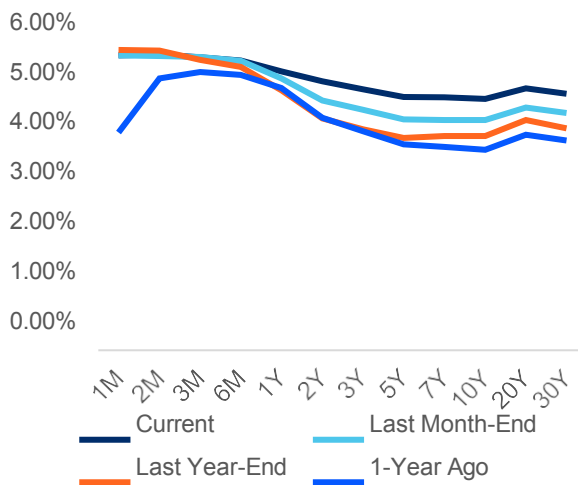
Date	4/19/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	4/19/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.49%	5.49%	5.60%	3.95%
3 Month Treasury	5.45%	5.46%	5.40%	5.16%
6 Month Treasury	5.39%	5.38%	5.26%	5.10%
2 Year Treasury	4.97%	4.59%	4.23%	4.24%
5 Year Treasury	4.66%	4.21%	3.84%	3.71%
10 Year Treasury	4.62%	4.20%	3.88%	3.60%
30 Year Treasury	4.72%	4.34%	4.03%	3.79%
US Aggregate	5.25%	4.85%	4.53%	4.52%
US Corporate	5.71%	5.30%	5.06%	5.24%
US Corporate High Yield	8.27%	7.66%	7.59%	8.54%
US Municipal	3.70%	3.49%	3.22%	3.36%
US Municipal High Yield	5.61%	5.50%	5.57%	5.74%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	4/19/2024	3/28/2024	12/29/2023	4/19/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.10%	0.14%	0.15%	0.19%
US Aggregate	0.63%	0.65%	0.65%	0.92%
US Corporate	1.09%	1.10%	1.18%	1.64%
US Corporate High Yield	3.65%	3.46%	3.71%	4.94%
US Municipal	-0.92%	-0.71%	-0.66%	-0.24%
US Municipal High Yield	0.99%	1.30%	1.69%	2.14%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 19, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of April 19, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- As mentioned, the equity markets were negative again led by the Nasdaq which had a decline of 5.5%, while the S&P 500 was down by 3.0%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was flat for the week.
- The tech sector was hard hit this week with a decline of 7.3%. Positive sectors for the week included Consumer Staples and Utilities.
- Last week's earnings reports were mostly positive with American Express, United Airlines and Johnson and Johnson among those that exceeded expectations. Netflix was able to beat analyst estimates but provided lowered guidance for the rest of the year.
- Look for another large amount of earnings reports this week, including results from tech giants Alphabet, Meta Platforms and Microsoft. Other scheduled releases include Verizon, General Motors, Tesla and UPS among others.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-2.9%	4.2%	7.5%	15.0%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-3.0%	4.6%	8.0%	15.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	-5.4%	5.8%	5.7%	16.8%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.1%	3.2%	9.7%	13.2%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-2.2%	2.4%	3.7%	10.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-3.0%	7.4%	3.0%	10.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.2%	-2.7%	4.2%	9.8%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.3%	-4.4%	0.3%	7.4%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.0%	-2.0%	-0.1%	8.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.5%	-6.7%	0.6%	6.6%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-2.5%	0.2%	-0.5%	3.8%
	MSCI EM	-3.6%	-1.4%	-7.0%	-0.1%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil had a volatile week, climbing to more than \$85 per barrel on Thursday, but closed the week with a loss of 2.6% by Friday.
- Gold was up another 1.2% by Friday. For the year, the price has increased 16.2%
- Bitcoin was down again last week ahead of the cryptocurrency's halving event scheduled to occur on Friday.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.2%	12.2%	16.9%	6.6%
Gold	0.6%	6.5%	7.6%	10.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-3.1%	-9.5%	-2.4%	6.5%
Bitcoin	-4.1%	53.0%	4.4%	49.8%
Ethereum	-3.5%	34.5%	10.2%	39.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 19, 2024



**Upcoming
Week**

This week we will get a look at first quarter GDP for 2024. Current expectations are looking for an increase of 2.5%, down from the 3.4% gain reported in the final quarter of last year.

- The Federal Reserve's favored inflation metric, the PCE Price Index will be released 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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