

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending December 13, 2024

It was a mixed week for equity markets as the S&P snapped a three-week streak of gains and the Nasdaq posted a new all time high supported by asset flows into many of the mega-cap tech names. As the end of the year draws near, US equities are on pace for back-to-back years of over 20% gains for the first time since 1999. Tailwinds for this year's performance include solid economic growth, falling inflation, and the start of easing monetary policies by the Federal Reserve. However, last week's inflation release marked the second month in a row the CPI came in above the previous month's reading. While the last week's reading was in line with expectations, it may be a sign inflation reduction is stalling, which could increase uncertainty regarding future central bank actions. With the Federal Reserve meeting this week, expectations remain high for another 25-basis points rate cut, but expectations for rate cuts by the end of 2025 are moderating, current expectations suggest a total of 75 bps down from 175 bps expected in late September.

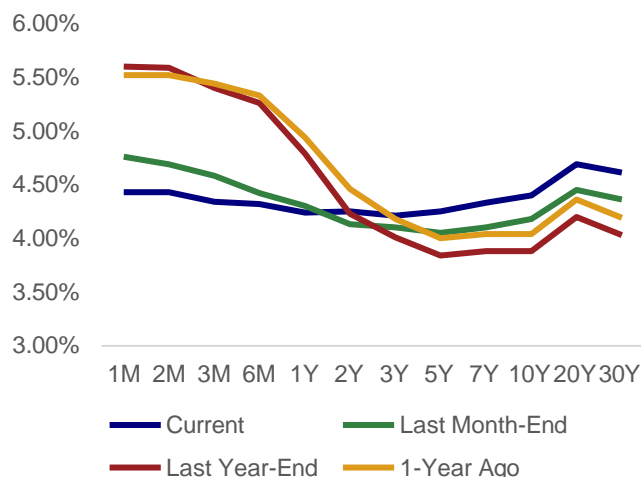
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields broke their recent trend and largely rose following last week's inflation release. Rates shorter than 1-year fell between 2 and 14 bps, but rates 1-year and longer all rose between 5 and 27 bps.
- Expectations for a potential rate cut at this week's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting increased to over 95% of a 25 bps cut.
- Mortgage rates fell for the third week in a row, boosting homebuyer demand due to steady income growth and a strong stock market. However, homebuyers still face significant affordability challenges.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.2%	4.2%	1.6%	1.5%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.6%	3.3%	-0.1%	0.9%
	International Aggregate	-1.2%	-0.5%	-4.3%	-1.7%
	US Aggregate	-1.4%	2.0%	-2.2%	-0.2%
	US Treasury	-1.3%	1.2%	-2.8%	-0.6%
	US TIPS	-0.9%	2.7%	-1.7%	2.0%
	US Corporate	-1.4%	3.2%	-2.0%	0.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.2%	8.9%	3.4%	4.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.7%	7.7%	-0.2%	1.0%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.9%	2.0%	-0.2%	1.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.9%	7.5%	0.7%	2.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 13, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 13, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	12/13/2024	11/29/2024	12/29/2023	12/13/2023
Federal Funds Rate	4.43%	4.76%	5.60%	5.52%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.58%	5.40%	5.44%
6 Month Treasury	4.32%	4.42%	5.26%	5.33%
2 Year Treasury	4.25%	4.13%	4.23%	4.46%
5 Year Treasury	4.25%	4.05%	3.84%	4.00%
10 Year Treasury	4.40%	4.18%	3.88%	4.04%
30 Year Treasury	4.61%	4.36%	4.03%	4.19%
US Aggregate	4.79%	4.64%	4.53%	4.70%
US Corporate	5.17%	5.05%	5.06%	5.24%
US Corporate High Yield	7.19%	7.14%	7.59%	8.11%
US Municipal	3.55%	3.45%	3.22%	3.45%
US Municipal High Yield	5.34%	5.26%	5.57%	5.74%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	12/13/2024	11/29/2024	12/29/2023	12/13/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.21%	0.18%	0.15%	0.15%
US Aggregate	0.39%	0.46%	0.65%	0.66%
US Corporate	0.77%	0.87%	1.18%	1.20%
US Corporate High Yield	2.79%	2.96%	3.71%	4.07%
US Municipal	-0.85%	-0.73%	-0.66%	-0.59%
US Municipal High Yield	0.94%	1.08%	1.69%	1.70%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 13, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities had mixed performance with the S&P 500 retreating -0.6% and the Dow Jones sliding -1.8%. However, the Nasdaq posted a new all-time high and closed the week with a modest gain of 0.4%.
- Nine of the eleven sectors posted a loss for the week. Materials, Utilities, and Real Estate were the biggest losers falling -2.96%, -2.7%, and -2.4%, respectively. The only winners were Consumer Discretionary and Telecommunications which rose 1.4% and 2.4%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, large cap stocks held up the best with only a -0.6% loss while mid- and small-cap lost -1.6% and -1.4%, respectively. From a style perspective, growth only outperformed value in large-caps, the inverse was true with small-caps, and the two tied in mid-caps.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.7%	27.7%	10.4%	15.3%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.6%	28.6%	10.7%	15.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.3%	39.7%	9.1%	18.2%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.9%	15.9%	11.5%	11.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.6%	19.5%	7.8%	11.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.6%	22.5%	6.5%	11.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.6%	16.3%	8.9%	11.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.4%	14.8%	5.0%	10.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.0%	16.1%	3.8%	10.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.9%	13.2%	6.0%	9.6%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.0%	8.3%	2.4%	5.0%
	MSCI EM	0.3%	10.6%	-0.9%	2.8%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices rose for the week, settling at a three-week high, on expectations of sanctions on Russia and Iran reducing supply and lower interest rates in Europe and the US potentially boosting demand.
- Gold prices began to climb again as they rose 0.6% last week but ended the week with prices falling. There is expectation this could continue as some investors unwind their positions approaching year-end to solidify their gains from gold's strong year.
- Bitcoin was relatively flat over the week but remains just above the \$100k price level.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.1%	8.3%	10.6%	7.4%
Gold	0.6%	29.2%	14.4%	12.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.9%	9.2%	-1.5%	4.9%
Bitcoin	0.1%	139.1%	29.7%	69.6%
Ethereum	-3.3%	70.0%	1.5%	93.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 13, 2024



Upcoming Week

- As we approach year-end keep an eye out for noteworthy earnings releases from Micron Technologies, FedEx, and Nike this week.
- It will be a busy week for economic releases with many awaiting the results of the Federal Reserve's meeting on Wednesday. Other noteworthy releases include Monday's S&P Global Purchasing Managers Index; housing data on Tuesday and Thursday; GDP, PCE, and jobs data Thursday; and Personal Income, Personal Spending, and Consumer Sentiment releases 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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