



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending February 14, 2025

Last week, inflation data came in hotter than expected, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising 0.5% month-over-month and 3% year-over-year. The Federal Reserve continues to suggest patience in their approach to cutting rates as inflation stubbornly remains above their 2% target. Expectations for multiple rates cuts this year continue to moderate. International equity markets outperformed their U.S. counterparts, fueled by strong weeks from the German DAX and Stoxx 600. Year to date, both international developed and emerging markets are outpacing U.S. equities of all sizes. Despite the poor inflation readings, the S&P 500 and NASDAQ recorded weekly gains, nearing their all-time highs. So far this year, markets have proven resilient, especially in the face of new tariff announcements and warmer inflation data.

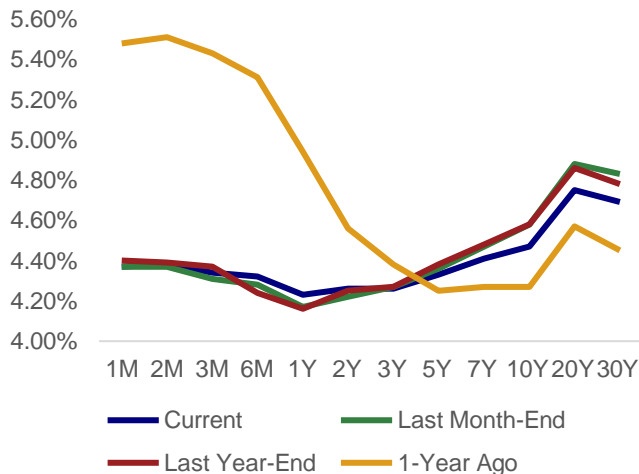
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields were effectively unchanged over the last week despite the warmer inflation data and signals from Chairman Powell that the Federal Reserve is not rushing to continue cutting rates.
- Near-term expectations for potential rate cuts from the Federal Reserve continued to ease. Probabilities now suggest the next rate cut will occur in September, previously expectations were for May. Expectations for one to two 25-basis-point cuts over the remainder of the year remain intact.
- Mortgage rates fell slightly again last week to 6.87%, reaching their lowest level thus far in 2025. Housing market data suggests purchase demand is stronger than this time last year, possibly an indication increasing buyer activity could be on the horizon as the market adjusts to higher rates.

| Asset Class      | Name                       | 1W    | YTD  | 3Y(Ann.) | 5Y(Ann.) |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------|------|----------|----------|
| <b>Short</b>     | 1-3 Year Govt/Credit       | 0.1%  | 0.6% | 2.4%     | 1.5%     |
| <b>Core Plus</b> | Intermediate Govt/Credit   | 0.2%  | 0.8% | 1.0%     | 0.8%     |
|                  | International Aggregate    | 0.5%  | 1.5% | -2.9%    | -1.7%    |
|                  | US Aggregate               | 0.2%  | 1.1% | -0.7%    | -0.5%    |
|                  | US Treasury                | 0.1%  | 1.0% | -1.4%    | -0.9%    |
|                  | US TIPS                    | 0.2%  | 1.8% | -0.4%    | 1.9%     |
|                  | US Corporate               | 0.3%  | 1.3% | 0.1%     | 0.1%     |
| <b>Other</b>     | US Corporate High Yield    | 0.3%  | 1.6% | 5.1%     | 4.3%     |
|                  | Emerging Markets Aggregate | 0.2%  | 1.7% | 1.5%     | 0.5%     |
| <b>Muni</b>      | US Municipals              | -0.2% | 0.7% | 0.8%     | 0.8%     |
|                  | US Municipals High Yield   | -0.2% | 1.1% | 1.8%     | 2.4%     |

Source: Bloomberg as of February 14, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of February 14, 2025

## Interest Rates (%)

| Date                    | 2/14/2025 | 1/31/2025 | 12/31/2024 | 2/14/2024 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Federal Funds Rate      | 4.37%     | 4.37%     | 4.40%      | 5.48%     |
| 3 Month Treasury        | 4.34%     | 4.31%     | 4.37%      | 5.43%     |
| 6 Month Treasury        | 4.32%     | 4.28%     | 4.24%      | 5.31%     |
| 2 Year Treasury         | 4.26%     | 4.22%     | 4.25%      | 4.56%     |
| 5 Year Treasury         | 4.33%     | 4.36%     | 4.38%      | 4.25%     |
| 10 Year Treasury        | 4.47%     | 4.58%     | 4.58%      | 4.27%     |
| 30 Year Treasury        | 4.69%     | 4.83%     | 4.78%      | 4.45%     |
| US Aggregate            | 4.83%     | 4.86%     | 4.91%      | 4.90%     |
| US Corporate            | 5.26%     | 5.30%     | 5.33%      | 5.39%     |
| US Corporate High Yield | 7.19%     | 7.20%     | 7.49%      | 7.89%     |
| US Municipal            | 3.66%     | 3.68%     | 3.74%      | 3.44%     |
| US Municipal High Yield | 5.44%     | 5.45%     | 5.52%      | 5.65%     |

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

| Date                    | 2/14/2025 | 1/31/2025 | 12/31/2024 | 2/14/2024 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 30 Year Treasury        | 0.22%     | 0.25%     | 0.20%      | 0.18%     |
| US Aggregate            | 0.36%     | 0.28%     | 0.33%      | 0.63%     |
| US Corporate            | 0.79%     | 0.72%     | 0.75%      | 1.12%     |
| US Corporate High Yield | 2.72%     | 2.62%     | 2.91%      | 3.62%     |
| US Municipal            | -0.81%    | -0.90%    | -0.84%     | -0.83%    |
| US Municipal High Yield | 0.97%     | 0.87%     | 0.94%      | 1.38%     |

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of February 14, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- It was a positive week for US equities as stocks brushed off initial losses following the disappointing inflation data. The Nasdaq won the week with a 2.6% gain followed by the S&P 500 rising 1.52%, and the Dow Jones increasing 0.65%.
- Sectors were largely positive as 9 of 11 recorded gains for the week. Healthcare and Financials were the two losers posting losses of 1.11 and 0.08%, respectively. Technology, Telecommunications, and Materials led the week posting gains of 3.76%, 1.99%, and 1.75%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, large cap stocks posted a strong 1.5% gain while both mid- and small cap stocks fell slightly. Large caps overtook mid-caps and now lead US equities on a YTD basis. As for style, growth outperformed value last week in large caps but lagged in mid- and small caps.

| Asset Class      | Name                    | 1W    | YTD  | 3Y(Ann.) | 5Y(Ann.) |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------|------|----------|----------|
| <b>All-Cap</b>   | S&P 1500                | 1.4%  | 4.0% | 12.8%    | 14.0%    |
| <b>Large-Cap</b> | S&P 500                 | 1.5%  | 4.1% | 13.3%    | 14.4%    |
|                  | S&P 500 Growth          | 1.8%  | 5.1% | 14.2%    | 16.4%    |
|                  | S&P 500 Value           | 1.2%  | 3.1% | 11.3%    | 10.9%    |
| <b>Mid-Cap</b>   | S&P Midcap 400          | -0.2% | 2.6% | 8.4%     | 10.5%    |
|                  | S&P Midcap 400 Growth   | -0.6% | 2.7% | 8.1%     | 9.8%     |
|                  | S&P Midcap 400 Value    | 0.2%  | 2.5% | 8.6%     | 10.8%    |
| <b>Small-Cap</b> | S&P Smallcap 600        | -0.1% | 1.7% | 5.1%     | 8.7%     |
|                  | S&P Smallcap 600 Growth | -0.6% | 2.9% | 5.3%     | 8.3%     |
|                  | S&P Smallcap 600 Value  | 0.5%  | 0.4% | 4.7%     | 8.9%     |
| <b>Int'l.</b>    | MSCI ACWI ex-USA        | 2.2%  | 7.0% | 4.2%     | 5.6%     |
|                  | MSCI EM                 | 1.5%  | 4.8% | -0.1%    | 2.8%     |

Source: Bloomberg as of February 14, 2025

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices declined for the fourth straight week as news of prospects for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine provided a signal of potential easing global supply disruptions by ending sanctions against Moscow.
- Despite prices falling over 1% on Friday due to profit-taking, gold prices rose for the seventh consecutive week, likely due to the uncertainty around impacts of US trade policy on global trade activity and the US economy.

| Name                   | 1W   | YTD    | 3Y (Ann.) | 5Y (Ann.) |
|------------------------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| S&P GSCI               | 1.0% | 4.7%   | 5.4%      | 10.3%     |
| Gold                   | 0.5% | 9.8%   | 15.8%     | 12.8%     |
| FTSE All Equity NAREIT | 0.2% | 2.4%   | 0.6%      | 2.3%      |
| Bitcoin                | 1.5% | 4.1%   | 32.1%     | 56.5%     |
| Ethereum               | 5.4% | -18.2% | -1.9%     | 57.3%     |

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### Upcoming Week

- The 4th quarter earnings season approaches its halfway mark, and key companies reporting this week include Carvana, Walmart, and Booking Holdings, Inc.
- Important economic releases this week include S&P Global PMI data, building permits, home sales, and the Consumer Confidence Index.

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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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