



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending March 14, 2025

Volatility continues to rattle US equity markets, and 2025 continues to highlight the importance of diversification. Last week the S&P 500 dipped into correction territory, down just over 10% from its February highs. The technology-heavy Nasdaq has experienced a more substantial decline of about 14%. This recent downturn is normal, US equity markets average about one 10% correction each year. Increased uncertainty around US trade policy, inflation, and geopolitics means volatility may remain elevated in the near-term. However, the U.S. economy is growing and corporate earnings are strong. These are two bullish indicators that can help anchor markets as the uncertainty resolves itself. Despite the recent downturns, certain sectors within U.S. equities, such as value and cyclical stocks, as well as international markets, like Europe and China, have provided pockets of growth. Bonds have outperformed stocks and provided modestly positive returns so YTD. These opportunities highlight the importance of maintaining a well-diversified portfolio.

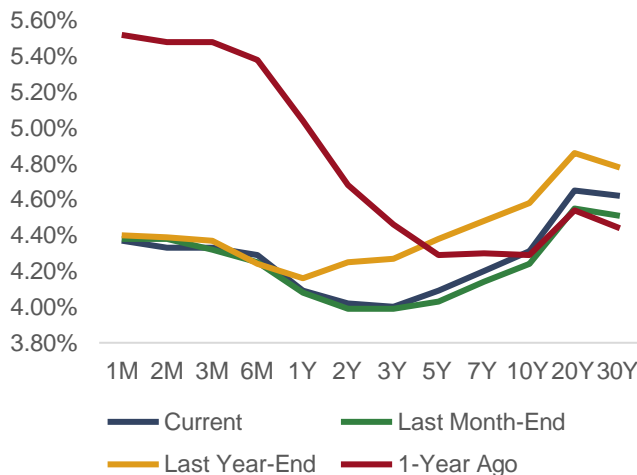
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields on U.S. Treasuries were mostly flat last week. Any effects from positive surprises in last week's inflation data were negated by concerns of a government shutdown, a poorly received 30Y Treasury auction, and anticipation for this week's Federal Reserve meeting.
- Expectations around potential rate cuts cooled following last week's positive inflation data. Bloomberg's recent March survey showed economists expect two 25-basis point rate cuts beginning in September, previously expectations were for three 25 bps cuts beginning in March.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	1.2%	2.8%	1.5%
	<b>Core Plus</b>				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.0%	1.7%	1.7%	0.8%
	International Aggregate	-0.2%	2.3%	-1.8%	-1.6%
	US Aggregate	-0.1%	2.1%	0.2%	-0.4%
	US Treasury	0.1%	2.2%	-0.6%	-1.4%
	US TIPS	-0.1%	2.5%	-1.2%	2.5%
	US Corporate	-0.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.0%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.7%	1.1%	5.6%	6.4%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.2%	2.2%	4.1%	2.2%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	-0.9%	0.1%	1.1%	1.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.0%	0.6%	2.2%	3.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of March 14, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



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

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	3/14/2025	2/28/2025	12/31/2024	3/14/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.37%	4.38%	4.40%	5.52%
3 Month Treasury	4.33%	4.32%	4.37%	5.48%
6 Month Treasury	4.29%	4.25%	4.24%	5.38%
2 Year Treasury	4.02%	3.99%	4.25%	4.68%
5 Year Treasury	4.09%	4.03%	4.38%	4.29%
10 Year Treasury	4.31%	4.24%	4.58%	4.29%
30 Year Treasury	4.62%	4.51%	4.78%	4.44%
US Aggregate	4.70%	4.58%	4.91%	4.94%
US Corporate	5.24%	5.08%	5.33%	5.40%
US Corporate High Yield	7.59%	7.15%	7.49%	7.78%
US Municipal	3.77%	3.55%	3.74%	3.38%
US Municipal High Yield	5.60%	5.43%	5.52%	5.48%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	3/14/2025	2/28/2025	12/31/2024	3/14/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.31%	0.27%	0.20%	0.15%
US Aggregate	0.39%	0.34%	0.33%	0.65%
US Corporate	0.93%	0.84%	0.75%	1.11%
US Corporate High Yield	3.28%	2.91%	2.91%	3.49%
US Municipal	-0.54%	-0.69%	-0.84%	-0.91%
US Municipal High Yield	1.29%	1.19%	0.94%	1.19%

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

## Equity Markets Overview

- US equities continue their recent slide as all three indices once again fell by several percentage points. The Dow Jones gave up the most ground with 3% loss, followed by the Nasdaq and S&P's losses of 2.4% and 2.3%, respectively.
- Sectors were mostly negative for the week. Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary, and Telecommunications were the hardest hit falling 4.3%, 3.7%, and 3.5%, respectively. Utilities and Energy were the only positive sectors posting gains of 2.6% and 1.9%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, mid-caps fell 1.9% where large and small cap stocks fell 2.2% and 2.6%, respectively. Large cap stocks have posted a 2.4% gain to start the year, while mid- and small caps have lost 1.5% and 2%, respectively. As for style, growth held up better than value stocks across for large and small cap stocks, the opposite was true for mid-caps.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	-2.2%	-4.1%	11.7%	17.4%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	-2.2%	-3.9%	12.3%	17.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.8%	-6.5%	12.7%	18.3%
	S&P 500 Value	-2.7%	-1.0%	10.8%	15.5%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	-1.9%	-5.9%	6.5%	15.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-2.0%	-8.0%	6.0%	13.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.8%	-3.8%	6.8%	17.0%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	-2.6%	-8.8%	2.1%	13.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.2%	-8.3%	2.5%	12.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.1%	-9.4%	1.4%	14.6%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.0%	7.1%	7.5%	11.8%
	MSCI EM	-0.7%	4.5%	4.7%	7.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of March 14, 2025

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices were nearly unchanged last week as investors weighed the diminishing prospects of a quick end to the Ukraine war.
- Gold rose nearly 4% and broke through the key \$3,000 barrier on Friday for the first time as investors piled on to a historic rally in the safe-haven asset due to economic uncertainty sparked by U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff policies.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	0.1%	1.7%	0.6%	16.3%
Gold	3.7%	14.7%	15.5%	14.8%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-2.5%	1.3%	-0.2%	6.5%
Bitcoin	-2.7%	-9.5%	29.7%	73.3%
Ethereum	-10.6%	-42.1%	-8.7%	71.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of March 14, 2025



### Upcoming Week

- Fourth quarter earnings season is nearing its end, key companies reporting this week include Super Micro Computers FedEx, and Lennar.
- Important economic releases this week include Wednesday's Federal Reserve meeting, Monday's Retail Sales, and Friday's Home Sales.

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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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