

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending April 4, 2025

Volatility continues to be the theme of 2025. Last week, the markets experienced a sharp selloff to end the week following the announcement of aggressive U.S. reciprocal tariffs by President Donald Trump. The tariffs, which included a 10% minimum on all imports and higher rates for countries with larger trade deficits, led to retaliatory measures from China. This sparked risk-off sentiment, causing equities to finish the week sharply lower and U.S. Treasury yields to decline to their lowest since October 2024. Despite the headwinds posed by tariffs, the U.S. economy entered this period from a position of strength, with healthy household balance sheets and labor-market conditions. Investors are advised to stick with their long-term investment strategies, emphasizing diversification to navigate the ongoing market volatility. As we have discussed previously, we believe time in the market is greater than timing the market.

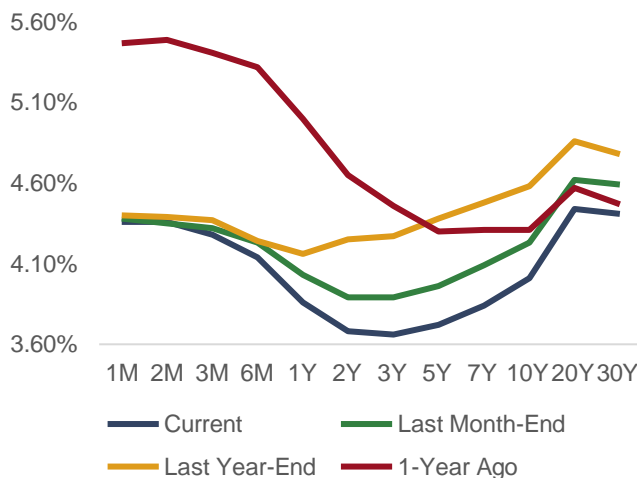
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields declined sharply, with the 10-year yield briefly falling below the 4% level for the first time in about six months. Bond prices posted their biggest weekly gains in more than seven months, reflecting the heightened demand for fixed income assets amid stock market volatility.
- The Federal Reserve indicated the tariffs could result in higher inflation and slower economic growth, but did not signal immediate rate cuts. Expectations for potential rate cuts from the Federal Reserve increased, driven by the sharp sell-off in stocks.
- Mortgage rates have settled around 6.6% the last few weeks, making only slight moves in either direction. This stability is reassuring and has contributed to mortgage application demand rising since late last year.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.4%	2.0%	3.4%	1.6%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.8%	3.1%	2.7%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	1.6%	4.2%	-0.7%	-1.0%
	US Aggregate	1.1%	3.7%	1.2%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	1.4%	4.1%	0.7%	-1.6%
	US TIPS	0.7%	4.5%	0.6%	2.0%
	US Corporate	0.5%	2.6%	1.6%	1.6%
	US Corporate High Yield	-1.8%	-0.7%	4.4%	7.4%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.4%	1.9%	3.6%	3.1%
Muni	US Municipals	1.8%	1.3%	2.1%	1.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	2.0%	2.4%	3.5%	5.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 4, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 4, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	4/4/2025	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	4/4/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.36%	4.38%	4.40%	5.47%
3 Month Treasury	4.28%	4.32%	4.37%	5.41%
6 Month Treasury	4.14%	4.23%	4.24%	5.32%
2 Year Treasury	3.68%	3.89%	4.25%	4.65%
5 Year Treasury	3.72%	3.96%	4.38%	4.30%
10 Year Treasury	4.01%	4.23%	4.58%	4.31%
30 Year Treasury	4.41%	4.59%	4.78%	4.47%
US Aggregate	4.44%	4.60%	4.91%	4.91%
US Corporate	5.10%	5.15%	5.33%	5.37%
US Corporate High Yield	8.30%	7.73%	7.49%	7.82%
US Municipal	3.62%	3.85%	3.74%	3.60%
US Municipal High Yield	5.41%	5.59%	5.52%	5.57%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	4/4/2025	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	4/4/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.40%	0.36%	0.20%	0.16%
US Aggregate	0.43%	0.37%	0.33%	0.60%
US Corporate	1.09%	0.92%	0.75%	1.06%
US Corporate High Yield	4.29%	3.50%	2.91%	3.51%
US Municipal	-0.39%	-0.38%	-0.84%	-0.71%
US Municipal High Yield	1.40%	1.36%	0.94%	1.26%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 4, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- Following last week's tariff announcement, equity markets endured a two-day selloff to end the week as markets reacted to the stark changes to US trade policies. The Nasdaq took the hardest hit posting a weekly loss of 10%, closely followed by the S&P 500's 9% skid, while the Dow Jones held up best with a 7.8% retreat.
- The S&P 500 is down over 17% from its February high, a 20% retreat from a prior high is an indication of a bear market. The Nasdaq crossed this threshold and ended the week down 22% from its February peak,
- All sectors posted losses for the week, the average across all eleven sectors was an 8.1% loss. Energy, Technology, and Financials took the hardest hits with losses of 14.1%, 11.4%, and 10.3%, respectively. Consumer Staples, Utilities, and Real Estate posted the smallest losses at 2.2%, 4.5%, and 6.1%, respectively.
- Size did not offer much protection from last week's selloff as US large, mid-, and small-cap stocks all fell around 8-9% for the week. The same was true for styles, neither held up significantly better than the other with losses ranging from 8-10%.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-9.1%	-13.6%	5.1%	17.0%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-9.1%	-13.4%	5.5%	17.1%
	S&P 500 Growth	-9.6%	-17.4%	4.1%	17.1%
	S&P 500 Value	-8.5%	-9.1%	5.9%	15.8%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-9.1%	-14.8%	1.6%	16.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-8.8%	-16.5%	0.8%	13.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-9.4%	-13.0%	2.3%	18.8%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-9.0%	-17.5%	-2.0%	15.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-8.3%	-16.2%	-1.6%	13.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-9.8%	-18.9%	-2.7%	16.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-5.6%	1.1%	3.0%	10.9%
	MSCI EM	-2.9%	1.7%	0.6%	8.1%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil posted its largest weekly decline since 2023 as prices fell to their lowest levels in years. Prices plunged due to escalating concerns of a global trade war as well as increased supply levels from an unexpected output increase from OPEC members.
- Gold prices fell around 2.5% last week as investors sold bullion to cover losses from the selloff across equity markets.
- Despite the increased volatility last week, Bitcoin prices were relatively stable posting only a 1% loss for the week. This breaks form with recent history where the cryptocurrency has seen its price fall sharply when equity markets became more unstable.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-6.7%	-3.4%	-2.0%	17.0%
Gold	-2.5%	14.9%	16.3%	13.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-6.0%	-4.3%	-4.3%	9.7%
Bitcoin	-1.0%	-11.3%	21.7%	64.9%
Ethereum	-3.4%	-45.8%	-19.5%	66.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 4, 2025



Upcoming Week

- It is a relatively quiet week for earnings releases, as Q1 earnings season unofficially kicks off Friday. A few noteworthy companies with releases this week include WD-40, Delta Airlines, and JPMorgan Chase.
- Turning to economic releases, we will be monitoring Wednesday's release of the FOMC Meeting Minutes from last month's Federal Reserve meeting. We will also receive more inflation data as CPI and PPI are released on Thursday and Friday. Finally, Friday also brings the release of University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment.

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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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