



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending February 27, 2026

Elevated market volatility persisted last week as sentiment was pressured by continued tariff uncertainty, AI-related disruption concerns, and renewed anxiety around private credit. U.S. equities traded in a choppy, sideways pattern, with major indices finishing modestly lower despite generally strong earnings results and a healthy macro backdrop. Inflation fears resurfaced after a hotter than expected Producer Price Index report. The second upward surprise in inflation reports, with PCE topping forecasts last week, raised concerns that price pressures may be re-accelerating. At the same time, safe-haven demand drove a rally in Treasuries, pushing the 10-year yield below the key 4% threshold by week's end. AI remained a dominant theme, with strong earnings from NVIDIA confirming robust infrastructure demand, though the stock sold off as investors questioned the pace and returns of AI spending. Software stocks showed signs of stabilization late in the week following earnings from Salesforce and Snowflake. Overall, markets reflected elevated uncertainty rather than deteriorating fundamentals, with volatility remaining high and leadership continuing to rotate across sectors.

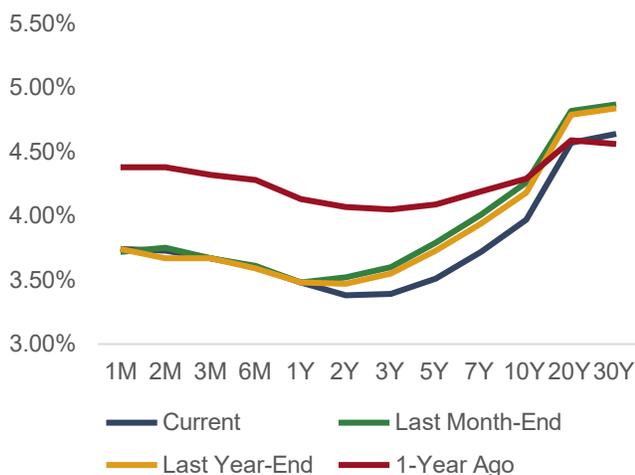
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields fell across the curve as investors sought safety amid geopolitical, AI, and private credit concerns. The yield curve flattened modestly, with intermediate and long-dated yields falling more than short rates.
- The 10-year Treasury yield dropped below 4.0%, reaching its lowest level since October 2025 when markets were negotiating the Federal government shutdown, weakening labor market data, and expectations for Fed rate cuts.
- Market expectations for Fed rate cuts in 2026 remained largely unchanged, with only minor shifts in near-term probabilities.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	0.8%	5.0%	2.1%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.4%	1.2%	5.5%	1.4%
	Global Aggregate	0.5%	2.1%	4.8%	-1.2%
	US Aggregate	0.5%	1.7%	5.1%	0.4%
	US Treasury	0.7%	1.7%	4.2%	-0.1%
	US TIPS	0.6%	1.6%	4.8%	1.7%
	US Corporate	0.2%	1.5%	6.4%	0.8%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.2%	0.7%	9.5%	4.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.2%	1.6%	9.2%	2.3%
Muni	US Municipals	0.3%	2.2%	4.4%	1.4%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.4%	2.7%	6.5%	2.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of February 27, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of February 27, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	2/27/2026	1/30/2026	12/31/2025	2/27/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.74%	3.72%	3.74%	4.38%
3 Month Treasury	3.67%	3.67%	3.67%	4.32%
6 Month Treasury	3.60%	3.61%	3.59%	4.28%
2 Year Treasury	3.38%	3.52%	3.47%	4.07%
5 Year Treasury	3.51%	3.79%	3.73%	4.09%
10 Year Treasury	3.97%	4.26%	4.18%	4.29%
30 Year Treasury	4.64%	4.87%	4.84%	4.56%
US Aggregate	4.16%	4.36%	4.32%	4.64%
US Corporate	4.73%	4.84%	4.81%	5.12%
US Corporate High Yield	6.71%	6.58%	6.53%	7.14%
US Municipal	3.29%	3.45%	3.60%	3.55%
US Municipal High Yield	5.38%	5.52%	5.59%	5.43%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	2/27/2026	1/30/2026	12/31/2025	2/27/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.67%	0.61%	0.66%	0.27%
US Aggregate	0.19%	0.10%	0.14%	0.35%
US Corporate	0.76%	0.58%	0.63%	0.83%
US Corporate High Yield	2.74%	2.32%	2.35%	2.85%
US Municipal	-0.68%	-0.81%	-0.58%	-0.74%
US Municipal High Yield	1.41%	1.26%	1.41%	1.14%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of February 27, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- Major U.S. equity indices declined modestly for the week, extending a pattern of alternating gains and losses.
- AI disruption concerns weighed on technology stocks, though strong earnings helped stabilize sentiment late in the week.
- NVIDIA delivered strong results and guidance, but shares fell over concerns about AI capital intensity.
- Software stocks hit new lows early in the week before rebounding on supportive earnings reports.
- Sector leadership continued to rotate, with energy, materials, and consumer staples leading year-to-date.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.5%	1.2%	20.9%	13.7%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.4%	0.7%	21.7%	14.2%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.2%	-2.9%	26.4%	14.5%
	S&P 500 Value	0.5%	4.8%	16.1%	13.1%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.9%	8.3%	12.9%	9.1%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.0%	10.0%	14.8%	7.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.8%	6.6%	10.9%	10.2%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.5%	7.9%	10.1%	6.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.6%	7.9%	11.0%	4.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-2.3%	8.0%	9.0%	7.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.7%	11.3%	19.8%	9.8%
	MSCI EM	2.8%	14.8%	21.4%	6.3%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Private credit concerns intensified and broadened beyond software-related exposure, pressuring risk sentiment. Reports of potential losses tied to UK specialty lending added to worries about credit quality.
- Gold prices resumed their year-to-date rally, moving closer to recent record highs.
- After trending down for much of 2025, oil prices continue to climb higher since mid-January when US forces began to buildup their presence around Iran.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.5%	12.4%	9.7%	13.9%
Gold	3.3%	20.9%	42.2%	24.9%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.1%	10.5%	8.4%	6.4%
Bitcoin	-3.1%	-25.1%	41.2%	6.9%
Ethereum	-2.3%	-35.2%	5.8%	5.8%

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Upcoming Week

- Q4 earnings season is nearing its close, but there is still a busy week of releases ahead. Noteworthy reports include AutoZone and Broadcom.
- This week brings a host of economic releases, some key ones include a variety of labor market reports, retail sales, and the S&P and ISM Purchasing Managers Indices.

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