

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending July 5, 2024

Despite a short week and economic data showing signs of a slowing economy, large cap equities delivered impressive performance, primarily fueled by the tech sector. Both the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed the week at record highs as did the tech giants AAPL, AMZN, GOOGL, META, and MSFT. While monthly job growth came in above estimates, the prior two months were revised down. The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.1%, its highest level since November 2021, with reported job openings exceeding expectations. Based on ISM data, the Manufacturing sector reported a contraction for the third consecutive month (and 19 of the last 20), while the Services/non-Manufacturing sector fell significantly from the prior month to its lowest level in 4 years and reported a contraction. Given signs of a softening economy, expectations for an upcoming Fed rate cut in September increased.

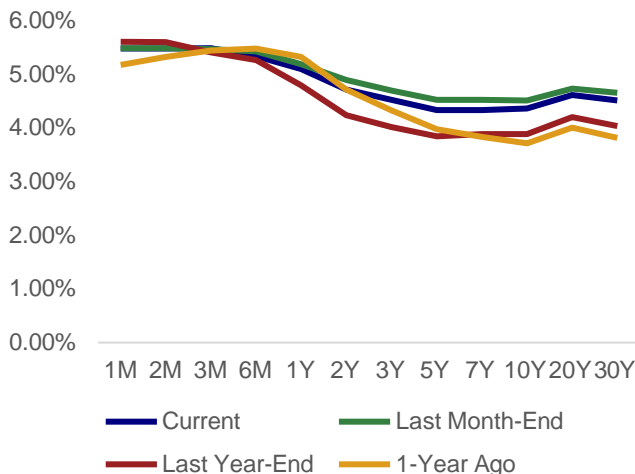
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Short-term Treasury yields rose slightly or remained flat, while all rates 1-year and longer fell following last week's jobs report.
- As of Friday's close, the yield curve has officially been inverted for two straight years, based on the spread between the 2- and 10-year treasuries. This has been considered an historical sign of an impending recession.
- The national average 30-year fixed rate mortgage continues to hover around 7%. As home prices continue to climb in this high-rate environment, it is no surprise existing home sales have fallen over 30% since 2021.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.3%	1.7%	0.6%	1.3%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.6%	1.0%	-1.1%	0.9%
	International Aggregate	0.7%	-2.5%	-5.4%	-1.8%
	US Aggregate	0.7%	0.0%	-3.0%	-0.1%
	US Treasury	0.6%	-0.3%	-3.3%	-0.5%
	US TIPS	0.6%	1.3%	-1.4%	2.2%
	US Corporate	1.0%	0.5%	-2.9%	0.8%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.3%	2.9%	1.6%	3.9%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.5%	2.7%	-2.1%	0.5%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.9%	1.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.1%	4.0%	0.0%	2.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 5, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of July 5, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	7/5/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	7/5/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.48%	5.47%	5.60%	5.28%
3 Month Treasury	5.46%	5.48%	5.40%	5.44%
6 Month Treasury	5.34%	5.33%	5.26%	5.52%
2 Year Treasury	4.60%	4.71%	4.23%	4.94%
5 Year Treasury	4.22%	4.33%	3.84%	4.25%
10 Year Treasury	4.28%	4.36%	3.88%	3.95%
30 Year Treasury	4.47%	4.51%	4.03%	3.95%
US Aggregate	4.88%	5.00%	4.53%	4.91%
US Corporate	5.34%	5.48%	5.06%	5.57%
US Corporate High Yield	7.86%	7.91%	7.59%	8.58%
US Municipal	3.72%	3.72%	3.22%	3.52%
US Municipal High Yield	5.44%	5.43%	5.57%	5.72%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	7/5/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	7/5/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.19%	0.15%	0.15%	0.00%
US Aggregate	0.60%	0.64%	0.65%	0.96%
US Corporate	1.06%	1.12%	1.18%	1.62%
US Corporate High Yield	3.58%	3.55%	3.71%	4.63%
US Municipal	-0.56%	-0.64%	-0.66%	-0.43%
US Municipal High Yield	1.16%	1.07%	1.69%	1.77%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 5, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- The Nasdaq was the winner last week posting a 3.5% gain, followed by the S&P 500 rising 2.0% and each posting new all-time highs. The Dow Jones had a modest 0.7% gain but remains below its prior high posted in mid-May.
- Sectors were mixed last week, seven posted gains and five losses. Information Technology and Communication Services were the biggest winners with a 3.9% gain, followed closely by Consumer Discretionary at 3.8%. Energy and Healthcare were the biggest losers with losses of 1.3% and 0.9%, respectively.
- As second quarter earnings season begins noteworthy reports this week include Delta Air Lines, JPMorgan, Bank of New York Mellon, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.7%	16.3%	9.7%	14.6%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	2.0%	17.6%	10.3%	15.1%
	S&P 500 Growth	3.6%	28.0%	9.9%	17.3%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.2%	5.6%	9.6%	11.5%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.2%	4.9%	4.3%	9.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.0%	10.6%	3.7%	10.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.3%	-0.9%	4.5%	9.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.1%	-1.8%	0.0%	7.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.7%	2.6%	0.3%	8.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-1.4%	-6.1%	-0.5%	7.0%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.0%	7.8%	1.3%	5.9%
	MSCI EM	1.9%	9.5%	-3.8%	3.4%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices continue to climb, rising above \$83 per barrel this week, following a reported decline in U.S. oil inventories driving expectations for tight supply in the coming months.
- Bitcoin's price continues to fall as it broke below \$54,000 on Friday. This is a textbook example of the higher volatility one can expect from cryptocurrencies, considering it was trading above \$71,000 as recently as June 5.
- The price of gold continued to climb last week, hitting its highest price level in over a month, following the reports of a softening economy, and increasing expectations for a September rate cut.

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S&P GSCI	1.6%	12.9%	13.8%	8.8%
Gold	2.5%	15.7%	10.1%	11.4%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.2%	-2.4%	-2.3%	2.9%
Bitcoin	-6.0%	34.5%	18.4%	38.5%
Ethereum	-11.5%	29.5%	8.7%	59.5%

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Upcoming Week

- Look for another full week of economic data including inflation (Consumer Price Index, Core CPI, Producer Price Index, and Core PPI), unemployment (Initial Jobless Claims and Continuing Claims), and consumer data (Consumer Credit, MBA Mortgage Applications Index, and UM Consumer Sentiment).
- Other notable releases this week include the Small Business Optimism Index, Wholesale Inventories, and the US Treasury's Federal Budget.

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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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