

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending April 11, 2025

Heightened volatility persisted last week, this time to both the up and downside as markets reacted to the news of pauses on reciprocal tariffs to all countries that did not retaliate. China was notably excluded and the back-and-forth escalation in tariff levels with the US added to the volatility experienced last week. Equity markets rebounded off their recent skid but are still well off their February highs. Following the announcement of the tariff pauses, equity markets sharply jumped and posted one of the largest daily gains since World War II. Increased volatility should be expected in the near-term until more certainty emerges around the future of US and global trade policies. Breaking with typical market behavior, US Treasuries and the US Dollar experienced selloffs during this recent volatility shock. Often viewed as "safe haven" assets that investors seek during these episodes, instead last week saw a steepening of the yield curve as long-term rates rose by around 50 basis points.

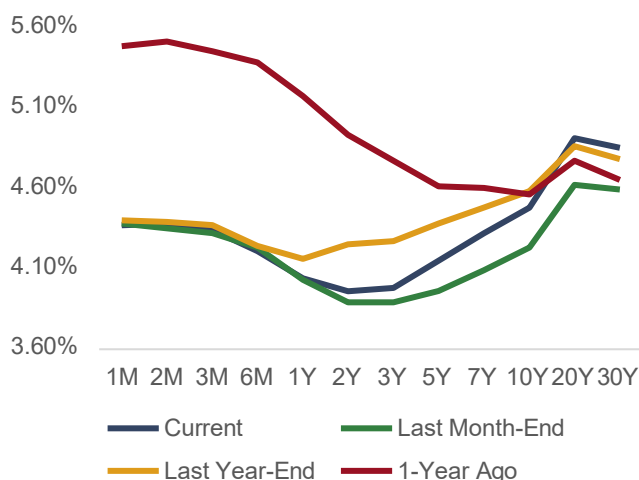
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields rose an average of 27 basis points across the yield curve due to atypical selling pressures during a period of increased market volatility. The yield curve steepened over the week as yields with maturities 5-years or longer rose between 40 and 50 bps.
- Expectations for rate cuts from the Fed moved lower this week. Bloomberg probability expectations for a 25-basis point cut at the May FOMC meeting are fell to 24% from 43% the week prior. They still project a theoretically 100% chance of a cut at the June FOMC meeting.
- Mortgage rates continue to slowly trend downward, remaining under 7% for the twelfth consecutive week. With rising mortgage applications and decreasing rates, we may see an uptick in spring homebuying activity relative to last year.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.5%	1.5%	3.2%	1.4%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-1.5%	1.6%	2.4%	0.6%
	International Aggregate	-0.4%	3.8%	-0.3%	-1.3%
	US Aggregate	-2.5%	1.1%	0.8%	-0.9%
	US Treasury	-2.4%	1.6%	0.3%	-1.9%
	US TIPS	-2.5%	1.9%	-0.1%	1.4%
	US Corporate	-2.8%	-0.2%	1.4%	0.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.7%	-1.4%	4.9%	6.1%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-2.4%	-0.6%	3.3%	2.3%
	Muni				
	US Municipals	-4.0%	-2.8%	1.0%	0.6%
	US Municipals High Yield	-5.0%	-2.7%	2.2%	3.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 11, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of April 11, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	4/11/2025	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	4/11/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.37%	4.38%	4.40%	5.48%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.32%	4.37%	5.45%
6 Month Treasury	4.21%	4.23%	4.24%	5.38%
2 Year Treasury	3.96%	3.89%	4.25%	4.93%
5 Year Treasury	4.15%	3.96%	4.38%	4.61%
10 Year Treasury	4.48%	4.23%	4.58%	4.56%
30 Year Treasury	4.85%	4.59%	4.78%	4.65%
US Aggregate	4.86%	4.60%	4.91%	5.19%
US Corporate	5.55%	5.15%	5.33%	5.62%
US Corporate High Yield	8.58%	7.73%	7.49%	8.02%
US Municipal	4.29%	3.85%	3.74%	3.68%
US Municipal High Yield	5.98%	5.59%	5.52%	5.62%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	4/11/2025	3/31/2025	12/31/2024	4/11/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.37%	0.36%	0.20%	0.09%
US Aggregate	0.38%	0.37%	0.33%	0.63%
US Corporate	1.07%	0.92%	0.75%	1.06%
US Corporate High Yield	4.10%	3.50%	2.91%	3.46%
US Municipal	-0.19%	-0.38%	-0.84%	-0.88%
US Municipal High Yield	1.50%	1.36%	0.94%	1.06%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 11, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- Following the Trump administration's announcement of widespread pauses to reciprocal tariffs, equity markets rebounded sharply and experienced one of the largest single day gains in recent history. Wednesday's high flying performance drove each of the major indices to end the week with sizable gains. Nasdaq closed with a 7.3% gain, followed by the S&P 500 and Dow Jones with 5.7% and 5%, respectively.
- Most sectors posted gains of 1% or larger for the week, the average across all eleven sectors was a 3.9% gain. Energy and Real Estate were the only to post losses of 0.4% and 0.2%, respectively. Technology, Industrials and Telecommunications posted the largest gains of 9.7%, 6.5%, and 6.4%, respectively.
- Large cap stocks handily outpaced their mid- and small-cap peers for the week posting gains of 5.7%, 2.8%, and 0.6%, respectively. From a style lens, growth outpaced value in all market segments with the biggest divergence in the large cap segment.
- While international is still outpacing US equity performance for the year, last week marked a significant reversal in the recent trend.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	5.4%	-8.9%	7.9%	15.5%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	5.7%	-8.5%	8.4%	15.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	8.1%	-10.7%	8.7%	16.5%
	S&P 500 Value	3.4%	-6.0%	7.0%	13.7%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	2.8%	-12.4%	3.2%	13.1%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	4.3%	-12.9%	3.1%	11.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.3%	-11.9%	3.1%	14.7%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.8%	-16.9%	-1.0%	11.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	2.4%	-14.2%	0.3%	10.4%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.9%	-19.6%	-2.4%	11.6%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.3%	0.8%	3.8%	9.1%
	MSCI EM	-3.8%	-2.2%	0.6%	5.9%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold posted nearly a 7% gain last week as its price broke the \$3.2k/oz price level and set another ATH. The rally was fueled by investors seeking safety in gold (as opposed to the US dollar or US Treasuries) as the U.S.-China trade war continued to escalate.
- Despite the strong rally in stocks and selloff in fixed income markets, Bitcoin prices were relatively stable posting only a 0.2% loss for the week. Despite its volatile history, the cryptocurrency's price movement has been relatively muted in this recent market shock.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	0.6%	-2.9%	-0.6%	17.9%
Gold	6.9%	22.9%	18.5%	13.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.6%	-4.9%	-4.3%	5.3%
Bitcoin	-0.2%	-10.3%	28.0%	65.2%
Ethereum	-13.5%	-53.1%	-19.4%	56.1%

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Upcoming Week

- Q1 earnings season kicks off this week with several important releases. Key names include Goldman Sachs, Johnson & Johnson, and UnitedHealth Group.
- It is a lighter week of economic releases. Some releases worth monitoring include US Import and Export activity (Tuesday), Chairman Powell speaks (Wednesday), Retail Sales (Wednesday), and housing market as well as weekly labor data (Thursday).

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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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