

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending February 28, 2025

Last week, equity markets experienced notable volatility. The S&P 500 briefly erased its year-to-date gains, driven by growth concerns, trade uncertainty, and deteriorating consumer confidence. Despite these challenges, there are still supporting factors such as positive economic growth, a steady labor market, and strong spending on AI. The Magnificent 7, which had previously led the market, entered correction territory, contributing to the broader index's sideways movement over the past three months. Diversification remains critical, as leadership has shifted away from U.S. large-cap and tech stocks. Overall, while market volatility may persist, the recipe for continued economic expansion and a continuation of the current bull market in stocks remain intact.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

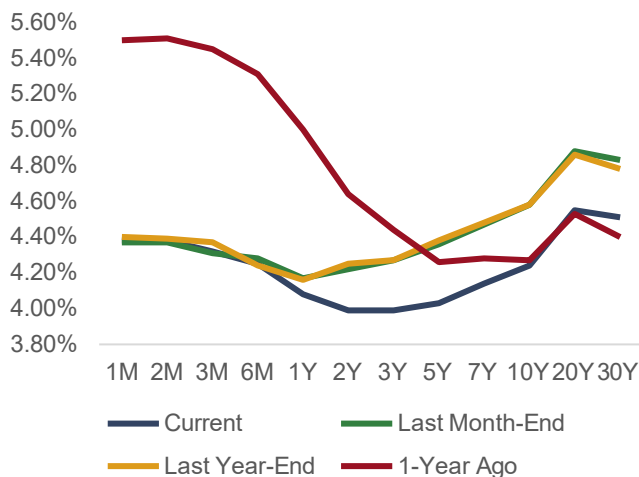
- Yields on U.S. Treasuries dropped significantly, with the 10-year yield closing around 4.19%, down from 4.42% the previous week.
- Expectations around potential rate cuts from the Federal Reserve have increased, with markets now anticipating two 25-basis-point cuts in 2025.
- This week, mortgage rates decreased to their lowest level in over two months. Dropping mortgage rates, combined with modestly improving inventory, is an

encouraging sign for consumers in the market to buy a home.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.4%	1.2%	2.5%	1.5%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.9%	2.0%	1.2%	0.7%
	International Aggregate	0.4%	2.0%	-2.8%	-2.0%
	US Aggregate	1.3%	2.7%	-0.4%	-0.5%
	US Treasury	1.3%	2.7%	-1.2%	-1.2%
	US TIPS	1.4%	3.5%	-0.8%	1.9%
Other	US Corporate	1.0%	2.6%	0.4%	0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.4%	2.0%	4.9%	4.9%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.9%	2.7%	2.9%	0.9%
Muni	US Municipals	0.6%	1.5%	1.0%	0.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.6%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%

Source: Bloomberg as of February 28, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of February 28, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	2/28/2025	1/31/2025	12/31/2024	2/28/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.38%	4.37%	4.40%	5.50%
3 Month Treasury	4.32%	4.31%	4.37%	5.45%
6 Month Treasury	4.25%	4.28%	4.24%	5.31%
2 Year Treasury	3.99%	4.22%	4.25%	4.64%
5 Year Treasury	4.03%	4.36%	4.38%	4.26%
10 Year Treasury	4.24%	4.58%	4.58%	4.27%
30 Year Treasury	4.51%	4.83%	4.78%	4.40%
US Aggregate	4.58%	4.86%	4.91%	4.93%
US Corporate	5.08%	5.30%	5.33%	5.42%
US Corporate High Yield	7.15%	7.20%	7.49%	7.88%
US Municipal	3.55%	3.68%	3.74%	3.42%
US Municipal High Yield	5.43%	5.45%	5.52%	5.59%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	2/28/2025	1/31/2025	12/31/2024	2/28/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.27%	0.25%	0.20%	0.13%
US Aggregate	0.34%	0.28%	0.33%	0.66%
US Corporate	0.84%	0.72%	0.75%	1.15%
US Corporate High Yield	2.91%	2.62%	2.91%	3.61%
US Municipal	-0.69%	-0.90%	-0.84%	-0.85%
US Municipal High Yield	1.19%	0.87%	0.94%	1.32%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of February 28, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- It was a volatile and mixed week for US equities. The Dow Jones managed to end the week with a 1% gain; however, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq each retreated. As tech was the worst performing sector for the week, Nasdaq felt it more slipping 3.5% to the S&P 500's 1% loss.
- Sectors were mixed again as 4 posted losses and 7 gains for the week. Technology, Telecommunications, and Consumer Discretionary were the biggest losers falling 4%, 2.6%, and 2.1%, respectively. Financials, Real Estate, and Healthcare led the week posting gains of 2.8%, 2.1%, and 1.7%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, large and small cap stocks fell 1%, which slightly lagged their mid-cap peers' weekly loss of

0.2%. 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, value held up better than growth stocks across all three size segments.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.9%	1.2%	12.0%	16.5%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.0%	1.4%	12.6%	16.9%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.2%	-0.3%	12.5%	18.2%
	S&P 500 Value	0.4%	3.3%	11.5%	14.1%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.2%	-0.7%	6.9%	13.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.6%	-2.0%	6.1%	11.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.2%	0.8%	7.5%	13.9%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.0%	-3.0%	3.0%	10.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.7%	-2.2%	3.2%	10.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-1.3%	-3.8%	2.6%	11.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.8%	5.5%	4.6%	7.6%
	MSCI EM	-4.3%	2.3%	0.5%	4.3%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices continued to fall last week, which resulted in their first monthly drop since November. The price action is the result of markets' reactions to last week's meeting between Presidents Trump and Zelenskyy, continued bracing for Washington's new tariffs, and Iraq's decision to resume oil exports from the Kurdistan region.
- Gold prices fell over 3.5% last week as the dollar held close to two-week highs and U.S. inflation data came in line with expectations.
- Bitcoin had a rough February posting a 10% YTD loss. After spending much of late January above the \$100k price level, the popular cryptocurrency has seen its price slide to around \$84k at week's end.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-2.7%	1.9%	3.4%	12.0%
Gold	-3.5%	7.9%	14.4%	12.7%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	2.5%	5.2%	1.4%	5.6%
Bitcoin	-11.4%	-10.0%	26.1%	57.7%
Ethereum	-15.9%	-33.7%	-7.8%	58.0%

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**Upcoming
Week**

- 4th quarter earnings season is nearing its end, key companies reporting this week include Target, Broadcom, and Costco Wholesale.
- Important economic releases this week include the ISM Manufacturing PMI and nonfarm payrolls report for February.

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S&P 500 Index includes approximately 500 leading companies that covers approximately 80% of available U.S. equity market capitalization.

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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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