

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending December 20, 2024

Last week, the Federal Reserve surprised the markets by citing concerns related to inflation and uncertainty regarding future government policy to justify its hawkish stance on future rate cuts, which led to a significant sell-off in stocks and a rise in bond yields. Despite a modest rate cut of 0.25%, the Fed's projections indicated fewer cuts in 2025 than previously expected. The U.S. economy, however, showed resilience with strong GDP growth and a robust labor market. The S&P 500 and Dow Jones experienced notable declines, but a partial recovery by week's end helped offset some of the losses. Overall, the market volatility highlighted investor concerns over inflation and future monetary policy.

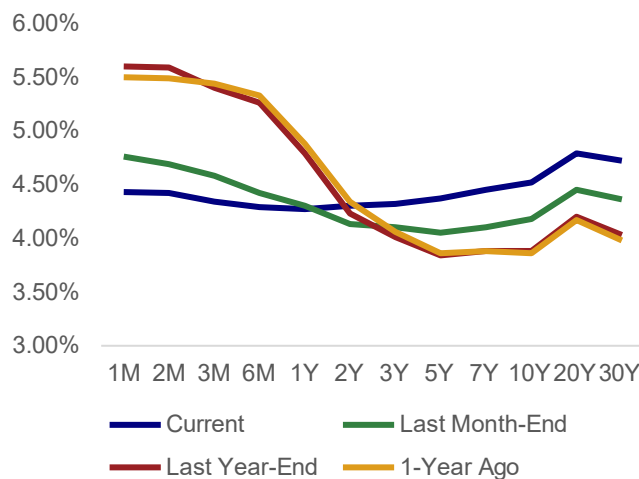
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields continued to trend upward for a second week, largely due to more hawkish guidance from the Fed's Wednesday meeting. Current expectations for number of potential rate cuts in 2025 fell from four in September to two coming out of Wednesday.
- The yield of the 10-year U.S. Treasury note reached as high as 4.59% on Thursday before retreating to around 4.52% at Friday's close, its highest level in seven months.
- Mortgage rates ticked up ending the week around 6.7%. Rates remained between 6-7% for much of the year, as participants may be adjusting to higher borrowing rates.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.1%	4.2%	1.6%	1.5%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.4%	2.9%	-0.3%	0.9%
	International Aggregate	-0.9%	-1.4%	-4.5%	-1.8%
	US Aggregate	-0.7%	1.3%	-2.4%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	-0.6%	0.6%	-3.0%	-0.7%
	US TIPS	-1.0%	1.7%	-2.0%	1.8%
	US Corporate	-1.0%	2.2%	-2.2%	0.4%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.8%	8.0%	3.1%	4.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-1.1%	6.6%	-0.4%	0.7%
Muni	US Municipals	-1.2%	0.7%	-0.6%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.4%	5.9%	0.2%	2.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 20, 2024

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 20, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	12/20/2024	11/29/2024	12/29/2023	12/20/2023
Federal Funds Rate	4.43%	4.76%	5.60%	5.50%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.58%	5.40%	5.44%
6 Month Treasury	4.29%	4.42%	5.26%	5.33%
2 Year Treasury	4.30%	4.13%	4.23%	4.34%
5 Year Treasury	4.37%	4.05%	3.84%	3.86%
10 Year Treasury	4.52%	4.18%	3.88%	3.86%
30 Year Treasury	4.72%	4.36%	4.03%	3.98%
US Aggregate	4.90%	4.64%	4.53%	4.59%
US Corporate	5.32%	5.05%	5.06%	5.12%
US Corporate High Yield	7.50%	7.14%	7.59%	7.73%
US Municipal	3.77%	3.45%	3.22%	3.24%
US Municipal High Yield	5.54%	5.26%	5.57%	5.54%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	12/20/2024	11/29/2024	12/29/2023	12/20/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.20%	0.18%	0.15%	0.12%
US Aggregate	0.38%	0.46%	0.65%	0.73%
US Corporate	0.80%	0.87%	1.18%	1.26%
US Corporate High Yield	2.98%	2.96%	3.71%	3.87%
US Municipal	-0.75%	-0.73%	-0.66%	-0.62%
US Municipal High Yield	1.02%	1.08%	1.69%	1.68%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 20, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities were down for the week, as all three major indices fell by around 2%. The Nasdaq held up the best with a 1.8% loss, while the Dow Jones fell the most with a 2.2% loss.
- All eleven sectors posted a loss for the week. Energy and Real Estate were the biggest losers falling 5.6% and 5%, respectively. Tech stocks held up the best only slipping 0.7% on the week.
- From a size perspective, large cap stocks again held up the best with only a 2.0% loss while mid- and small-cap lost 4.6% and 4.7%, respectively. From a style perspective, growth only outperformed value in large-caps.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-2.2%	24.9%	10.4%	14.4%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-2.0%	26.0%	10.8%	14.8%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.5%	37.6%	9.7%	17.5%
	S&P 500 Value	-2.7%	12.8%	10.8%	10.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-4.6%	14.0%	7.0%	10.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-4.7%	16.7%	5.6%	10.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-4.6%	11.0%	8.2%	10.0%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-4.8%	9.3%	4.1%	8.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-4.7%	10.7%	2.8%	8.4%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-4.9%	7.7%	5.1%	8.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-3.4%	4.6%	1.9%	4.0%
	MSCI EM	-3.1%	7.1%	-0.9%	1.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 20, 2024

Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices fell across the week on worries about falling demand growth in 2025, especially in top crude importer China.
- Gold prices fell during the week as there was a small selloff following the Federal Reserve's Wednesday meeting. Even after falling 1.1% for the week, gold is still up 27.7% on a YTD basis

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.2%	7.0%	10.9%	6.8%
Gold	-1.1%	27.7%	13.8%	12.3%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-4.7%	4.1%	-2.9%	3.4%
Bitcoin	-5.2%	126.6%	27.0%	68.0%
Ethereum	-12.1%	49.5%	-4.5%	93.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 20, 2024



Upcoming Week

- It will be a quiet week with no notable earnings releases and a lighter week for economic releases. We will see some data on Consumer Confidence and Home Sales Monday and weekly labor market data coming on 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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