

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending October 25, 2024

Last week was eventful week as markets experienced notable movements driven by various factors. Rising bond yields contributed to interrupting the S&P 500's six-week streak of gains, as stronger-than-expected economic data continue to temper expectations surrounding rate cuts. The US stock market saw mixed results as the S&P 500 and Dow fell; while the NASDAQ posted its seventh consecutive weekly gain, due to the tech sector being one of the only sectors with positive growth for the week. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note climbed, reflecting investor caution about inflationary pressures and future interest-rate cuts. Despite the down week and rising rates, the U.S. economy continues to appear resilient as initial jobless claims have continued to come in below estimates, GDP growth expectations remain around 3% for 2024, and recession expectations continue to decline.

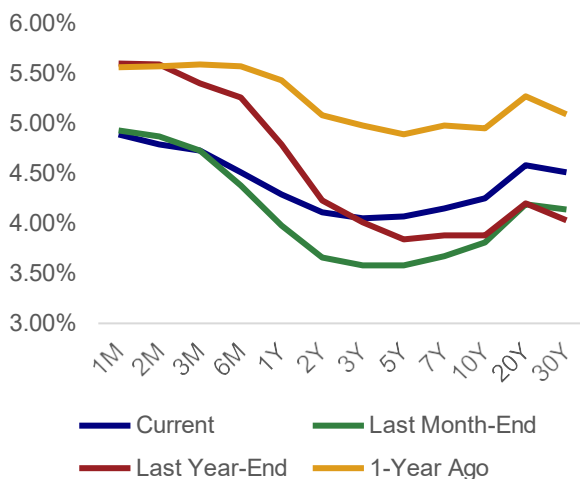
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bond yields rose across most of the curve last week, with the largest increases occurring for intermediate- and long-term rates while short-term rates modestly fell. Due to the recent increases, the yield curve is approaching a flat structure.
- As more strong economic data comes in it continues to support the Federal Reserve taking a more patient approach to interest rate cuts, which has led to a repricing of future rate expectations. As of last week, the expectation for the Fed policy rate at the end of 2025 came in at 3.5%, up from 2.9% last month.
- Mortgage rates increased for the fourth week in a row with the 30-year average hitting 6.54% due in part to the continued strong economic data coming in recent weeks. Housing data has been somewhat mixed as new home sales have grown recently while previously owned home sales have declined.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.2%	3.9%	1.4%	1.5%
	<b>Core Plus</b>				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.6%	3.2%	-0.1%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	-0.9%	0.4%	-4.0%	-1.5%
	US Aggregate	-0.9%	2.0%	-2.0%	-0.1%
	US Treasury	-0.8%	1.5%	-2.4%	-0.5%
	US TIPS	-1.0%	2.9%	-1.6%	2.2%
	US Corporate	-1.0%	3.0%	-1.8%	0.7%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.4%	7.5%	3.0%	4.5%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.6%	6.8%	-0.4%	1.0%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	-1.1%	0.8%	-0.3%	1.1%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.1%	6.0%	0.8%	2.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of October 25, 2024

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of October 25, 2024

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	10/25/2024	9/30/2024	12/29/2023	10/25/2023
Federal Funds Rate	4.89%	4.93%	5.60%	5.56%
3 Month Treasury	4.73%	4.73%	5.40%	5.59%
6 Month Treasury	4.51%	4.38%	5.26%	5.57%
2 Year Treasury	4.11%	3.66%	4.23%	5.08%
5 Year Treasury	4.07%	3.58%	3.84%	4.89%
10 Year Treasury	4.25%	3.81%	3.88%	4.95%
30 Year Treasury	4.51%	4.14%	4.03%	5.09%
US Aggregate	4.67%	4.23%	4.53%	5.70%
US Corporate	5.10%	4.72%	5.06%	6.37%
US Corporate High Yield	7.30%	6.99%	7.59%	9.35%
US Municipal	3.64%	3.32%	3.22%	4.49%
US Municipal High Yield	5.41%	5.20%	5.57%	6.44%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	10/25/2024	9/30/2024	12/29/2023	10/25/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.26%	0.33%	0.15%	0.14%
US Aggregate	0.42%	0.42%	0.65%	0.75%
US Corporate	0.85%	0.91%	1.18%	1.42%
US Corporate High Yield	3.05%	3.18%	3.71%	4.40%
US Municipal	-0.61%	-0.49%	-0.66%	-0.46%
US Municipal High Yield	1.16%	1.39%	1.69%	1.49%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of October 25, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- It was a mixed week for equity markets as the S&P 500 and Dow Jones fell 0.96% and 2.66%, respectively, snapping their 6-week streak of gains. The Nasdaq continued to inch upward posting a modest gain of 0.16%.
- Sectors were largely negative last week. Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the only winners posting gains of 0.18% and 0.92%, respectively. Materials, Health Care, and Industrials were the biggest losers with losses of -4.01%, -2.98%, and -2.77%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, large-cap stocks (-1.0%) held up better than their mid- (-2.8%) and small-cap (-3.1%) peers. From a style perspective, growth stocks held up better than value in the large- and small-cap segments.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-1.1%	22.1%	9.6%	15.4%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.0%	23.1%	10.0%	15.8%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.0%	30.6%	8.4%	17.8%
	S&P 500 Value	-2.2%	14.8%	10.9%	12.5%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-2.8%	13.1%	5.1%	11.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-2.8%	16.0%	3.8%	11.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-2.8%	10.0%	6.3%	11.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-3.1%	7.0%	1.7%	9.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.9%	9.7%	1.4%	9.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.3%	4.1%	1.9%	8.5%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.9%	10.0%	1.8%	6.2%
	MSCI EM	-1.8%	13.3%	-1.8%	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of October 25, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- U.S. crude oil prices rose around 4% due to continued uncertainties stemming from the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the upcoming U.S. election.
- Largely due to concerns around the above uncertainties, gold prices rose almost 1% last week, bringing its YTD performance up to 33%.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.8%	8.0%	7.2%	7.9%
Gold	0.9%	33.0%	15.1%	12.8%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.8%	12.2%	0.5%	4.5%
Bitcoin	-2.8%	56.9%	2.1%	50.5%
Ethereum	-6.7%	7.4%	-16.1%	68.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of October 25, 2024



### Upcoming Week

- It is going to be another busy week as third quarter earnings season continues to unfold. Some notable releases to monitor are Meta Platforms, Apple, and Amazon.
- As for economic data, we will be closely following Wednesday's initial estimate of 3rd Quarter GDP as well as several labor market releases coming through the week (Monday: Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, Wednesday: ADP National Employment Report, Thursday: Weekly Unemployment Claims, and Friday: Nonfarm Payrolls and Unemployment Rate).

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