



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending November 10, 2023

Comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Powell weighed on investors this week, but corporate earnings helped to keep the equity markets in positive territory. On Thursday, Chairman Powell stated the Fed was “not confident” they’ve reached a level of interest rates restrictive enough to bring inflation to their stated 2.0% target. This was followed by Friday’s release of the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, which was down for the fourth month in a row. A key standout from the survey was consumer’s expectations for long run inflation which was at 3.2%, the highest level since 2011.

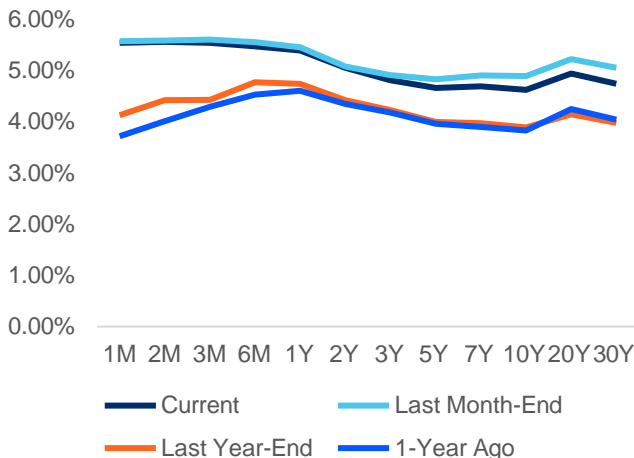
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields were up for the week following Chairman Powell’s comments, but the 2-year U.S. Treasury was the only key rate to close above 5.00% by Friday.
- Investors paid close attention to this week’s bond auctions, which were positive for the 3- and 10-year notes, but not well received for the 30-year bond. The 30-year U.S. Treasury saw its lowest demand in two years.
- The quarterly Federal Reserve Senior Loan Officer Survey was released on Monday. While the data continues to show tightened lending standards for both businesses and consumers, the report noted that loan demand was also down for the quarter.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.25%	2.47%	-0.53%	1.26%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.36%	1.12%	-2.69%	1.15%
	International Aggregate	-0.44%	-1.67%	-6.88%	-1.29%
	US Aggregate	-0.29%	-0.82%	-4.92%	0.35%
	US Treasury	-0.30%	-1.20%	-5.22%	0.11%
	US TIPS	-0.62%	-0.26%	-1.52%	2.56%
	US Corporate	0.01%	0.57%	-4.93%	1.29%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.30%	6.87%	0.90%	3.43%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.20%	1.30%	-4.67%	0.53%
Muni	US Municipals	0.80%	0.38%	-1.77%	1.55%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.99%	1.96%	-0.38%	2.39%

Source: Bloomberg as of November 10, 2023

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of November 10, 2023

Interest Rates (%)

Date	11/10/2023	10/31/2023	12/30/2022	11/10/2022
Federal Funds Rate	5.53%	5.56%	4.12%	3.71%
3 Month Treasury	5.53%	5.59%	4.42%	4.28%
6 Month Treasury	5.46%	5.54%	4.76%	4.52%
2 Year Treasury	5.04%	5.07%	4.41%	4.34%
5 Year Treasury	4.65%	4.82%	3.99%	3.95%
10 Year Treasury	4.61%	4.88%	3.88%	3.82%
30 Year Treasury	4.73%	5.04%	3.97%	4.03%
US Aggregate	5.41%	5.65%	4.68%	4.73%
US Corporate	6.07%	6.35%	5.42%	5.60%
US Corporate High Yield	8.93%	9.49%	8.96%	8.91%
US Municipal	4.12%	4.49%	3.55%	3.99%
US Municipal High Yield	6.14%	6.45%	5.83%	6.10%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	11/10/2023	10/31/2023	12/30/2022	11/10/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.12%	0.16%	0.09%	0.21%
US Aggregate	0.80%	0.77%	0.80%	0.91%
US Corporate	1.46%	1.47%	1.54%	1.78%
US Corporate High Yield	4.32%	4.61%	5.08%	5.09%
US Municipal	-0.49%	-0.39%	-0.33%	0.17%
US Municipal High Yield	1.53%	1.57%	1.95%	2.28%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of November 10, 2023

Equity Markets Overview

- All three equity indices closed with gains for the week, led by the Nasdaq which had a gain of 2.4%. The S&P closed up 1.4%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up by 0.7%.
- It was another big week for earnings reports which included positive results from Walt Disney, Planet Fitness, UBS, and Emirates Group. Several companies fell below analysts' estimates for the third quarter including Uber and Trade Desk.
- As we enter the final stretch of earnings season, look for some major retailers to report this week including Home Depot, Target, TJX, and Walmart. Other notable releases include scheduled reports from Cisco Systems and Applied Materials.
- According to FactSet, 81% of the S&P 500 companies reporting Q3 results reported an upside surprise to their earnings results, with 92% of those companies having reported so far.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.08%	15.22%	8.80%	11.12%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.35%	16.60%	9.00%	11.59%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.99%	22.07%	6.20%	12.54%
	S&P 500 Value	0.58%	10.63%	11.40%	9.57%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.53%	1.81%	6.63%	7.02%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.25%	4.66%	3.15%	6.91%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.85%	-1.19%	10.06%	6.67%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-2.90%	-2.23%	5.65%	4.37%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.28%	-0.33%	3.01%	4.27%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.47%	-4.09%	8.20%	4.21%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.71%	4.56%	0.74%	3.85%
	MSCI EM	0.02%	1.44%	-4.64%	1.89%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil fell again this week on concerns of slowing global demand.
- Gold was down almost 3% by the end of the week following Chairman Powell's comments on uncertainty over rates.
- Bitcoin continued to move higher this week on continued optimism over potential approval of an ETF. At one point on Friday, the price moved above \$37,000.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-3.68%	-0.82%	24.61%	5.99%
Gold	-2.65%	7.05%	1.43%	9.89%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-2.58%	-5.39%	0.67%	2.80%
Bitcoin	7.84%	124.58%	33.36%	42.57%
Ethereum	14.75%	74.17%	64.97%	58.75%

Source: Bloomberg as of November 10, 2023



Upcoming Week

- The major releases of the week will be the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on Tuesday and the Producer Price Index (PPI) on Wednesday. Current expectations are looking for both reports to come in below the previous months' readings.
- Other key economic reports include U.S. Retail Sales, Industrial Production, and Housing Starts.

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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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