



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending February 2, 2024

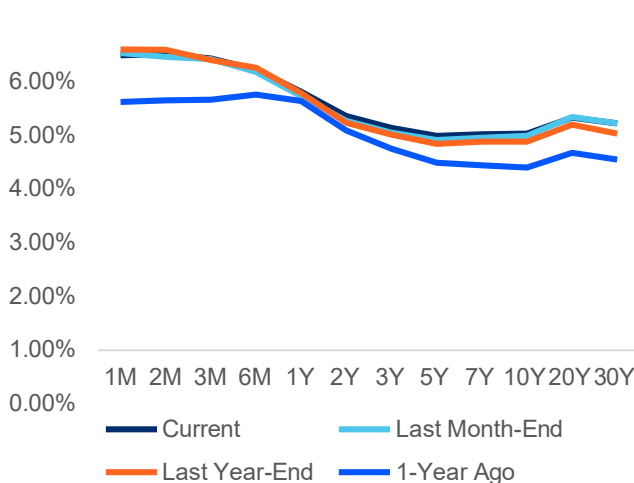
Last week was packed with economic data, earnings reports, and a surprising jobs number, but Federal Reserve Chairman Powell was in the spotlight with his comments on potential rate cuts. As expected, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) did not change rates at their January meeting, but Chairman Powell acknowledged rate cuts are not likely at their next meeting in March. He stated while rate cuts may occur this year, the committee wants confidence inflation is slowing before making any changes to the Federal Funds rate.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bond yields were volatile this week but climbed higher following the jobs report on Friday. The 10-year U.S Treasury yield closed above 4.0% by the end of the week.
- As mentioned, the non-farm payroll report showed a much larger gain than expected with an increase of 353,000 jobs in January. Economists had only been expecting an increase of 185,000 jobs.
- In addition to the upside surprise on the employment number, wages in January were up 0.6% from December's level and 4.5% higher than the prior year. Both levels exceeded economists' estimates.
- By Friday, expectations for a rate cut in March had fallen to 20% after being at 46% the week earlier according to CME FedWatch Tool. Expectations for a rate cut in May rose to 60%.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	1.9%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.3%	-0.2%	-1.6%	2.0%
	International Aggregate	0.4%	-2.0%	-5.7%	-1.0%
	US Aggregate	0.6%	-0.7%	-3.2%	1.3%
	US Treasury	0.7%	-0.7%	-3.6%	1.0%
	US TIPS	0.2%	-0.6%	-1.3%	3.1%
	US Corporate	0.6%	-0.5%	-2.9%	2.4%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.1%	0.0%	1.7%	4.9%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.7%	-0.6%	-3.1%	1.3%
Muni	US Municipals	0.9%	-0.2%	-0.7%	2.8%
	US Municipals High Yield	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of February 2, 2024

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Interest Rates (%)				
Date	2/2/2024	1/31/2024	12/29/2023	2/2/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.49%	5.53%	5.60%	4.62%
3 Month Treasury	5.43%	5.42%	5.40%	4.66%
6 Month Treasury	5.22%	5.18%	5.26%	4.76%
2 Year Treasury	4.36%	4.27%	4.23%	4.09%
5 Year Treasury	3.99%	3.91%	3.84%	3.49%
10 Year Treasury	4.03%	3.99%	3.88%	3.40%
30 Year Treasury	4.22%	4.22%	4.03%	3.55%
US Aggregate	4.67%	4.59%	4.53%	4.18%
US Corporate	5.18%	5.11%	5.06%	4.83%
US Corporate High Yield	7.76%	7.80%	7.59%	7.73%
US Municipal	3.32%	3.37%	3.22%	3.04%
US Municipal High Yield	5.56%	5.62%	5.57%	5.37%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	2/2/2024	1/31/2024	12/29/2023	2/2/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.19%	0.23%	0.15%	0.15%
US Aggregate	0.64%	0.60%	0.65%	0.78%
US Corporate	1.15%	1.12%	1.18%	1.43%
US Corporate High Yield	3.73%	3.81%	3.71%	4.33%
US Municipal	-0.71%	-0.62%	-0.66%	-0.36%
US Municipal High Yield	1.53%	1.63%	1.69%	1.97%

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Equity Markets Overview

- Equities fell after the FOMC meeting on Wednesday but managed to turn positive by the end of the week across all three major indices. The S&P reached an all-time high while the Nasdaq was at its highest level in two years.
- Most of the eleven S&P sectors were positive for the week, led by Consumer Discretionary with a 3.8% gain. The only negative sectors were Energy, which was down by 0.9%, and Real Estate, which was down 0.4%.
- In the biggest earnings week of the season, positive reports were seen from Amazon, Exxon, Bristol Myers Squibb, and General Motors. Facebook's parent, Meta, exceeded analyst expectations for earnings and announced its first ever dividend payment.
- Several companies reported disappointing outlooks including Peloton, JetBlue, and Alphabet while Microsoft issued subdued guidance. Tech giant Apple reported better than expected earnings but warned about slowing sales in China. Aircraft maker Boeing would not provide a 2024 outlook following the recent issues with their 737 planes.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.3%	3.6%	10.3%	14.3%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.4%	4.1%	10.7%	14.8%
	S&P 500 Growth	2.2%	6.7%	7.9%	16.6%
	S&P 500 Value	0.5%	1.0%	13.1%	11.8%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.2%	-0.4%	6.2%	9.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.4%	1.7%	3.0%	9.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.1%	-2.6%	9.3%	9.7%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.3%	-3.3%	3.1%	8.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.4%	-1.6%	0.7%	8.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-2.1%	-5.0%	5.4%	7.3%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.1%	-1.4%	0.0%	2.8%
	MSCI EM	0.3%	-3.4%	-8.5%	-1.4%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil continued its recent volatile pattern this week, falling by over 7% due to slowing growth in China and the possibility of easing tensions in the Middle East.
- Cryptocurrencies Bitcoin and Ethereum saw price swings this week but managed to recover into positive territory by Friday.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-3.7%	1.7%	16.6%	5.2%
Gold	0.8%	-2.1%	3.5%	8.9%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.7%	-4.4%	3.3%	7.0%
Bitcoin	2.4%	2.2%	5.0%	38.0%
Ethereum	1.8%	-0.3%	11.9%	20.4%

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Upcoming Week

- Earnings season continues this week with reports expected from McDonalds, Caterpillar, Ford Motor Co., and Walt Disney.
- Economic data scheduled for release includes the Index for Supply Managements (ISM) non-manufacturing index, U.S Consumer Credit, and the U.S Trade Balance.

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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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