



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending February 9, 2024

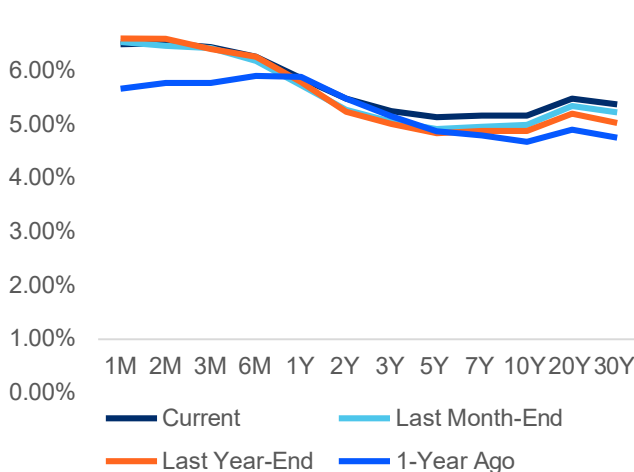
Earnings reports drove the markets higher this week led by positive results from technology providers, automakers, and pharmaceutical companies. Financial data company Factset is reporting of the S&P 500 companies that reported fourth quarter 2023 results 77% reported earnings above estimates and 65% reported revenue above expectations. With 67% of the companies already reporting earnings, the year over year earnings growth rate for the S&P 500 is currently at 2.9%.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bond yields continue to rise this week following Thursday's low unemployment claims number. CME FedWatch Tool is currently reflecting an 84% chance the Federal Reserve does not adjust rates at their March FOMC meeting.
- According to Freddie Mac, 30-year mortgage rates averaged 6.64% last week. While the rate is flat from the previous week, this does mark a 1.00% decline from the highs seen last Fall.
- New house listings were up 12.8% on a year-over-year basis for the week of February 3rd, according to Redfin. This marked the biggest jump in 3 years but the company noted the number of homes for sale is currently 40% below pre-pandemic levels.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.8%
<b>Core Plus</b>	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.4%	-0.6%	-1.7%	1.9%
	International Aggregate	-0.8%	-2.8%	-6.1%	-1.1%
	US Aggregate	-0.8%	-1.5%	-3.5%	1.2%
	US Treasury	-0.8%	-1.5%	-3.9%	0.8%
	US TIPS	-0.6%	-1.2%	-1.5%	3.1%
	US Corporate	-1.0%	-1.5%	-3.3%	2.3%
<b>Other</b>	US Corporate High Yield	0.1%	0.2%	1.6%	5.2%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.3%	-0.9%	-3.3%	1.5%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.9%	2.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.3%	4.6%

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of February 9, 2024

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Interest Rates (%)				
Date	2/9/2024	1/31/2024	12/29/2023	2/9/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.49%	5.53%	5.60%	4.66%
3 Month Treasury	5.44%	5.42%	5.40%	4.77%
6 Month Treasury	5.26%	5.18%	5.26%	4.90%
2 Year Treasury	4.48%	4.27%	4.23%	4.48%
5 Year Treasury	4.14%	3.91%	3.84%	3.87%
10 Year Treasury	4.17%	3.99%	3.88%	3.67%
30 Year Treasury	4.37%	4.22%	4.03%	3.75%
US Aggregate	4.81%	4.59%	4.53%	4.50%
US Corporate	5.31%	5.11%	5.06%	5.16%
US Corporate High Yield	7.75%	7.80%	7.59%	8.14%
US Municipal	3.41%	3.37%	3.22%	3.18%
US Municipal High Yield	5.63%	5.62%	5.57%	5.45%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	2/9/2024	1/31/2024	12/29/2023	2/9/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.20%	0.23%	0.15%	0.08%
US Aggregate	0.64%	0.60%	0.65%	0.83%
US Corporate	1.14%	1.12%	1.18%	1.49%
US Corporate High Yield	3.58%	3.81%	3.71%	4.47%
US Municipal	-0.76%	-0.62%	-0.66%	-0.49%
US Municipal High Yield	1.46%	1.63%	1.69%	1.78%

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## Equity Markets Overview

- All three major equity indices were up for the week led by Nasdaq which was up 2.3%, while the S&P rose 1.4% and the DJIA saw a gain of 0.1%. The S&P 500 closed above 5,000 for the first time.
- Leading S&P sectors for the week included Technology, which was up by 3.3%, followed by Consumer Discretionary, with a gain of 1.5%. Only three sectors were negative this week led by Utilities, which was down 1.9%, Consumer Staples, down 1.3%, and Energy, which fell by 0.2%
- In earnings news last week, Uber, Disney, and Cloudflare all reported positive results, while earnings from Pinterest, Pepsico, and Snap fell below estimates. Ford Motor Company and Toyota Motor Corp both raised forecasts for 2024 while Eli Lilly and Bristol Myers Squibb posted strong results due to new products.
- Look for another large slate of earnings reports this week including Airbnb, Coca-Cola, Cisco Systems, Lyft, and Deere.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	1.4%	5.1%	9.9%	15.8%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	1.4%	5.5%	10.4%	16.3%
	S&P 500 Growth	2.5%	9.4%	8.3%	18.4%
	S&P 500 Value	0.0%	1.0%	12.0%	13.0%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	1.5%	1.1%	5.3%	11.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	2.6%	4.3%	2.6%	11.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.4%	-2.3%	7.8%	10.9%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	1.2%	-2.1%	1.5%	9.4%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	1.8%	0.2%	-0.8%	10.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.5%	-4.5%	3.7%	8.3%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.3%	-1.1%	-0.7%	4.2%
	MSCI EM	0.8%	-2.7%	-9.0%	0.2%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Bitcoin rallied on Friday by 5% and closed the week with a gain of 10%. Analysts noted investors' individual positions of bitcoin have risen in recent weeks ahead of the next scheduled halving of the cryptocurrency, which is scheduled for April of 2024.
- The price of oil was up by over 6% for the week on continued Middle East concerns.
- The price of gold has been trending down in recent weeks, down 0.88% for the past month, but still remaining above the key \$2,000 price level.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.6%	5.3%	16.8%	7.3%
Gold	-0.5%	-2.6%	3.2%	9.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.1%	-4.2%	2.6%	7.9%
Bitcoin	10.8%	13.2%	2.2%	40.9%
Ethereum	8.5%	8.1%	13.2%	23.6%

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### Upcoming Week

- Inflation numbers will be the focus this week with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on Tuesday followed by the Producer Price Index (PPI) on Friday.
- Later in the week, look for a large slate of releases including U.S. Retail Sales, Industrial Production, Capacity Utilization, and the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index.

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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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