



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 5, 2023

May kicked off with a large slate of economic news most notably a widely expected move by the Federal Reserve raising the federal funds rate by another 25 basis points. Other key reports during the week included several corporate earnings results and the April Non-Farm Payroll (NFP) number, which came in above consensus with a gain of 253,000 jobs. Two notable data points in the NFP report included a record low unemployment rate of 3.4% and year over year wage growth reported at 4.4%. This strong picture of the labor market led to a stock market rally on Friday, but the equity markets remained mixed for the week.

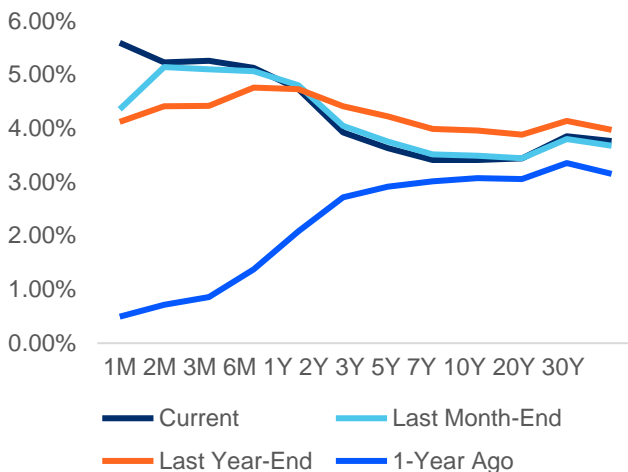
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Following the FOMC's expected move on Wednesday, the markets focused on the accompanying statement where the Committee stated that they would monitor data to determine whether additional hikes were needed. However, at his press conference, Fed Chairman Powell stated that rate cuts would not be appropriate until inflation moves back towards 2.0%.
- The European Central Bank also raised rates by 25 basis points this week citing continued strong pricing pressures.
- The U.S. debt ceiling remains a key economic issue as the June 1st deadline approaches. Congressional leaders are scheduled to meet with President Biden on May 9th to discuss a potential agreement.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.22%	2.09%	-0.51%	1.34%
	Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.18%	3.14%	-1.44%
	International Aggregate	0.15%	3.62%	-3.59%	-0.81%
	US Aggregate	-0.05%	3.53%	-2.99%	1.18%
	US Treasury	0.06%	3.62%	-4.02%	1.02%
	US TIPS	0.16%	3.62%	1.08%	3.04%
	US Corporate	-0.59%	3.68%	-1.77%	1.91%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.38%	4.21%	4.49%	3.22%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.02%	2.53%	-0.79%	0.77%
Muni	US Municipals	0.35%	2.90%	0.56%	2.03%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.16%	3.49%	3.79%	2.96%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 5, 2023

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 5, 2023

Interest Rates (%)

Date	5/5/2023	4/28/2023	12/30/2022	5/5/2022
Federal Funds Rate	5.59%	4.35%	4.12%	0.49%
3 Month Treasury	5.26%	5.10%	4.42%	0.85%
6 Month Treasury	5.13%	5.06%	4.76%	1.37%
2 Year Treasury	3.92%	4.04%	4.41%	2.71%
5 Year Treasury	3.41%	3.51%	3.99%	3.01%
10 Year Treasury	3.44%	3.44%	3.88%	3.05%
30 Year Treasury	3.76%	3.67%	3.97%	3.15%
US Aggregate	4.31%	4.35%	4.68%	3.57%
US Corporate	5.15%	5.10%	5.42%	4.40%
US Corporate High Yield	8.57%	8.48%	8.96%	7.14%
US Municipal	3.34%	3.39%	3.55%	3.28%
US Municipal High Yield	5.69%	5.69%	5.83%	4.98%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	5/5/2023	4/28/2023	12/30/2022	5/5/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.32%	0.23%	0.09%	0.10%
US Aggregate	0.87%	0.91%	0.80%	0.52%
US Corporate	1.71%	1.66%	1.54%	1.35%
US Corporate High Yield	5.13%	5.04%	5.08%	4.09%
US Municipal	-0.10%	-0.05%	-0.33%	0.23%
US Municipal High Yield	2.25%	2.25%	1.95%	1.93%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 5, 2023

Equity Markets Overview

- Despite the strong stock market rally on Friday, only the Nasdaq was able to see a slight gain for the week of 0.1%. The DJIA fell by over 1% while the S&P did slightly better, falling by only 0.8%
- Regional bank stocks saw large price declines early in the week on fears of continued industry problems. However, Fed Chairman Jay Powell stated at his press conference on Wednesday that the U.S. Banking system "is sound and resilient". Bank stocks rebounded on Friday due to a positive analyst report from J.P. Morgan.
- The Energy sector was the worst performer for the week (-5.6%) followed by Financials (-2.6%) and Communication Services (-2.3%).
- Earnings reports this week included better than expected figures from Moderna, Shell Oil, and CVS Corp, while Lyft and Yum Brands missed estimates. Tech giant Apple reported 2% year-over-year revenue growth, well exceeding analysts' estimates of a 4% decline.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.80%	7.71%	15.26%	10.71%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.78%	8.33%	15.06%	11.14%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.20%	10.98%	12.47%	11.74%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.44%	5.44%	16.80%	9.54%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.16%	1.80%	17.32%	7.02%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.79%	3.67%	13.12%	6.39%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.54%	-0.15%	21.56%	7.25%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-0.77%	-1.05%	17.72%	5.06%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.09%	-0.98%	13.89%	5.00%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-1.64%	-1.09%	21.54%	4.89%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.28%	9.02%	10.81%	2.75%
	MSCI EM	0.51%	3.30%	5.51%	-0.46%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 5, 2023

Alternative Markets Overview

- Despite a positive move on Friday, the price of oil fell again this week on concerns over slowing economic growth.
- The price of gold came close to an all-time high on Thursday on speculation that the FOMC may be ending their rate hike campaign. However, the price pulled back on Friday following the strong jobs report.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-3.35%	-8.82%	31.20%	2.88%
Gold	0.93%	10.32%	5.76%	8.85%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.41%	1.63%	8.93%	5.80%
Bitcoin	0.55%	77.89%	47.26%	25.10%
Ethereum	5.00%	65.84%	113.57%	20.57%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 5, 2023



Upcoming Week

- The key economic release of this week will be the Consumer Price Index (CPI) report on Wednesday. Current expectations are looking for a year-over-year figure of 5.0%, unchanged from last month.
- Other economic data this week includes the Producer Price Index and the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index.
- Earnings season continues with reports scheduled from Airbnb, Duke Energy, Walt Disney, and UnderArmour among others.

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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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