



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending September 22, 2023

Comments from the Federal Reserve, the continuing UAW strike, and a potential government shutdown all weighed on the equity markets this week while moving interest rates to new highs for the year. As expected, the Federal Reserve kept rates unchanged at this week's FOMC meeting. More surprisingly, reports from the meeting showed that a majority of the FOMC officials were in favor of one more rate hike, if needed. The "dot-plot" projection of future rates now reflects expectations of only a 50-basis point cut in 2024 indicating rates may stay higher longer than was originally anticipated.

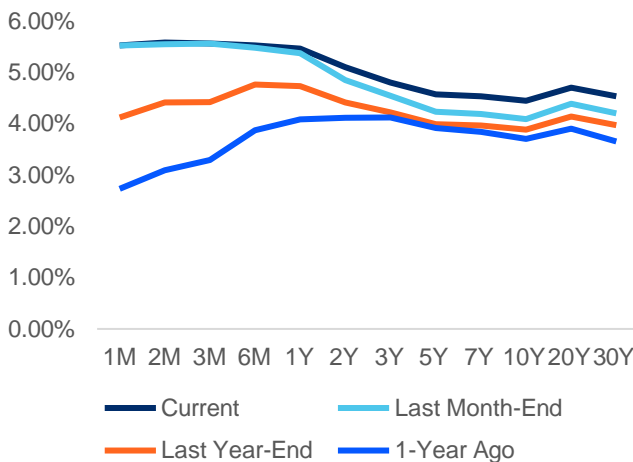
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields were up after the FOMC meeting on Wednesday, but pulled back slightly on Friday. During the week, rates touched new highs for the year with the 2-year Treasury at 5.20% and the 10-year Treasury reaching 4.49%.
- According to CME FedWatch Tool, the earliest projection of a potential rate cut by the Federal Reserve has now moved out to July 2024.
- In line with the FOMC, on Thursday, the Bank of England also kept rates unchanged for the first time since December of 2021.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.02%	1.80%	-0.74%	1.15%
<b>Core Plus</b>	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.23%	0.89%	-2.86%	1.09%
	International Aggregate	-0.49%	-1.29%	-6.62%	-1.54%
	US Aggregate	-0.50%	-0.24%	-4.94%	0.33%
	US Treasury	-0.50%	-0.89%	-5.65%	0.09%
	US TIPS	-0.46%	0.10%	-1.60%	2.30%
	US Corporate	-0.34%	1.21%	-4.70%	1.21%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.65%	6.31%	1.96%	3.08%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.63%	1.92%	-3.97%	0.54%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	-1.07%	0.15%	-1.83%	1.40%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.31%	1.94%	-0.13%	2.23%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 22, 2023

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 22, 2023

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	9/22/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/22/2022
Federal Funds Rate	5.52%	5.52%	4.12%	2.73%
3 Month Treasury	5.56%	5.56%	4.42%	3.29%
6 Month Treasury	5.52%	5.48%	4.76%	3.87%
2 Year Treasury	5.10%	4.85%	4.41%	4.11%
5 Year Treasury	4.57%	4.23%	3.99%	3.91%
10 Year Treasury	4.44%	4.09%	3.88%	3.70%
30 Year Treasury	4.53%	4.20%	3.97%	3.65%
US Aggregate	5.26%	4.97%	4.68%	4.56%
US Corporate	5.88%	5.61%	5.42%	5.38%
US Corporate High Yield	8.73%	8.41%	8.96%	9.00%
US Municipal	4.06%	3.79%	3.55%	3.81%
US Municipal High Yield	6.04%	5.87%	5.83%	5.82%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	9/22/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/22/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.09%	0.11%	0.09%	-0.05%
US Aggregate	0.82%	0.88%	0.80%	0.86%
US Corporate	1.44%	1.52%	1.54%	1.68%
US Corporate High Yield	4.29%	4.32%	5.08%	5.30%
US Municipal	-0.38%	-0.30%	-0.33%	0.11%
US Municipal High Yield	1.60%	1.78%	1.95%	2.12%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 22, 2023

## Equity Markets Overview

- Equities had their worst week in six months with all three major indices in negative territory. The Nasdaq took the largest hit with a decline of 3.6%. The S&P 500 was down 2.9%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 1.9%.
- All eleven of the S&P sectors were negative for the week. The largest declines were seen in the Consumer Discretionary sector, which fell 6.3%, followed by Real Estate which was down 5.5%.
- Look for earnings reports this week from Costco Wholesale, Nike, and Carnival Cruise Lines.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	-2.92%	12.95%	11.97%	9.51%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	-2.91%	13.88%	11.84%	9.96%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.84%	18.55%	8.50%	10.63%
	S&P 500 Value	-3.00%	8.80%	14.97%	8.29%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	-2.79%	3.93%	13.37%	5.77%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-2.74%	6.39%	8.89%	5.36%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-2.84%	1.36%	18.06%	5.76%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	-3.35%	0.30%	13.39%	2.88%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-3.22%	1.76%	10.03%	2.59%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.49%	-1.15%	16.73%	2.90%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-2.17%	6.77%	4.34%	2.70%
	MSCI EM	-2.08%	3.00%	-1.20%	0.73%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil closed the week higher by only 0.1%, but remains above \$90 per barrel.
- Despite the decline in equities, Bitcoin managed to stay in positive territory this week, closing above \$26,000 on Friday.
- The price of gold fell following the FOMC announcement on Wednesday but managed to rally on Friday to close the week with a slight gain.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.00%	7.41%	29.86%	6.16%
Gold	-0.02%	6.26%	0.95%	9.96%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-5.43%	-4.31%	4.60%	2.85%
Bitcoin	0.55%	59.87%	37.07%	31.48%
Ethereum	-1.68%	32.80%	69.35%	45.06%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 22, 2023



### Upcoming Week

- The FOMC's favored inflation metric, Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index will be released on Friday. Current projections are looking for prices to have increased 0.5% in August, up from a 0.2% move in July.
- Other upcoming economic news this week includes the S&P/Case Schiller Composite Home Price Index, U.S. Durable Goods Orders, and the final reading of second quarter GDP.

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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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