



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending September 8, 2023

Economic releases this past week continued to show signs of a resilient U.S. economy. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) August report on the service sector came in higher than expected, expanding for the eighth consecutive month. Other surprising news of the week included a decline in weekly jobless claims to the lowest level in six months. A stronger economy paired with higher oil prices has the market questioning the Fed's next move on interest rates.

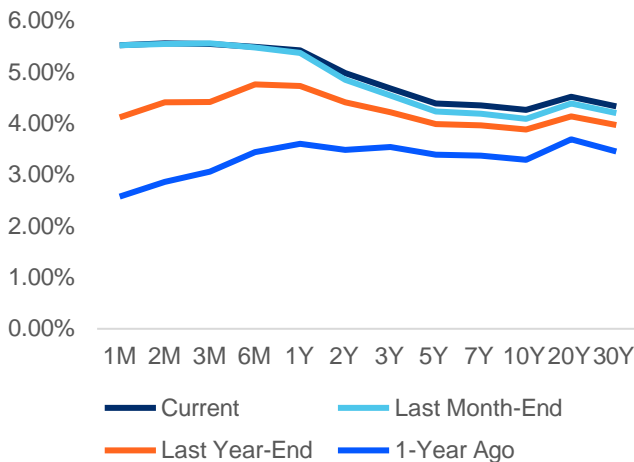
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The 2-year U.S. Treasury yield was back over 5% during the week before a slight pullback on Friday.
- The Treasury yield curve continues to steepen as longer-term rates have risen in recent weeks. While the yields between the 2- and 10-year U.S. Treasury remain inverted, the inversion continues to decrease from levels seen earlier this year.
- Mortgage applications reached a 27-year low last month according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. The agency noted that low housing supplies and high interest rates were keeping potential buyers on the sidelines.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.09%	1.82%	-0.75%	1.15%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.25%	1.28%	-2.72%	1.11%
	International Aggregate	-0.84%	-0.52%	-6.40%	-1.37%
	US Aggregate	-0.30%	0.59%	-4.64%	0.42%
	US Treasury	-0.30%	-0.04%	-5.31%	0.14%
	US TIPS	0.24%	0.86%	-1.39%	2.35%
	US Corporate	-0.25%	1.90%	-4.41%	1.34%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.31%	6.81%	1.80%	3.29%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.34%	2.73%	-4.10%	0.88%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.23%	1.34%	-1.41%	1.52%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.17%	3.29%	0.37%	2.39%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 8, 2023

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of September 8, 2023

Interest Rates (%)

Date	9/8/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/8/2022
Federal Funds Rate	5.52%	5.52%	4.12%	2.57%
3 Month Treasury	5.55%	5.56%	4.42%	3.06%
6 Month Treasury	5.49%	5.48%	4.76%	3.44%
2 Year Treasury	4.98%	4.85%	4.41%	3.48%
5 Year Treasury	4.39%	4.23%	3.99%	3.39%
10 Year Treasury	4.26%	4.09%	3.88%	3.29%
30 Year Treasury	4.33%	4.20%	3.97%	3.45%
US Aggregate	5.11%	4.97%	4.68%	4.09%
US Corporate	5.75%	5.61%	5.42%	4.96%
US Corporate High Yield	8.53%	8.41%	8.96%	8.37%
US Municipal	3.84%	3.79%	3.55%	3.43%
US Municipal High Yield	5.89%	5.87%	5.83%	5.51%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	9/8/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/8/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.07%	0.11%	0.09%	0.16%
US Aggregate	0.85%	0.88%	0.80%	0.80%
US Corporate	1.49%	1.52%	1.54%	1.67%
US Corporate High Yield	4.27%	4.32%	5.08%	5.08%
US Municipal	-0.42%	-0.30%	-0.33%	0.14%
US Municipal High Yield	1.63%	1.78%	1.95%	2.22%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 8, 2023

Equity Markets Overview

- All three of the major equity indices declined, with the Nasdaq falling furthest and ending the week down 1.9%. The S&P fell by 1.3%, while the Dow Jones declined by 0.7%.
- Several S&P sectors saw some significant declines this week with Industrials taking the largest hit with a drop of 2.9%. Other losses were seen with the Materials sector decreasing 2.4% and the Information technology sector falling 2.3%.
- The leading sector of the week was Energy, which was up by 1.5% driven in part by the rising price of oil.
- Tech giant Apple was in the news as the company reported that their new iPhone 15 will be more expensive than previous models. It was also announced that China has banned government employees from using iPhones for business purposes.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-1.47%	16.49%	11.31%	10.61%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.26%	17.45%	11.19%	11.10%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.46%	22.50%	7.86%	11.77%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.03%	11.93%	14.35%	9.41%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-3.54%	7.14%	12.72%	6.58%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-3.20%	9.57%	8.78%	6.00%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-3.91%	4.59%	16.66%	6.74%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-4.33%	3.65%	12.14%	3.44%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-3.93%	5.33%	9.18%	3.11%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-4.74%	1.97%	15.01%	3.49%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.41%	7.31%	3.90%	3.65%
	MSCI EM	-1.17%	3.90%	-1.13%	1.48%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 8, 2023

Alternative Markets Overview

- As mentioned, oil continued to rise this week reaching a nine-month high. Supply concerns remain in the market as Saudia Arabia and Russia both extended production cuts this week.
- Bitcoin was up for the week, closing above \$26,000.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.54%	5.95%	29.73%	6.47%
Gold	-0.66%	6.29%	-0.33%	9.97%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.13%	0.35%	3.89%	3.80%
Bitcoin	1.08%	55.86%	35.98%	32.14%
Ethereum	1.02%	36.20%	66.08%	49.79%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 8, 2023



Upcoming Week

- The key economic release this week will be the August Consumer Price Index (CPI) on Wednesday. Current expectations are looking for a slight increase from the July levels.
- Other economic releases this week include U.S. Retail Sales, the Producer Price Index (PPI), and U.S Industrial Production.

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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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