



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending November 8, 2024

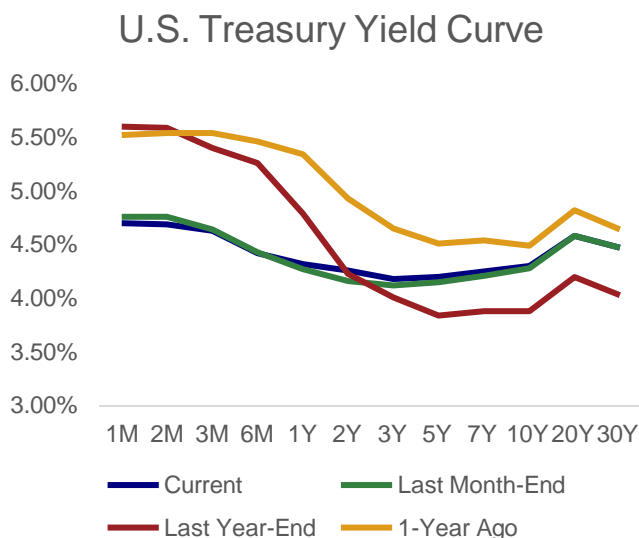
Last week, the equity markets experienced significant gains, with the S&P 500 posting its largest weekly gain of the year. This surge was largely driven by positive reactions to the U.S. election results, which were seen as favorable for corporate earnings. The Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates by 25 basis points also played a role, although the Fed maintained a cautious stance on inflation. Bond yields saw notable fluctuations, initially spiking mid-week before settling down. Overall, the markets were buoyed by strong economic data and investor sentiment, leading to record highs for the major indices.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bond yields experienced significant fluctuations, initially spiking mid-week following the election results but eventually settling down by the end of the week. The Federal Reserve cut interest rates by 25 basis points, which was widely anticipated, and this decision influenced bond market movements.
- The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury briefly surged to a four-month high before easing back down, reflecting the market's reaction to both the election and the Fed's rate cut.
- Expectations for future Fed rate cuts have been adjusted, with the market now pricing in fewer cuts over the next year compared to previous forecasts.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	3.8%	1.4%	1.5%
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.3%	3.1%	-0.3%	1.0%
Core Plus	International Aggregate	0.2%	0.1%	-4.3%	-1.4%
	US Aggregate	0.8%	2.2%	-2.2%	0.0%
	US Treasury	0.5%	1.4%	-2.7%	-0.4%
	US TIPS	0.8%	3.2%	-1.8%	2.4%
	US Corporate	1.2%	3.5%	-2.0%	0.9%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.7%	8.3%	3.0%	4.7%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.8%	7.3%	-0.4%	1.2%
Muni	US Municipals	0.5%	1.3%	-0.3%	1.3%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.7%	6.5%	0.6%	3.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of November 8, 2024



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of November 8, 2024

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	11/8/2024	10/31/2024	12/29/2023	11/8/2023
Federal Funds Rate	4.70%	4.76%	5.60%	5.52%
3 Month Treasury	4.63%	4.64%	5.40%	5.54%
6 Month Treasury	4.42%	4.43%	5.26%	5.46%
2 Year Treasury	4.26%	4.16%	4.23%	4.93%
5 Year Treasury	4.20%	4.15%	3.84%	4.51%
10 Year Treasury	4.30%	4.28%	3.88%	4.49%
30 Year Treasury	4.47%	4.47%	4.03%	4.64%
US Aggregate	4.71%	4.73%	4.53%	5.30%
US Corporate	5.09%	5.16%	5.06%	5.98%
US Corporate High Yield	7.12%	7.33%	7.59%	8.87%
US Municipal	3.60%	3.66%	3.22%	4.11%
US Municipal High Yield	5.38%	5.44%	5.57%	6.13%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	11/8/2024	10/31/2024	12/29/2023	11/8/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.17%	0.19%	0.15%	0.15%
US Aggregate	0.41%	0.45%	0.65%	0.81%
US Corporate	0.79%	0.88%	1.18%	1.49%
US Corporate High Yield	2.82%	3.05%	3.71%	4.38%
US Municipal	-0.70%	-0.62%	-0.66%	-0.38%
US Municipal High Yield	1.08%	1.16%	1.69%	1.64%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of November 8, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- All three major indices experienced had strong rallies last week after election results came in. They all broke new highs during the week and posted their largest weekly gain in the past 12 months led by the Nasdaq's 5.8% gain.
- Every sector ended the week with a positive return last week. Consumer Discretionary led the pack with a 7.6% weekly gain and Utilities brought up the rear with a 1.2% rise.
- From a size perspective, small-cap stocks' 8.6% rally bested their large- and mid-cap peers' gains of 4.7% and 6.3% respectively. From a style perspective, growth stocks bested their value counterparts across all market caps, though outperformance in the small- and mid-cap segments was almost negligible.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	4.9%	26.5%	9.7%	15.6%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	4.7%	27.2%	10.1%	16.0%
	S&P 500 Growth	5.5%	35.3%	8.0%	18.2%
	S&P 500 Value	3.6%	18.0%	11.6%	12.5%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	6.3%	20.0%	6.0%	12.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	6.4%	23.0%	4.5%	12.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	6.2%	16.8%	7.3%	11.9%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	8.6%	16.1%	2.7%	10.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	8.7%	18.5%	2.0%	11.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	8.6%	13.5%	3.3%	9.8%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.6%	9.5%	1.4%	5.6%
	MSCI EM	1.2%	13.3%	-1.1%	3.8%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- U.S. crude oil prices rose about 1% last week following the election results.
- Gold prices experienced their sharpest weekly decline in over five months, influenced by a stronger dollar and the market's reaction to Donald Trump's victory.
- Bitcoin outperformed all other asset classes last week with a 10.9% gain. The cryptocurrency has experienced a strong rally since the election results came in and has since proceeded to set several new all-time highs.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	0.5%	6.4%	7.5%	7.4%
Gold	-1.6%	30.5%	13.9%	13.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	2.6%	11.8%	0.0%	5.2%
Bitcoin	10.9%	80.5%	5.1%	54.2%
Ethereum	17.0%	27.5%	-14.9%	74.0%

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Upcoming Week

- As third quarter earnings season continues, it will be another week full of earnings releases including notable ones from Home Depot, Cisco Systems, and Walt Disney.
- This week we will be keeping an eye on the CPI and PPI inflation releases on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Other notable releases include Tuesday's NFIB Small Business Optimism Index and Friday's Business Inventories, Capacity Utilization, and Retail Sales figures.

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S&P Smallcap 600 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Smallcap 600 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

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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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