



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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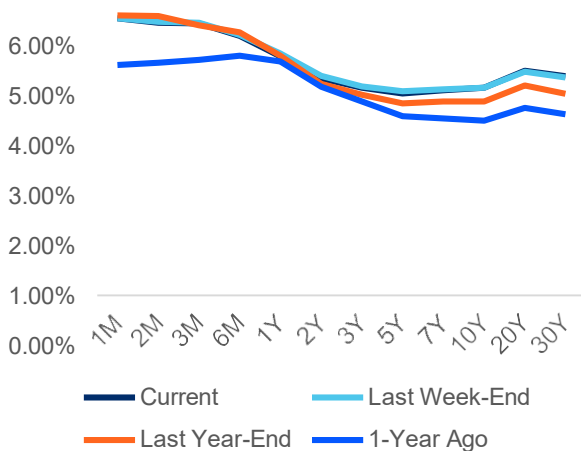
Week ending January 26, 2024

The latest data continues to show positive signs for the U.S. economy, but some corporate earnings continue to fall below expectations. At the broader economic level, GDP for the fourth quarter came in above expectations at 3.3%. This pushed the GDP for 2023 to an annualized pace of 2.5%, an improvement over 2022's rate of 1.9%. Other positive news was seen on the inflation front with the Price Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index up 0.2% for December and core PCE closing at 2.9% for the year. While still above the Federal Reserve's 2.0% target, this marked the first time core PCE has come in below 3.0% since 2021.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Bonds were mixed this week with a decrease in the yield on the 2-year US Treasury but the 30-year saw a slight increase in yield. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield was relatively flat.
- The first FOMC meeting of 2024 will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. According to the CME Fedwatch Rate Tool, Fed funds futures data is showing a 97% expectation the Fed will not adjust rates at this meeting.
- Real estate company Redfin noted severe winter weather is playing a role in slow home sales, after noting the biggest decline in pending sales in four months. Sales in warmer weather states reported more sales activity than those in the Mid-West and Northeast.

### U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of January 26, 2024

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	1.9%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	-0.4%	-1.7%	1.8%
	International Aggregate	0.1%	-2.3%	-6.0%	-1.3%
	US Aggregate	0.1%	-1.3%	-3.6%	1.0%
	US Treasury	0.0%	-1.4%	-4.1%	0.7%
	US TIPS	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.3%	2.9%
	US Corporate	0.2%	-1.1%	-3.3%	2.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.6%	-0.1%	1.9%	4.7%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.1%	-1.3%	-3.3%	1.1%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.1%	-1.1%	-1.0%	2.4%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.2%	-1.5%	-0.4%	4.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 26, 2024

### Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/26/2024	1/19/2024	12/29/2023	1/26/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.54%	5.54%	5.60%	4.61%
3 Month Treasury	5.44%	5.45%	5.40%	4.71%
6 Month Treasury	5.19%	5.21%	5.26%	4.79%
2 Year Treasury	4.34%	4.39%	4.23%	4.17%
5 Year Treasury	4.04%	4.08%	3.84%	3.58%
10 Year Treasury	4.15%	4.15%	3.88%	3.49%
30 Year Treasury	4.38%	4.36%	4.03%	3.62%
US Aggregate	4.74%	4.75%	4.53%	4.30%
US Corporate	5.23%	5.26%	5.06%	4.98%
US Corporate High Yield	7.75%	7.89%	7.59%	8.10%
US Municipal	3.47%	3.45%	3.22%	3.09%
US Municipal High Yield	5.72%	5.75%	5.57%	5.44%

### Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/26/2024	1/19/2024	12/29/2023	1/26/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.23%	0.21%	0.15%	0.13%
US Aggregate	0.59%	0.60%	0.65%	0.81%
US Corporate	1.08%	1.11%	1.18%	1.49%
US Corporate High Yield	3.60%	3.74%	3.71%	4.61%
US Municipal	-0.68%	-0.70%	-0.66%	-0.40%
US Municipal High Yield	1.57%	1.60%	1.69%	1.95%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 26, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- Equities were up again this week with the S&P 500 and the DJIA breaking above recent highs. The NASDAQ was positive for the week but under pressure following some tech earnings reports.
- This week saw most of the S&P sectors with positive gains led by Energy, which was up 5.1%. Only three sectors were negative with the largest loss seen in Consumer Discretionary, which was down 1.4%
- As mentioned, last week's earnings reports were mixed with disappointing results from Tesla and Visa, while Comcast, American Express, and IBM beat estimates. Disappointing results from Intel on Friday pushed down other chip makers, which put overall pressure on the Nasdaq index.
- Tech earnings will be the focus this week with reports scheduled from Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet (parent of Google), and Apple. This will be the largest week for earnings reports with other noteworthy releases scheduled from UPS, Starbucks, and Pfizer.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	1.1%	2.3%	10.5%	13.1%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	1.1%	2.6%	11.0%	13.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.1%	4.5%	7.9%	15.3%
	S&P 500 Value	1.0%	0.5%	13.7%	10.8%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	0.8%	-0.6%	6.9%	8.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.5%	0.3%	3.4%	8.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.2%	-1.5%	10.4%	9.0%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	1.6%	-2.1%	3.2%	7.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.9%	-1.2%	0.6%	8.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	2.2%	-2.9%	5.8%	6.9%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.8%	-1.5%	0.2%	2.1%
	MSCI EM	1.5%	-3.7%	-8.1%	-2.2%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil jumped to its highest level in two months, due to a drop in inventories and belief economic stimulus in China will help to strengthen demand.
- Gold was down slightly for the week, while Bitcoin closed the week with a gain of less than 1%.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	4.3%	5.6%	19.2%	5.7%
Gold	-0.5%	-2.9%	3.1%	8.3%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.8%	-3.7%	4.2%	6.5%
Bitcoin	0.6%	-0.2%	10.1%	31.0%
Ethereum	-9.2%	-2.1%	20.7%	16.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 26, 2024



### Upcoming Week

- In addition to the FOMC meeting and a huge earnings week, look for the February Non-Farm Payroll report on Friday. Current expectations are looking for a gain of 177,000 jobs.
- Other key releases this week include the JOLTS (Job Openings and Labor Turnover) survey, the ISM Manufacturing Index, Construction Spending, and Factory Orders.

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