



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending July 28, 2023

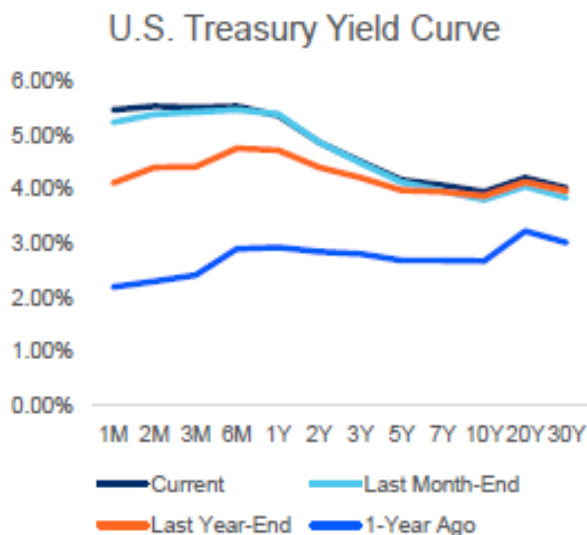
In a widely expected move, the Federal Reserve raised the Fed Funds rate by 25 basis points on Wednesday. The Fed Funds rate is now in a range of 5.25 to 5.50%, the highest level since 2001. In comments following the announcement, Fed Chairman Powell stated that there was no decision on any future rate moves but acknowledged that inflation has come down in recent months. Other news during the week reflected a positive outlook for the economy as the preliminary report on second quarter GDP came in above expectations at 2.4%, while the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index rose by 3.0% in June, down from 3.8% in the previous month.

## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- After Wednesday's rate hike, the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield reached 4.00%, but pulled back on Friday.
- The European Central Bank (ECB) also raised rates this week, but indicated they could be pausing their rate increases soon. The Bank of Japan raised their ceiling for their 10-year yield to 1.0% while also increasing their inflation forecast for the rest of the year.
- Other positive economic news during the week included U.S. Durable Goods orders jumping by 4.7% in June while personal spending rose by 0.5%.

| Asset Class  | Name                       | 1W                       | YTD    | 3Y(Ann.) | 5Y(Ann.) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| <b>Short</b> | 1-3 Year Govt/Credit       | -0.01%                   | 1.51%  | -0.83%   | 1.14%    |
|              | <b>Core Plus</b>           | Intermediate Govt/Credit | -0.20% | 1.66%    | -2.60%   |
|              | International Aggregate    | -0.28%                   | 2.22%  | -5.63%   | -0.90%   |
|              | US Aggregate               | -0.40%                   | 1.89%  | -4.43%   | 0.73%    |
|              | US Treasury                | -0.59%                   | 1.11%  | -5.21%   | 0.44%    |
|              | US TIPS                    | -0.40%                   | 1.91%  | -0.73%   | 2.62%    |
|              | US Corporate               | -0.23%                   | 3.33%  | -4.33%   | 1.64%    |
|              | US Corporate High Yield    | 0.08%                    | 6.61%  | 2.10%    | 3.41%    |
| <b>Other</b> | Emerging Markets Aggregate | 0.19%                    | 4.30%  | -3.29%   | 0.87%    |
| <b>Muni</b>  | US Municipals              | -0.27%                   | 3.09%  | -0.91%   | 1.87%    |
|              | US Municipals High Yield   | -0.39%                   | 5.07%  | 1.19%    | 2.84%    |

Source: Bloomberg as of July 28, 2023



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 28, 2023

### Interest Rates (%)

| Date                    | 7/28/2023 | 6/30/2023 | 12/30/2022 | 7/28/2022 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Federal Funds Rate      | 5.47%     | 5.24%     | 4.12%      | 2.20%     |
| 3 Month Treasury        | 5.52%     | 5.43%     | 4.42%      | 2.42%     |
| 6 Month Treasury        | 5.54%     | 5.47%     | 4.76%      | 2.90%     |
| 2 Year Treasury         | 4.87%     | 4.87%     | 4.41%      | 2.85%     |
| 5 Year Treasury         | 4.18%     | 4.13%     | 3.99%      | 2.69%     |
| 10 Year Treasury        | 3.96%     | 3.81%     | 3.88%      | 2.68%     |
| 30 Year Treasury        | 4.03%     | 3.85%     | 3.97%      | 3.02%     |
| US Aggregate            | 4.87%     | 4.81%     | 4.68%      | 3.42%     |
| US Corporate            | 5.49%     | 5.48%     | 5.42%      | 4.35%     |
| US Corporate High Yield | 8.37%     | 8.50%     | 8.96%      | 7.91%     |
| US Municipal            | 3.49%     | 3.52%     | 3.55%      | 2.81%     |
| US Municipal High Yield | 5.70%     | 5.71%     | 5.83%      | 5.03%     |

### Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

| Date                    | 7/28/2023 | 6/30/2023 | 12/30/2022 | 7/28/2022 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 30 Year Treasury        | 0.07%     | 0.04%     | 0.09%      | 0.34%     |
| US Aggregate            | 0.91%     | 1.00%     | 0.80%      | 0.74%     |
| US Corporate            | 1.53%     | 1.67%     | 1.54%      | 1.71%     |
| US Corporate High Yield | 4.41%     | 4.69%     | 5.08%      | 5.23%     |
| US Municipal            | -0.47%    | -0.29%    | -0.33%     | 0.13%     |
| US Municipal High Yield | 1.74%     | 1.90%     | 1.95%      | 2.35%     |

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## Equity Markets Overview

- All three indices were up for the week driven by positive earnings reports and upbeat news on the economy. The Nasdaq was the winner for the week, up by 2.00%.
- Equity sectors were mixed with Communication Services leading for the week with a gain of 6.9%, but Healthcare, Real Estate, and Utilities all saw losses.
- It was a huge week for earnings reports with positive reports from Procter & Gamble, McDonalds, Ford Motor, and Intel. Chipotle, Shell Oil, and Samsung were among those companies that did not meet analysts' expectations.
- Look for earnings this week from Advanced Micro Devices, Marriott, Pfizer, and Starbucks among others.

| Asset Class | Name                    | 1W    | YTD    | 3Y(Ann.) | 5Y(Ann.) |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|----------|----------|
| All-Cap     | S&P 1500                | 1.00% | 19.79% | 13.90%   | 11.73%   |
| Large-Cap   | S&P 500                 | 1.03% | 20.47% | 13.82%   | 12.14%   |
|             | S&P 500 Growth          | 1.41% | 24.75% | 10.94%   | 12.76%   |
|             | S&P 500 Value           | 0.59% | 15.81% | 16.12%   | 10.52%   |
| Mid-Cap     | S&P Midcap 400          | 0.43% | 12.85% | 14.60%   | 8.30%    |
|             | S&P Midcap 400 Growth   | 0.17% | 14.29% | 10.23%   | 7.64%    |
|             | S&P Midcap 400 Value    | 0.71% | 11.32% | 19.04%   | 8.54%    |
| Small-Cap   | S&P Smallcap 600        | 1.15% | 10.88% | 14.83%   | 5.66%    |
|             | S&P Smallcap 600 Growth | 0.91% | 11.34% | 11.11%   | 5.38%    |
|             | S&P Smallcap 600 Value  | 1.40% | 10.44% | 18.56%   | 5.68%    |
| Int'l.      | MSCI ACWI ex-USA        | 1.38% | 13.61% | 6.25%    | 3.75%    |
|             | MSCI EM                 | 2.85% | 11.02% | 1.10%    | 1.55%    |

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil surged by almost 5% this week as the market faces continued demand amid supply cuts. This marked the fifth straight week of price increases.
- Both gold and silver were down for the week. For the year to date, gold has increased by 7.4%, while silver is up 1.9%. Other precious metals have not fared as well with platinum down by 12.9% and palladium down 31.1% year to date.

| Name                   | 1W     | YTD    | 3Y (Ann.) | 5Y (Ann.) |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| S&P GSCI               | 2.93%  | 1.92%  | 27.20%    | 5.54%     |
| Gold                   | -0.32% | 7.75%  | 0.06%     | 9.81%     |
| FTSE All Equity NAREIT | -1.48% | 4.41%  | 4.98%     | 5.34%     |
| Bitcoin                | -1.88% | 76.45% | 37.62%    | 28.93%    |
| Ethereum               | -1.04% | 56.14% | 79.79%    | 32.02%    |

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### Upcoming Week

- As we head into August, look for the July non-farm payroll report to be released on Friday. Current expectations are for looking for an increase of 184,000 jobs.
- Other upcoming economic news this week includes U.S. Construction Spending and both the ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing Indices.

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