



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending September 1, 2023

The labor market was in the news this week as several reports reflected a softening employment picture. The July JOLTS report (Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey) fell to its lowest monthly level since March of 2021. This was followed by Friday's release of the August Non-Farm Payroll report which came in slightly above expectations with a gain of 187,000 but well below the past year's average of 236,000. Wage pressure came in below expectations with a monthly gain of 0.2%, while the labor force participation rate moved up to 62.8%, the highest level since February 2020. The markets reacted positively to this news on expectations that a softer jobs market will keep the Federal Reserve on hold with any rate hikes.

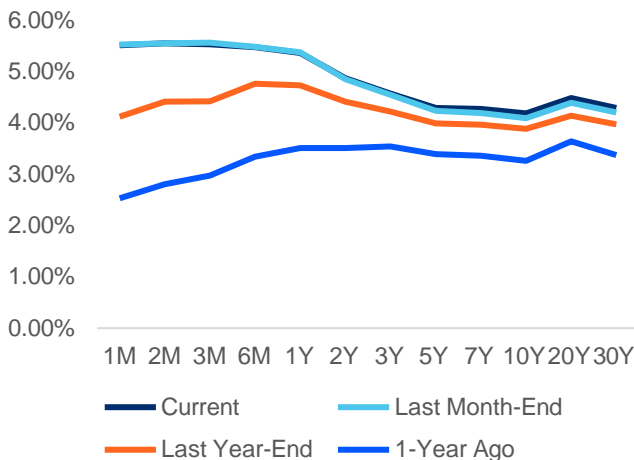
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- With last week's data showing a cooling in the labor market, increased demand for short term U.S. Treasuries pushed the 2-year yield down. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield was higher for the week.
- Other economic news this past week included a lowered revision of second quarter GDP, down to 2.1% from 2.4%, while personal spending came in above expectations, rising 0.8% in July.
- The week's economic data reduced expectations for a September rate hike by the Federal Reserve. On Friday, the CME Fedwatch Tool showed a 93% expectation of the Fed staying on hold at their September 20th FOMC meeting.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.35%	1.92%	-0.73%	1.15%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.49%	1.53%	-2.70%	1.11%
	International Aggregate	0.58%	0.32%	-6.27%	-1.29%
	US Aggregate	0.48%	0.89%	-4.68%	0.39%
	US Treasury	0.39%	0.26%	-5.33%	0.11%
	US TIPS	0.07%	0.62%	-1.62%	2.19%
	US Corporate	0.44%	2.16%	-4.61%	1.29%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.95%	7.14%	1.73%	3.32%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.56%	3.08%	-4.15%	0.92%
Muni	US Municipals	0.36%	1.57%	-1.32%	1.52%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.70%	3.46%	0.46%	2.36%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 1, 2023

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of September 1, 2023

Interest Rates (%)

Date	9/1/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/1/2022
Federal Funds Rate	5.51%	5.52%	4.12%	2.53%
3 Month Treasury	5.53%	5.56%	4.42%	2.97%
6 Month Treasury	5.47%	5.48%	4.76%	3.34%
2 Year Treasury	4.87%	4.85%	4.41%	3.51%
5 Year Treasury	4.29%	4.23%	3.99%	3.39%
10 Year Treasury	4.18%	4.09%	3.88%	3.26%
30 Year Treasury	4.29%	4.20%	3.97%	3.37%
US Aggregate	5.03%	4.97%	4.68%	4.04%
US Corporate	5.68%	5.61%	5.42%	4.94%
US Corporate High Yield	8.40%	8.41%	8.96%	8.57%
US Municipal	3.79%	3.79%	3.55%	3.37%
US Municipal High Yield	5.88%	5.87%	5.83%	5.41%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	9/1/2023	8/31/2023	12/30/2022	9/1/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.11%	0.11%	0.09%	0.11%
US Aggregate	0.85%	0.88%	0.80%	0.78%
US Corporate	1.50%	1.52%	1.54%	1.68%
US Corporate High Yield	4.22%	4.32%	5.08%	5.31%
US Municipal	-0.39%	-0.30%	-0.33%	0.11%
US Municipal High Yield	1.70%	1.78%	1.95%	2.15%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 1, 2023

Equity Markets Overview

- All three equity indices were positive for the week, but by varying margins. The Nasdaq was the winner for the week rising 3.3%, while the S&P followed with a gain of 2.5% and the Dow Jones had an increase of 1.6%. The top performing sector was Information Technology with a gain of 4.4%, while Utilities was the worst performer of the week down 1.6%.
- While the week was positive, it was not enough to turn the indices positive for the month of August. Each of the three major indices were down for the month, with the Dow Jones down by 2.5%, the Nasdaq down 2.2% and the S&P down 1.7%
- Positive earnings reports were seen from Salesforce, Lululemon, and UBS, while HP and Brown Foreman fell below expectations.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	2.63%	18.22%	9.96%	10.72%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	2.55%	18.95%	9.75%	11.16%
	S&P 500 Growth	2.88%	24.31%	5.97%	11.74%
	S&P 500 Value	2.15%	13.09%	13.73%	9.59%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	3.55%	11.07%	12.41%	7.17%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	3.20%	13.19%	8.08%	6.59%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	3.93%	8.85%	16.88%	7.34%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	3.61%	8.33%	12.10%	4.03%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	3.46%	9.64%	8.76%	3.62%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	3.76%	7.04%	15.42%	4.17%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.38%	8.85%	3.79%	3.35%
	MSCI EM	1.51%	5.12%	-1.72%	1.09%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 1, 2023

Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil was up following reports of a drop in U.S. oil inventories that was greater than expected. It was also noted that Saudi Arabi is extending an oil production cut into October. The price per barrel closed higher by over 6.5% for the week.
- The price of gold rose for the second week in a row on reduced expectations for a September Fed rate hike.
- On Thursday, the Securities and Exchange Commission delayed any decision on Bitcoin ETF applications. The price of Bitcoin fell on this news and closed down 11% for the month of August.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.49%	4.33%	27.26%	5.80%
Gold	1.31%	6.99%	-0.11%	10.05%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.67%	1.50%	3.58%	3.78%
Bitcoin	-1.44%	54.19%	31.05%	29.45%
Ethereum	-1.72%	34.83%	55.03%	41.68%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 1, 2023



Upcoming Week

- Look for a few key economic reports this week including U.S. factory orders, the ISM Non-Manufacturing Index, and U.S. Consumer Credit.
- Other market news will include the Fed's latest Beige Book Survey and U.S. Consumer Credit.

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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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