

Capital Markets Snapshot

Week ending April 14, 2023

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This week's Consumer Price Index (CPI) report was in line with expectations with a yearly increase of 5.0%, while the Core CPI, which excludes food and gasoline prices, moved slightly higher to 5.6%. While both metrics seem to indicate moderating inflation, the readings remain above Federal Reserve's target inflation rate of 2.0%. The Producer Price Index (PPI) surprised to the downside with a decline to an annual rate of 2.75%, its lowest level in 2 years. Both the CPI and PPI reports are leading many market participants to believe that the Fed may be reaching the end of their rate hiking cycle. However, at the close on Friday, interest rate futures were still leaning towards the Federal Reserve raising rates by 25 basis points at their May meeting.

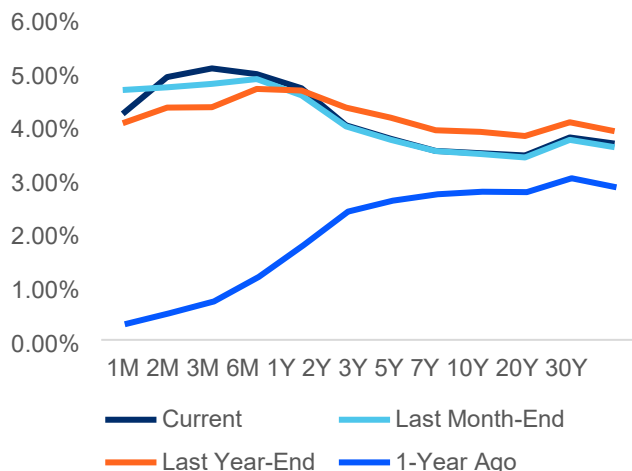
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. Treasury yields were up for the week but remain below the recent highs seen in early March.
- Despite the improvement in yields, the spread between the 2- and 10-year U.S. Treasury remains inverted, with a difference of 59 basis points at the end of the week.
- In other economic news this week, U.S. retail sales fell by 1.0% in March, led by declines in autos and appliances. Other notable declines were seen at furniture and clothing retailers. Economists expect retail sales to remain weak as the consumer deals with higher interest rates and continuing inflationary pressures.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.07%	1.62%	-0.62%	1.24%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.24%	2.48%	-1.63%	1.47%
	International Aggregate	-0.47%	3.23%	-3.69%	-1.27%
	US Aggregate	-0.48%	2.97%	-3.29%	0.95%
	US Treasury	-0.64%	2.92%	-4.44%	0.80%
	US TIPS	-0.47%	3.22%	0.62%	2.89%
	US Corporate	-0.33%	3.63%	-2.07%	1.65%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.76%	4.44%	4.41%	3.16%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.15%	2.58%	-0.47%	0.39%
Muni	US Municipals	0.11%	3.83%	0.49%	2.21%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.16%	4.22%	3.44%	3.28%

Source: Bloomberg as of April 14, 2023

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of April 14, 2023

Interest Rates (%)

Date	4/14/2023	3/31/2023	12/30/2022	4/14/2022
Federal Funds Rate	4.29%	4.74%	4.12%	0.37%
3 Month Treasury	5.14%	4.85%	4.42%	0.79%
6 Month Treasury	5.03%	4.94%	4.76%	1.25%
2 Year Treasury	4.08%	4.06%	4.41%	2.47%
5 Year Treasury	3.60%	3.60%	3.99%	2.79%
10 Year Treasury	3.52%	3.48%	3.88%	2.83%
30 Year Treasury	3.74%	3.67%	3.97%	2.92%
US Aggregate	4.41%	4.40%	4.68%	3.28%
US Corporate	5.15%	5.17%	5.42%	4.02%
US Corporate High Yield	8.40%	8.52%	8.96%	6.50%
US Municipal	3.09%	3.25%	3.55%	2.89%
US Municipal High Yield	5.57%	5.68%	5.83%	4.58%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	4/14/2023	3/31/2023	12/30/2022	4/14/2022
30 Year Treasury	0.22%	0.19%	0.09%	0.09%
US Aggregate	0.89%	0.92%	0.80%	0.45%
US Corporate	1.63%	1.69%	1.54%	1.19%
US Corporate High Yield	4.88%	5.04%	5.08%	3.67%
US Municipal	-0.43%	-0.23%	-0.33%	0.06%
US Municipal High Yield	2.05%	2.20%	1.95%	1.75%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of April 14, 2023

Equity Markets Overview

- All three major equity indices showed small but positive moves for the week.
- The S&P Sectors were mixed with gains seen in the Financials, Energy, and Industrial sectors, while Real Estate and Utilities declined for the week.
- Earnings season started with positive results from several large banks, including JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo, who all exceeding analysts' estimates. All three banks cited higher interest rates as the drivers behind their positive earnings but also stated they were building up loan loss reserves in preparation for an economic slowdown later this year.
- Delta Airlines earnings fell below expectations, but the company is expecting a strong second quarter on the outlook for travel demand.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.88%	7.81%	16.29%	10.82%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.82%	8.31%	15.97%	11.21%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.71%	10.76%	13.96%	12.00%
	S&P 500 Value	0.94%	5.64%	16.86%	9.40%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.76%	2.92%	19.95%	7.42%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.98%	4.79%	16.13%	6.72%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.52%	0.98%	23.61%	7.72%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	1.22%	1.03%	20.44%	5.65%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	1.46%	0.76%	16.85%	5.50%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.98%	1.36%	23.90%	5.55%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.01%	9.35%	11.60%	2.65%
	MSCI EM	1.39%	5.11%	6.56%	-0.69%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- The price of oil continued to move higher this week, as supply concerns remain elevated following the announcement of OPEC production cuts in the previous week.
- Bitcoin moved higher this week, climbing above \$30,000 on Tuesday. The cryptocurrency has not seen this level since June of 2022.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.61%	-0.86%	32.70%	5.13%
Gold	0.87%	11.34%	5.52%	8.49%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.62%	-0.62%	6.94%	6.02%
Bitcoin	8.12%	82.66%	65.06%	30.86%
Ethereum	11.64%	74.24%	136.82%	33.45%

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Upcoming Week

- This week will provide a picture of the U.S. Housing market with multiple reports including the Housing Market Index from the National Association of Home Builders, U.S. Housing Starts and Existing Home Sales.
- Earning season will continue with reports scheduled this week from a variety of companies including Netflix, Johnson and Johnson, Tesla, and United Airlines.

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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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