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Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending August 30, 2024

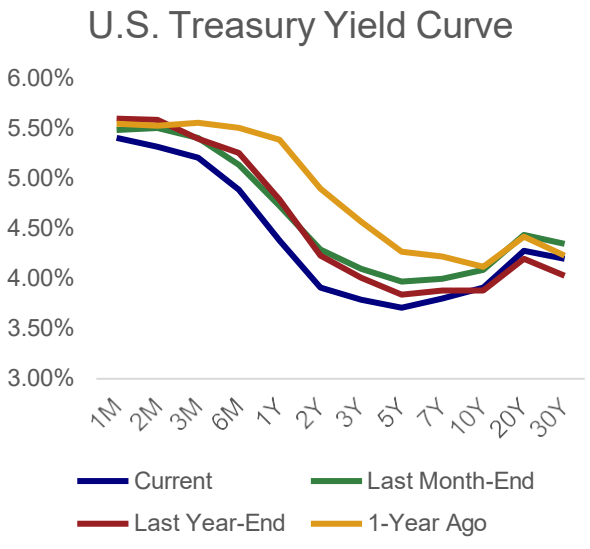
Last week, the major indices were mostly flat or slightly down. Despite the volatility shock to start the month, all three indices managed to close August with slight positive gains. Economic data continues to support the potential of the Federal Reserve achieving a soft landing; last week, we saw an upward revision of Q2 GDP growth, the PCE report indicated moderating inflation, and initial unemployment claims came in below estimates. Following their recent interest rate cut, Eurozone countries continue to see inflation decrease as they reported inflation hitting its lowest level in nearly 3 years. Despite all this positive news, the S&P 500 ended the week just shy of a new all-time high while gold continued to push higher, which could be a sign of continued uncertainty in the short-term.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Short-term yields saw a moderate drop, while long-term yields increased slightly. This resulted in the 2- and 10-year rates ending the week equal, a potential sign the recent two-year plus inverted yield curve may be nearing its end.
- Market expectations around potential rate cuts from the Fed remain high, with expectations of a potentially longer cutting cycle with pauses between cuts increasing. As of Friday, Bloomberg forecasts suggest 100 basis points of cuts by the year-end.
- Mortgage rates fell last week and are expected to continue declining if the Federal Reserve begins cutting interest rates. While it may take time for mortgage rates to reach attractive enough levels, decreasing rates should help increase home buyer demand.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	3.5%	1.2%	1.5%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.2%	3.6%	-0.4%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	-0.5%	1.9%	-4.2%	-1.4%
	US Aggregate	-0.5%	3.1%	-2.1%	0.0%
	US Treasury	-0.5%	2.6%	-2.5%	-0.6%
	US TIPS	-0.4%	3.3%	-1.3%	2.0%
	US Corporate	-0.6%	3.5%	-2.1%	0.7%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	6.3%	2.5%	4.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	6.3%	-1.3%	1.0%
Muni	US Municipals	0.0%	1.3%	-0.5%	1.0%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.0%	6.5%	0.5%	2.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 30, 2024



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of August 30, 2024

Interest Rates (%)

Date	8/30/2024	7/31/2024	12/29/2023	8/30/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.41%	5.49%	5.60%	5.55%
3 Month Treasury	5.21%	5.41%	5.40%	5.56%
6 Month Treasury	4.89%	5.14%	5.26%	5.51%
2 Year Treasury	3.91%	4.29%	4.23%	4.90%
5 Year Treasury	3.71%	3.97%	3.84%	4.27%
10 Year Treasury	3.91%	4.09%	3.88%	4.12%
30 Year Treasury	4.20%	4.35%	4.03%	4.23%
US Aggregate	4.42%	4.64%	4.53%	5.00%
US Corporate	4.94%	5.14%	5.06%	5.64%
US Corporate High Yield	7.30%	7.59%	7.59%	8.42%
US Municipal	3.45%	3.58%	3.22%	3.80%
US Municipal High Yield	5.29%	5.42%	5.57%	5.90%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	8/30/2024	7/31/2024	12/29/2023	8/30/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.29%	0.26%	0.15%	0.11%
US Aggregate	0.51%	0.55%	0.65%	0.88%
US Corporate	1.03%	1.05%	1.18%	1.52%
US Corporate High Yield	3.39%	3.50%	3.71%	4.30%
US Municipal	-0.46%	-0.51%	-0.66%	-0.32%
US Municipal High Yield	1.38%	1.33%	1.69%	1.78%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 30, 2024

Equity Markets Overview

- Major index performance was mixed, the Dow Jones lead the pack with a 1% rise over the week, while the S&P 500 was mostly flat posting a 0.3% gain, and the Nasdaq fell nearly -1%.
- Sector performance was mixed as we saw another week of rotation from growth in favor of value sectors. Last week, Financials and Industrials rose the most with gains of 2.9% and 1.7%, respectively. Technology and Telecommunications posted the biggest losses at -1.5% and -0.7%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, large cap stocks slightly outperformed but it was a relatively mild week across the board. However, when looking at style performance, we saw value outperform growth across all market caps, with the largest outperformance in the large cap space.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.2%	18.8%	9.0%	15.6%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.3%	19.5%	9.4%	15.9%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.7%	24.6%	6.9%	17.0%
	S&P 500 Value	1.5%	14.1%	11.5%	13.8%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.1%	12.2%	5.6%	12.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.6%	15.5%	4.4%	11.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.4%	8.7%	6.7%	12.3%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.1%	8.4%	2.9%	10.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.0%	11.7%	2.1%	10.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.2%	5.1%	3.4%	10.5%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.4%	11.2%	2.1%	7.6%
	MSCI EM	0.0%	9.5%	-3.1%	4.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 30, 2024

Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices fell slightly to end the week on expectations of an increase in OPEC supply starting in October. A headwind for short-term supply, Libya lost nearly 65% of its total oil production, due to an internal conflict, that could result in losses upwards of 1 million barrels per day for several weeks.
- Gold continued to post a new all-time high last week before pulling back slightly to end the week. The precious metal still ended the week above $2,500 per ounce and posting a 22% gain for the year to date.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-0.6%	5.3%	11.0%	8.4%
Gold	-0.7%	22.0%	11.6%	10.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.6%	10.7%	0.4%	4.8%
Bitcoin	-7.9%	40.5%	7.7%	44.0%
Ethereum	-8.7%	8.8%	-9.7%	71.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 30, 2024



Upcoming Week

- This short week has some important releases worth monitoring including the ISM Manufacturing (9/3) and Non-Manufacturing Indices (9/5) as well as labor market data: JOLTS Job Openings (9/4), jobless claims (9/5), unemployment rate (9/6), and new job growth (9/5).
- Important earnings releases this week to look for include Dick's Sporting Goods, Dollar Tree, and Broadcom.

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