

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 17, 2025

Last week was a strong positive week for most asset classes, with particularly strong returns for US equities and Bitcoin. The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield briefly reached a 14-month high of 4.8% before retreating due to encouraging inflation data, with core CPI unexpectedly edging lower. Despite strong economic growth and policy uncertainty, the Federal Reserve showed no urgency to cut rates further, leading investors to scale back their expectations for rate cuts this year. The start of the earnings season highlighted the influence of corporate profits on stock market performance, with banks reporting strong results. Overall, the markets saw a mix of volatility and positive momentum, driven by economic and corporate strength.

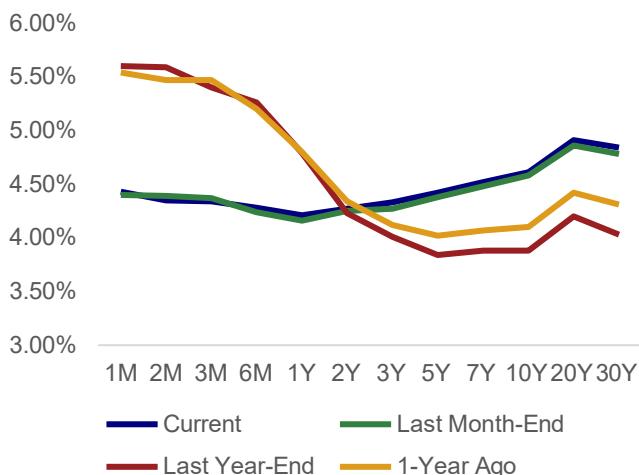
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Government bond yields fell for almost all maturities following the promising inflation data and expectations increasing the Federal Reserve may not cut rates as much as previously expected. Without the Federal Reserve resuming a tightening policy, yields may not rise much further from their current levels.
- Expectations around future potential rate cuts from the Fed have diminished since the rate cutting cycle began. In September 2024, 10 rate cuts by the end of 2025 were expected, which has since fallen to only 1 for the remainder of the year.
- Mortgage rates have risen for the fifth week in a row, surpassing seven percent for the first time since May 2024, driven by the strong economy.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.3%	0.2%	1.9%	1.5%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.6%	0.1%	0.2%	0.8%
	International Aggregate	0.9%	-0.4%	-4.3%	-2.0%
	US Aggregate	1.0%	0.0%	-1.8%	-0.4%
	US Treasury	0.8%	0.0%	-2.3%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	0.9%	0.5%	-1.3%	1.9%
	US Corporate	1.1%	0.0%	-1.5%	0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.8%	0.8%	3.5%	4.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Muni	US Municipals	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.7%	-0.3%	0.4%	2.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 17, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 17, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/17/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/17/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.43%	4.40%	5.60%	5.54%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.37%	5.40%	5.47%
6 Month Treasury	4.28%	4.24%	5.26%	5.20%
2 Year Treasury	4.27%	4.25%	4.23%	4.34%
5 Year Treasury	4.42%	4.38%	3.84%	4.02%
10 Year Treasury	4.61%	4.58%	3.88%	4.10%
30 Year Treasury	4.84%	4.78%	4.03%	4.31%
US Aggregate	4.94%	4.91%	4.53%	4.72%
US Corporate	5.38%	5.33%	5.06%	5.24%
US Corporate High Yield	7.29%	7.49%	7.59%	7.91%
US Municipal	3.80%	3.74%	3.22%	3.38%
US Municipal High Yield	5.55%	5.52%	5.57%	5.67%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/17/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/17/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.23%	0.20%	0.15%	0.21%
US Aggregate	0.33%	0.33%	0.65%	0.62%
US Corporate	0.77%	0.75%	1.18%	1.14%
US Corporate High Yield	2.68%	2.91%	3.71%	3.81%
US Municipal	-0.81%	-0.84%	-0.66%	-0.72%
US Municipal High Yield	0.94%	0.94%	1.69%	1.57%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 17, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities posted an extremely strong week ending their recent skid. All three major indices posted gains for the week. The Dow Jones led the pack with a 3.7% gain, followed by the S&P 500's 2.9% and the Nasdaq's 2.5%.
- All 11 sectors of the S&P 500 were positive for the week. Energy, Financials, and Materials sectors led the way posting gains over 6%. Healthcare brought up the rear as the only sector with less than a 1% gain, rising only 0.3% for the week.
- From a size perspective, mid-cap stocks won the week just edging out small caps with large cap stocks bringing up the rear posting a respectable 2.9% gain. In terms of style performance, value stocks outpaced their growth counterparts across all market cap sizes.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	3.0%	2.1%	10.1%	13.9%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	2.9%	2.0%	10.5%	14.3%
	S&P 500 Growth	2.7%	2.4%	10.4%	16.5%
	S&P 500 Value	3.2%	1.7%	9.3%	10.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	4.5%	3.9%	6.9%	10.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	4.4%	4.2%	6.8%	10.5%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	4.7%	3.5%	6.9%	10.7%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	4.4%	2.4%	3.1%	8.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	4.2%	3.1%	2.8%	8.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	4.5%	1.8%	3.1%	8.4%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.7%	0.7%	0.8%	3.9%
	MSCI EM	1.3%	-0.4%	-2.6%	1.0%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices posted their fourth consecutive weekly gains as the latest U.S. sanctions on Russian energy trade added to worries about oil supply disruptions.
- Gold prices were up for the third consecutive week despite inflation data, likely a reflection of uncertainty surrounding the impacts of President-elect Trump's upcoming term from a policy perspective.
- Bitcoin posted a strong gain of 10.7% for the week ending the week just under the \$105k price level, likely due to bullish attitudes surrounding President Trump's inauguration and his pro-crypto sentiment.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.7%	6.1%	9.4%	8.9%
Gold	1.6%	5.1%	15.1%	12.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	4.4%	0.4%	-2.4%	2.9%
Bitcoin	10.7%	12.2%	35.5%	63.9%
Ethereum	7.6%	5.2%	2.0%	83.4%

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Upcoming Week

- Despite the short week it will be a packed week of earnings releases. Notable releases this week include Netflix, GE Vernova, and American Express.
- Similarly, there will be a variety of important economic releases coming this week. We will be monitoring the Conference Board's leading economic index (Wednesday), jobless claims (Thursday), and Consumer Sentiment, Home Sales, and S&P Global PMI data (Friday).

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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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