

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 10, 2025

Last week, markets experienced a mix of positive economic data and political developments. Labor market data exceeded expectations, with significant job gains and declining unemployment rates. However, this strong economic performance led to a reassessment of the likelihood of central-bank rate cuts in 2024, as more participants are expecting a pause in cuts and expectations for only one rate cut in the back half of the year are increasing. Changes to interest rate expectations and the strong economic data led government bond yields to rise and stock markets to decline. Despite these changes, the overall economic fundamentals remain resilient, evidenced by strong job gains, decreasing unemployment, and positive economic growth.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

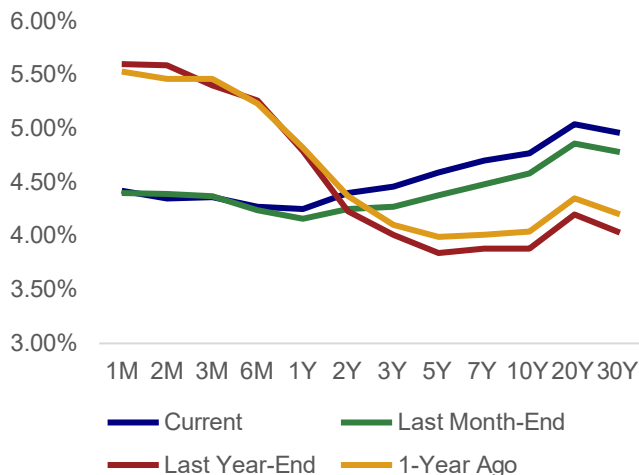
- Government bond yields on all maturities 1-year or longer rose 7-19 basis points last week, as strong labor market data led to cooling expectations on multiple rate cuts this year.
- Expectations around future potential rate cuts from the Fed diminished some this week, primarily driven by this morning's strong jobs data. Probabilities are suggesting one 25-basis point cut in September, last week expectations were for this to occur in June.
- In the first full week of the new year, mortgage rates continued to increase and closed the week at just under 7 percent. The continued strength of the economy has put upward pressure on mortgage rates, which along with high home prices continues to impact housing affordability.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.8%	1.5%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
	International Aggregate	-1.0%	-1.3%	-4.5%	-2.2%
	US Aggregate	-0.9%	-1.0%	-2.2%	-0.6%
	US Treasury	-0.8%	-0.9%	-2.6%	-1.0%
	US TIPS	-0.3%	-0.5%	-1.7%	1.7%
	US Corporate	-1.0%	-1.1%	-1.9%	0.0%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.3%	0.0%	3.3%	4.1%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.5%	0.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.2%	-0.9%	0.2%	2.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 10, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of January 10, 2025



Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/10/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/10/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.42%	4.40%	5.60%	5.53%
3 Month Treasury	4.36%	4.37%	5.40%	5.46%
6 Month Treasury	4.27%	4.24%	5.26%	5.23%
2 Year Treasury	4.40%	4.25%	4.23%	4.37%
5 Year Treasury	4.59%	4.38%	3.84%	3.99%
10 Year Treasury	4.77%	4.58%	3.88%	4.04%
30 Year Treasury	4.96%	4.78%	4.03%	4.20%
US Aggregate	5.09%	4.91%	4.53%	4.68%
US Corporate	5.52%	5.33%	5.06%	5.21%
US Corporate High Yield	7.52%	7.49%	7.59%	7.81%
US Municipal	3.83%	3.74%	3.22%	3.29%
US Municipal High Yield	5.61%	5.52%	5.57%	5.62%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/10/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/10/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.19%	0.20%	0.15%	0.16%
US Aggregate	0.32%	0.33%	0.65%	0.64%
US Corporate	0.75%	0.75%	1.18%	1.17%
US Corporate High Yield	2.75%	2.91%	3.71%	3.77%
US Municipal	-0.94%	-0.84%	-0.66%	-0.75%
US Municipal High Yield	0.84%	0.94%	1.69%	1.58%

Source:
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Equity Markets Overview

- US equities continue to skid to start 2025, which has thus far delivered rising interest rates and falling stock prices. All three major indices retreated last week. The Dow Jones held up best posting a 1.83% loss, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq fell the most by retreating 2.34%.
- It was a largely negative week for sectors with 8 of 11 posting losses and the 3 with gains rising less than 1%. Real Estate, Technology, and Financial Services were the biggest losers falling 4.1%, 3.1%, and 2.7%, respectively. Materials, Healthcare, and Energy stocks were the only winners last week rising 0.14%, 0.52%, and 0.9%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, mid-cap stocks held up the best relative to their large- and small-cap peers, while small-caps lost the most ground retreating almost 3% last week. From a style perspective, value outperformed growth in the large- and mid-cap segments, but growth outperformed in small-caps.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-1.9%	-0.9%	8.9%	13.7%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.9%	-0.9%	9.3%	14.1%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.1%	-0.2%	9.2%	16.5%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.7%	-1.4%	8.4%	10.2%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.7%	-0.7%	5.4%	10.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.7%	-0.2%	5.0%	9.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.6%	-1.2%	5.6%	10.2%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-2.8%	-1.8%	1.8%	8.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.6%	-1.1%	1.5%	8.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.0%	-2.6%	2.0%	7.9%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.8%	-1.0%	0.8%	3.8%
	MSCI EM	-1.5%	-1.6%	-2.5%	1.0%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices continue their multi-week march upward as prices rose about 3% last week due to market reactions to the US sanctions targeting Russian oil and gas revenues as well as the prolonged cold snap across the US and Europe.
- Gold prices were up for the week despite strong labor market data, possibly an indication of increasing uncertainty surrounding what President-elect Trump's upcoming term will bring from a policy perspective.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.6%	4.4%	10.3%	8.3%
Gold	2.9%	3.4%	14.9%	11.8%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-4.2%	-3.9%	-4.1%	2.6%
Bitcoin	-3.7%	1.3%	31.4%	63.6%
Ethereum	-9.4%	-2.3%	1.9%	86.9%

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Upcoming Week

- As we kick off Q4 earnings season, the back half of the week will be loaded with more earnings releases than the front. Notable releases this week include JPMorgan (and other major banks), UnitedHealth Group, and SLB.
- It is another busy week for economic data. Some key economic releases this week include PPI (Tuesday) and CPI (Wednesday) inflation figures and retail sales data (Thursday).

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