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Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending March 28, 2025

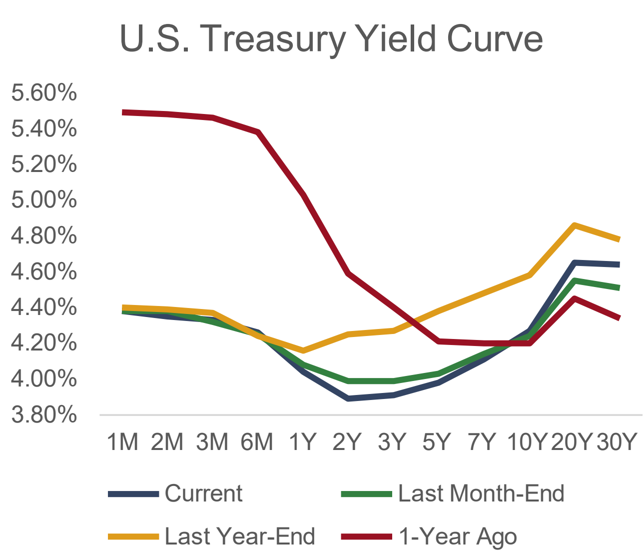
Last week, equity markets experienced significant volatility due to the announcement of a 25% tariff on all non-U.S. made autos, which is set to take effect on April 3. This move led to a decline in shares of automakers and parts suppliers, particularly in countries with large auto exposure like Germany and South Korea. Additionally, consumer confidence waned, and core PCE prices increased more than expected, suggesting higher inflation pressures and further dampening investor sentiment. Personal spending came in softer than expected, indicating higher prices might be impacting consumer behavior. Despite these challenges, corporate profits are rising, and the private sector continues to add jobs at a healthy pace. The Federal Reserve is maintaining a wait-and-see approach before taking any further action with respect to interest rates. Once the focus on tariffs passes, there is potential for pro-growth policy measures being announced in the second half of the year. Given the heightened uncertainty in the markets, it remains prudent to ensure portfolios are sufficiently diversified.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The 2Y/10Y yield spread between U.S. Treasuries experienced some steepening and remains positive as markets digested the impact of tariffs, potential inflation, and longer-term growth implications. Positive values may imply future growth, negative values may imply economic downturns.
- Expectations around potential rate cuts from the Federal Reserve remained relatively unchanged despite warmer-than-expected inflation data as participants continue to forecast two 25 bps rate cuts for the rest of the year with the first expected in June/July.
- Mortgage rates ticked down slightly last week, which is good news for potential buyers and sellers. This can be seen with home sale activity picking up slightly as there was a 2% increase from January to February, but home sales are still down almost 4% from a year prior suggesting the higher rates are still a headwind on housing activity.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	1.6%	3.1%	1.5%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	2.3%	2.3%	0.9%
	International Aggregate	0.0%	2.5%	-1.3%	-1.4%
	US Aggregate	0.0%	2.5%	0.7%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	0.0%	2.6%	0.1%	-1.7%
	US TIPS	0.5%	3.7%	-0.2%	2.2%
	US Corporate	-0.2%	2.1%	1.5%	1.8%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.4%	1.1%	5.3%	7.6%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.3%	2.3%	4.0%	3.1%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.9%	-0.6%	1.5%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.7%	0.4%	2.7%	4.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of March 28, 2025



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of March 28, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	3/28/2025	2/28/2025	12/31/2024	3/28/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.38%	4.38%	4.40%	5.49%
3 Month Treasury	4.33%	4.32%	4.37%	5.46%
6 Month Treasury	4.26%	4.25%	4.24%	5.38%
2 Year Treasury	3.89%	3.99%	4.25%	4.59%
5 Year Treasury	3.98%	4.03%	4.38%	4.21%
10 Year Treasury	4.27%	4.24%	4.58%	4.20%
30 Year Treasury	4.64%	4.51%	4.78%	4.34%
US Aggregate	4.62%	4.58%	4.91%	4.85%
US Corporate	5.17%	5.08%	5.33%	5.30%
US Corporate High Yield	7.72%	7.15%	7.49%	7.66%
US Municipal	3.90%	3.55%	3.74%	3.49%
US Municipal High Yield	5.62%	5.43%	5.52%	5.50%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	3/28/2025	2/28/2025	12/31/2024	3/28/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.37%	0.27%	0.20%	0.14%
US Aggregate	0.35%	0.34%	0.33%	0.65%
US Corporate	0.90%	0.84%	0.75%	1.10%
US Corporate High Yield	3.45%	2.91%	2.91%	3.46%
US Municipal	-0.37%	-0.69%	-0.84%	-0.71%
US Municipal High Yield	1.35%	1.19%	0.94%	1.30%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of March 28, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- The downward trend for US equities resumed last week as the S&P 500 posted a weekly loss for the fifth time in six weeks. All three major US indices were down for the week, Nasdaq retreated the most, falling 2.6%, followed by the S&P 500's 1.5% loss, and the Dow Jones' 1% slip.
- Most sectors posted losses ranging from a few basis points to almost 4%. The week's biggest losers were Technology, Telecommunications, and Industrials falling 3.7%, 2.3%, and 1.3%, respectively. Consumer Staples, Energy, and Real Estate were among the few winners posting gains of 1.7%, 0.8%, and 0.5%, respectively.
- There were modest differences in performance from a size perspective last week, mid-caps led the way followed closely by small and large cap, respectively. US large caps have given up less ground on a year-to-date basis than their smaller peers.
- From a style perspective, value outpaced growth in US large and mid-caps while the opposite was true for their small cap peers. On a year-to-date basis, value has held up particularly well in large and mid-cap segments but has fallen just over 10% in the small cap segment.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-1.5%	-5.0%	8.1%	18.7%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.5%	-4.8%	8.5%	18.9%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.5%	-8.7%	7.2%	19.2%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.5%	-0.6%	8.8%	17.3%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.0%	-6.3%	4.1%	17.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.3%	-8.4%	3.2%	14.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.7%	-4.0%	4.8%	19.4%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.2%	-9.4%	0.4%	15.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-1.2%	-8.7%	0.5%	14.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-1.3%	-10.1%	0.0%	16.7%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.0%	7.2%	5.6%	11.6%
	MSCI EM	-0.9%	4.7%	2.6%	8.5%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil gained for a third consecutive week after Washington ratcheted up pressure on OPEC members Venezuela and Iran. The uncertainty regarding US trade/tariff policies is leading to some increasing volatility in oil prices.
- Gold prices continued to surge last week, as investors seek safe-haven asset due to the increased uncertainty surrounding the impacts of U.S. tariffs on global trade. Gold has set 18 new all-time highs so far this year.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	0.5%	3.5%	-0.2%	19.9%
Gold	2.2%	17.9%	17.0%	13.5%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.6%	1.8%	-1.6%	9.3%
Bitcoin	-0.3%	-10.4%	20.4%	68.1%
Ethereum	-5.0%	-43.9%	-18.1%	68.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of March 28, 2025

Upcoming Week

- It is another relatively busy week for economic releases. We will be monitoring Tuesday's ISM Manufacturing report, Thursday's Trade Balance and Jobless Claims releases, plus Friday's Nonfarm Payrolls and Unemployment reports.
- Fed Chair Powell is slated to speak on Friday to provide an update on the US Economic Outlook.

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S&P 500 Index includes approximately 500 leading companies that covers approximately 80% of available U.S. equity market capitalization.

S&P 500 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P 500 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

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S&P Midcap 400 Index is distinct from the large-cap S&P 500 and designed to measure the performance of 400 U.S. mid-sized companies, which have differing liquidity and growth potential than large and small cap companies.

S&P Midcap 400 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Midcap 400 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Midcap 400 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Midcap 400 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

S&P Smallcap 600 Index measures the performance of 600 small-sized U.S. companies to reflect the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market, which is typically known for less liquidity than large cap stocks.

S&P Smallcap 600 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Smallcap 600 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

MSCI ACWI ex-US Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the US) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

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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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