

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 9, 2025

US large cap stocks traded lower to start the week, then trended upward as positive trade news broke around a trade deal with the UK and developing talks with China. Despite the late week rally, US large caps posted modest losses for the week. US mid- and small caps as well as international stocks posted modest gains. Unsurprisingly, the Federal Reserve left the fed funds rate unchanged, highlighting risks of higher inflation and unemployment. Chair Powell maintained his message of waiting for more data to be available on the impacts of tariffs and other metrics before taking further action. Key economic readings related to the services sector were mixed but remained in expansion territory. The start of positive trade developments is reassuring. The US still has a healthy labor market. Despite slowing, corporate earnings are still projected to grow. Increased trade uncertainty is likely to lead to increased volatility and potentially slower economic growth in the short-term. Potential tax reform or deregulation efforts following these trade negotiations could provide stimulus to the markets.

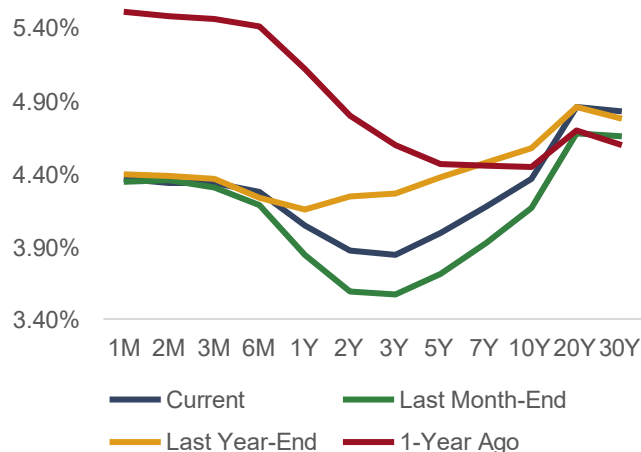
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Yields rose an average of 3.6 basis points across the yield curve, as bond markets booked a small loss following the announcement of a tariff negotiation framework between the US and UK.
- Expectations for rate cuts from the Fed continued to ease on the back of positive trade developments. Bloomberg expectations for a 25-basis point cut at the June FOMC meeting fell to 17% to 37%, and expected number of rate cuts in 2025 fell to 2.7 from 3.2.
- Mortgage rates were flat for the week at 6.76%. Relative to last year, rates are lower and more stable, which has sparked increases in mortgage applications.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	2.0%	3.3%	1.4%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.1%	2.6%	2.9%	0.6%
	International Aggregate	-0.5%	4.7%	1.3%	-1.2%
	US Aggregate	-0.2%	2.2%	1.9%	-0.8%
	US Treasury	-0.3%	2.4%	1.1%	-1.8%
	US TIPS	0.0%	3.4%	1.2%	1.7%
	US Corporate	-0.1%	1.5%	3.1%	0.6%
Other	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	1.5%	7.2%	6.3%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.1%	2.1%	5.6%	2.4%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	-0.8%	2.6%	1.0%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.0%	-0.7%	4.1%	4.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 9, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 9, 2025

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	5/9/2025	4/30/2025	12/31/2024	5/9/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.37%	4.35%	4.40%	5.51%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.31%	4.37%	5.46%
6 Month Treasury	4.28%	4.19%	4.24%	5.41%
2 Year Treasury	3.88%	3.60%	4.25%	4.80%
5 Year Treasury	4.00%	3.72%	4.38%	4.47%
10 Year Treasury	4.37%	4.17%	4.58%	4.45%
30 Year Treasury	4.83%	4.66%	4.78%	4.60%
US Aggregate	4.71%	4.51%	4.91%	5.06%
US Corporate	5.30%	5.14%	5.33%	5.50%
US Corporate High Yield	7.74%	7.90%	7.49%	7.89%
US Municipal	4.03%	4.06%	3.74%	3.61%
US Municipal High Yield	5.81%	5.84%	5.52%	5.53%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	5/9/2025	4/30/2025	12/31/2024	5/9/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.46%	0.49%	0.20%	0.15%
US Aggregate	0.34%	0.34%	0.33%	0.61%
US Corporate	0.93%	0.97%	0.75%	1.05%
US Corporate High Yield	3.37%	3.73%	2.91%	3.44%
US Municipal	-0.34%	-0.11%	-0.84%	-0.84%
US Municipal High Yield	1.44%	1.67%	0.94%	1.08%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 9, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- US large caps experienced a modest consolidation last week, while other equity markets posted gains. The S&P 500 lagged the Nasdaq and Dow Jones indices, as all three slid between 0.14% - 0.45%.
- Sector performance was split, 5 negative and 6 positive. Healthcare and Telecommunications took the biggest hits with losses of 4.3% and 2.4%, respectively. Industrials and Consumer Discretionary were the biggest winners with gains of 1.1% and 0.8%, respectively.
- From a style lens, value outperformed growth across all market segments. Looking at the results over YTD and longer periods, there are some signs of value outperformance in the mid- and small-cap segments.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.4%	-3.6%	13.6%	15.6%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.4%	-3.3%	14.1%	15.8%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.6%	-4.2%	16.3%	16.2%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.3%	-2.4%	10.9%	14.4%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.5%	-5.1%	8.9%	13.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.3%	-5.2%	9.7%	11.5%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.7%	-5.0%	8.0%	15.7%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.5%	-9.7%	4.3%	12.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.4%	-6.8%	6.3%	11.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.7%	-12.6%	2.3%	12.9%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.1%	10.8%	10.7%	10.6%
	MSCI EM	0.5%	6.7%	6.7%	7.1%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold prices rose over 3% last week snapping its recent 2-week price skid. Known as a hedge for geopolitical/economic uncertainty, gold is up over 27% on a YTD basis.
- Oil prices notched their first weekly gain since mid-April. Positive news stemming from the developments of a trade agreement with the UK and movement towards negotiations with China helped drive the forward price action.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.2%	-1.4%	-1.6%	20.1%
Gold	3.6%	27.3%	21.8%	14.4%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.6%	1.5%	2.0%	7.7%
Bitcoin	6.4%	10.5%	49.4%	60.3%
Ethereum	26.5%	-30.3%	0.4%	61.3%

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### Upcoming Week

- This week is a lighter week of Q1 earnings releases. Key names include Cisco Systems and Walmart.
- Notable economic releases this week include inflation data with CPI and PPI releases. Retail sales, jobless claims, and a press conference with Fed Chair Powell fill up Thursday's docket. The week will close with an update on Consumer Sentiment.

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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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