

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending August 2, 2024

The first week of August saw mixed performance across asset classes and ended with a two-day selloff in the equity markets. Multiple data points suggest a softening labor market (nonfarm payrolls well below expectations, increasing unemployment rate triggered two recession indicators, above expectation initial jobless claims, and above expectation number of job openings) and a downward revision to GDP growth helped contribute to the downside volatility. Resulting from the increased uncertainty, we saw the VIX Index hit a one-year high breaking above 29 on Friday. While not guaranteed to repeat, historically large VIX spikes have signaled a near-term market bottom in stocks.

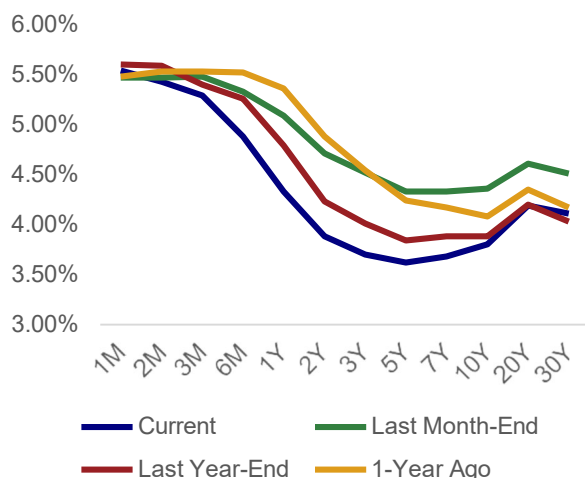
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged while expectations for a September rate cut remain high and are increasing for the potential of multiple rate cuts this year.
- Yields fell between 8 and 50 basis points across the yield curve, except for a 5 bps increase in the 1-month yield as investors sought safety in fixed income. While the 2Y-10Y spread remains inverted, it is at its lowest level since July 2022 leaving some to wonder if the more than 2-year long inversion is coming to an end.
- Mortgage rates continue to fall reaching their lowest levels since early February. As home price growth is moderating and housing inventories are increasing, there may be some signs of relief for potential homebuyers.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.9%	3.3%	1.1%	1.5%
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	1.7%	3.5%	-0.5%	1.2%
Core Plus	International Aggregate	2.3%	1.0%	-4.7%	-1.3%
	US Aggregate	2.4%	3.2%	-2.2%	0.4%
	US Treasury	2.6%	3.0%	-2.6%	-0.1%
	US TIPS	1.4%	3.1%	-1.5%	2.4%
	US Corporate	2.1%	3.1%	-2.4%	1.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.1%	4.3%	2.1%	4.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	1.2%	4.7%	-1.6%	0.7%
	US Municipals	1.0%	1.5%	-0.6%	1.3%
Muni	US Municipals High Yield	2.0%	7.1%	0.6%	3.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 2, 2024

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of August 2, 2024

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	8/2/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	8/2/2023
Federal Funds Rate	5.54%	5.47%	5.60%	5.48%
3 Month Treasury	5.29%	5.48%	5.40%	5.53%
6 Month Treasury	4.88%	5.33%	5.26%	5.52%
2 Year Treasury	3.88%	4.71%	4.23%	4.88%
5 Year Treasury	3.62%	4.33%	3.84%	4.24%
10 Year Treasury	3.80%	4.36%	3.88%	4.08%
30 Year Treasury	4.11%	4.51%	4.03%	4.17%
US Aggregate	4.35%	5.00%	4.53%	4.96%
US Corporate	4.94%	5.48%	5.06%	5.59%
US Corporate High Yield	7.70%	7.91%	7.59%	8.53%
US Municipal	3.42%	3.72%	3.22%	3.63%
US Municipal High Yield	5.19%	5.43%	5.57%	5.79%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	8/2/2024	6/28/2024	12/29/2023	8/2/2023
30 Year Treasury	0.31%	0.15%	0.15%	0.09%
US Aggregate	0.55%	0.64%	0.65%	0.88%
US Corporate	1.14%	1.12%	1.18%	1.51%
US Corporate High Yield	3.90%	3.55%	3.71%	4.45%
US Municipal	-0.38%	-0.64%	-0.66%	-0.45%
US Municipal High Yield	1.39%	1.07%	1.69%	1.71%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 2, 2024

## Equity Markets Overview

- All three major indices fell for the week as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq continue their slides and the DJIA ends its multi-week rally. The S&P 500 fared the best falling 2% while Nasdaq fared worst falling 3.3% over the week.
- The recent rotation in favor of small caps came to an end with small cap falling 5.51% compared to large caps only retreating 2%. However, value continued its recent outperformance of growth across the market cap spectrum.
- Sector performance was mixed as markets sold off at the end of the week, Utilities and Real Estate led the pack posting 4.4% and 3.1% weekly gains, respectively, while Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology brought up the rear falling -4.3% and 4%, respectively.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-2.3%	12.4%	7.8%	14.3%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-2.0%	13.0%	8.2%	14.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.4%	17.2%	5.9%	15.7%
	S&P 500 Value	-1.4%	8.6%	10.0%	12.5%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-4.1%	6.9%	4.5%	10.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-4.5%	10.5%	3.3%	10.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-3.7%	3.1%	5.6%	10.6%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-5.5%	3.5%	1.8%	9.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-5.6%	6.6%	1.1%	9.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-5.5%	0.2%	2.3%	8.9%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.7%	4.5%	0.3%	6.0%
	MSCI EM	-1.0%	5.5%	-3.9%	3.6%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- On the back of increasing OPEC output, decreasing Chinese manufacturing activity, and weakening labor data, oil prices fell to their lowest levels since January.
- Gold prices jumped over 1.7% on the week following the news of a weakening labor market and slowing economic growth.
- Bitcoin prices fell over 7.8% during last week's pullback and is almost 20% below its March 2024 high. Morgan Stanley announced they will begin making select spot Bitcoin ETFs available for use with clients, a sign of increasing industry adoption.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-2.9%	3.6%	10.3%	7.6%
Gold	1.7%	19.2%	10.8%	11.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	2.3%	6.3%	-0.3%	4.7%
Bitcoin	-7.8%	49.0%	18.1%	43.0%
Ethereum	-8.1%	30.6%	6.9%	69.2%

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### Upcoming Week

- While it is a lighter week for economic releases, we will get some data on the Services sector with Monday's ISM Non-Manufacturing Index, some consumer data with Wednesday's Consumer Credit and Mortgage Applications releases.
- As second quarter earnings season continues, FactSet reports an expected 11.5% YoY increase in S&P 500 companies' earnings. This week look for earnings releases from Caterpillar, Walt Disney, and Robinhood Markets.

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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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