

Capital Markets Review

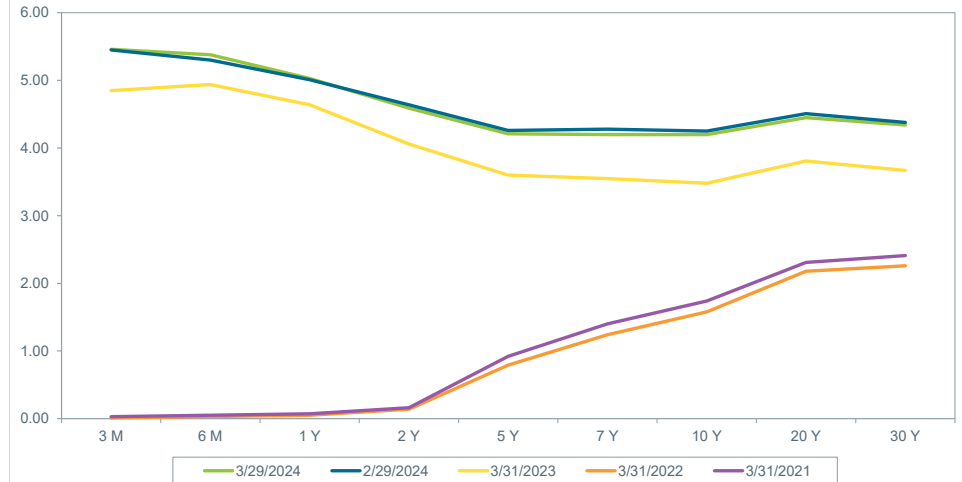
As of March 31, 2024

General Market Commentary

- Global equity markets experienced another strong month in March, with most global equity indices posting low-to-mid single digit returns. Across both US and international markets, value stocks generally outperformed their growth counterparts.
- Stocks traded higher on continued strong economic data and optimism of a "soft landing," where inflation moderates but a severe economic downturn is avoided.
- While the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged following their March meeting, investors were encouraged by Fed Chair Powell's comments suggesting that a persistent strong job market would not deter the central bank from cutting rates. Per the Fed's dot plot, three interest rate cuts are projected in 2024 with futures markets indicating that investors expect to see the first rate cut occur at the June FOMC meeting.
- Equity markets posted positive returns in March as the S&P 500 (Cap Wtd) Index returned 3.22% and the MSCI EAFE (Net) Index returned 3.29%. Emerging markets returned 2.48%, as measured by the MSCI EM (Net) Index.
- The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.92% in March, outperforming the 0.49% return by the Bloomberg US Treasury Intermediate Term Index. International fixed income markets returned 0.33%, as measured by the FTSE Non-US World Gov't Bond Index.
- Public real estate returned 2.06% in March and 4.15% over the trailing five-year period, as measured by the FTSE NAREIT Eq REITs Index (TR).
- The Cambridge US Private Equity Index returned 7.27% for the trailing one-year period and 14.88% for the trailing five-year period ending September 2023.
- Absolute return strategies returned 1.34% for the month and 9.42% over the trailing one-year period, as measured by the HFRI FOF Comp Index.
- Crude oil's price increased by 6.27% during the month and has increased by 9.91% YoY.

Economic Indicators	Mar-24		Feb-24	Mar-23	10 Yr	20 Yr
Federal Funds Rate (%)	5.33	—	5.33	4.83	1.40	1.55
Breakeven Inflation - 5 Year (%)	2.44	▲	2.44	2.47	1.92	1.94
Breakeven Inflation - 10 Year (%)	2.32	▲	2.32	2.33	1.98	2.10
Breakeven Inflation - 30 Year (%)	2.28	▼	2.29	2.26	2.03	2.25
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index - Yield (%)	4.85	▼	4.92	4.40	2.73	3.26
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index - OAS (%)	0.39	▼	0.41	0.57	0.47	0.59
Bloomberg US Agg Credit Index - OAS (%)	0.85	▼	0.90	1.29	1.17	1.38
Bloomberg US Corp: HY Index - OAS (%)	2.99	▼	3.12	4.55	4.24	4.93
Capacity Utilization (%)	N/A	N/A	78.25	79.51	77.45	77.18
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.80	▼	3.90	3.50	4.81	5.86
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.30	▲	47.80	46.30	53.73	53.27
Baltic Dry Index - Shipping	1,821	▼	2,111	1,389	1,379	2,320
Consumer Conf (Conf Board)	104.70	▼	106.70	104.20	109.48	92.74
CPI YoY (Headline) (%)	3.50	▲	3.20	5.00	2.83	2.61
CPI YoY (Core) (%)	3.80	—	3.80	5.60	2.87	2.40
PPI YoY (%)	N/A	N/A	1.10	3.00	2.73	2.99
M2 YoY (%)	N/A	N/A	-1.70	-3.80	6.96	6.51
US Dollar Total Weighted Index	121.41	▼	121.54	119.46	113.60	104.12
WTI Crude Oil per Barrel (\$)	83	▲	78	76	63	71
Gold Spot per Oz (\$)	2,230	▲	2,030	1,979	1,509	1,259

Treasury Yield Curve (%)



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3 Month	5.46	5.45	4.85	0.01	0.03			
6 Month	5.38	5.30	4.94	0.03	0.05			
1 Year	5.03	5.01	4.64	0.05	0.07			
2 Year	4.59	4.64	4.06	0.14	0.16			
5 Year	4.21	4.26	3.60	0.79	0.92			
7 Year	4.20	4.28	3.55	1.24	1.40			
10 Year	4.20	4.25	3.48	1.58	1.74			
20 Year	4.45	4.51	3.81	2.18	2.31			
30 Year	4.34	4.38	3.67	2.26	2.41			
Market Performance (%)	MTD	QTD	CYTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	10 Yr
S&P 500 (Cap Wtd)	3.22	10.56	10.56	29.88	11.49	15.05	14.09	12.96
Russell 2000	3.58	5.18	5.18	19.71	-0.10	8.10	7.73	7.58
MSCI EAFE (Net)	3.29	5.78	5.78	15.32	4.78	7.33	6.70	4.80
MSCI EAFE SC (Net)	3.72	2.40	2.40	10.45	-1.36	4.94	5.18	4.70
MSCI EM (Net)	2.48	2.37	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	3.72	2.95
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	0.92	-0.78	-0.78	1.70	-2.46	0.36	1.06	1.54
ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill	0.45	1.29	1.29	5.24	2.58	2.02	1.90	1.38
NCREIF ODCE (Gross)	N/A	N/A	N/A	-9.13	4.20	3.95	5.04	7.02
FTSE NAREIT Eq REITs Index (TR)	2.06	-0.20	-0.20	10.54	4.14	4.15	5.08	6.61
HFRI FOF Comp Index	1.34	3.93	3.93	9.42	2.80	4.95	4.33	3.57
Bloomberg Cmdty Index (TR)	3.31	2.19	2.19	-0.56	9.11	6.38	4.26	-1.56

NCREIF performance is reported quarterly; MTD and QTD returns are shown as "N/A" on interim-quarter months and until available. Data shown is as of most recent quarter-end. Treasury data courtesy of the US Department of the Treasury. Economic data courtesy of Bloomberg Professional Service. The previous month's CPI YoY is used as a proxy for the current YoY return until it becomes available.