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Stock Index Performance							
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2023	5-yr.		
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (39,513)	2.20%	5.48%	20.33%	16.18%	11.09%		
S&P 500 (5,223)	1.89%	10.03%	28.21%	26.26%	14.48%		
NASDAQ 100 (18,161)	1.55%	8.24%	37.22%	55.13%	20.07%		
S&P 500 Growth	1.66%	13.06%	32.11%	30.02%	15.39%		
S&P 500 Value	2.19%	6.57%	23.78%	22.19%	12.48%		
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.26%	13.76%	29.04%	17.44%	11.25%		
S&P MidCap 400 Value	2.23%	2.37%	19.31%	15.35%	9.90%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	1.76%	4.13%	23.47%	16.93%	8.45%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.82%	-2.02%	14.99%	14.84%	7.57%		
Russell 2000	1.21%	2.07%	18.84%	16.88%	6.94%		
MSCI EAFE	1.77%	6.29%	12.68%	18.24%	7.41%		
MSCI World (ex US)	1.55%	5.86%	12.41%	15.62%	6.29%		
MSCI World	1.81%	8.56%	23.08%	23.79%	11.73%		
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.98%	5.46%	12.32%	9.83%	3.28%		
S&P GSCI	0.66%	9.94%	14.36%	-4.27%	7.66%		

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 5/10/24. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance							
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2023	5-yr.		
Communication Services	2.02%	19.28%	48.45%	55.80%	13.32%		
Consumer Discretionary	0.18%	2.92%	26.63%	42.30%	10.35%		
Consumer Staples	2.35%	9.64%	6.62%	0.52%	10.02%		
Energy	1.42%	13.13%	21.52%	-1.42%	13.38%		
Financials	3.12%	11.71%	32.93%	12.10%	11.06%		
Health Care	1.99%	5.76%	10.03%	2.06%	12.12%		
Industrials	2.35%	10.71%	29.10%	18.08%	12.50%		
Information Technology	1.46%	11.78%	42.79%	57.84%	24.44%		
Materials	2.59%	7.70%	19.05%	12.55%	13.16%		
Real Estate	2.07%	-4.93%	4.72%	12.27%	4.38%		
Utilities	4.13%	13.51%	6.40%	-7.08%	7.70%		

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Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

### **Bond Index Performance**

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2023	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.00%	-0.91%	-0.04%	4.28%	0.47%
GNMA 30 Year	0.22%	-2.00%	-0.26%	5.40%	-0.54%
U.S. Aggregate	0.09%	-1.97%	-0.32%	5.53%	0.07%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.02%	1.46%	10.34%	13.45%	4.01%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.02%	-1.63%	2.68%	8.52%	1.17%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.77%	-0.59%	3.74%	9.35%	0.99%
Global Aggregate	-0.10%	-3.43%	-1.54%	5.72%	-1.47%

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Key Rates						
Fed Funds	5.25% - 5.50%	2-yr T-Note	4.87%			
CPI - Headline	3.50%	5-yr T-Note	4.51%			
CPI - Core	3.80%	10-yr T-Note	4.50%			
Money Market Accts.	0.58%	30-yr T-Bond	4.64%			
1-yr CD	1.77%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	7.21%			
3-yr CD	1.41%	Prime Rate	8.50%			
5-yr CD	1.42%	Bond Buyer 40	4.37%			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor

Statistics. Prime Rate as of 5/7/24, all other data as of 5/10/24. National average banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts., 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

# Market Watch

Week of May 13th

Market Indicators						
TED Spread 18 bp						
Investment Grade Spread (A2) 113 b						
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread 312 bps						
Source: Bloomberg. As of 5/10/24.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 5/1/24						
	Current W	/eek	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$2.744	Billion	-\$2.299	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$2.973	Billion	-\$4.273	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$3.254	Billion	\$1.205	Billion		
Municipal Bond	-\$56	Million	\$625	Million		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 5/8/24						
	Current W	/eek	Previous			
Retail	\$7.87	Billion	\$12.12	Billion		
Institutional	\$23.26	Billion	\$11.49	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the Week of May 6, 2024

#### Monday, May 6, 2024

LIMRA reported that U.S. annuity sales totaled \$113.5 billion (preliminary results) in Q1'24, representing an increase of 21% on a year-over-year basis, and an all-time high for first quarter sales, according to its own release. Fixed indexed and registered index-linked annuity sales rose to all-time highs of \$29.3 billion and \$14.5 billion, respectively, during the quarter. Favorable economic conditions and increased interest in securing guaranteed retirement income were cited as key catalysts for the continued strength in annuity sales.

#### Tuesday, May 7, 2024

In April, analysts increased their Q2'24 bottom-up earnings per share (EPS) estimates for the S&P 500 Index ("Index") by 0.7%, marking the first time bottom-up EPS estimates have increased for the Index in the first month of a quarter since Q4'21, according to FactSet. The figure is remarkable given that earnings estimates are typically reduced in the first month of a quarter. FactSet noted that over the past 20 years (80 quarters), the Index's bottom-up EPS estimates have been reduced by an average of 1.8% during the first month of the quarter.

#### Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Vectores (a), may 6, 2024 CoreLogic, an aggregator of real estate market data, reported that 7.9% of homes sold in the U.S. resulted in a gross capital gain of greater than \$500,000 in 2023, down from 8.1% in 2022, according to its own release. Despite the year-over-year decline in 2023, the figure has increased substantially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The share of U.S. home sales that resulted in gross capital gains above 500,000 stood at 3.1% in 2017, and 3.3% in both 2018 and 2019.

#### Thursday, May 9, 2024

Citing the results of its "2024 Planning & Progress Study" conducted in January, Northwestern Mutual reported that U.S. adults believe they will need 15% from an average of \$1.46 million to retire comfortably, an increase of \$1.27 million last year. Notably, retirement savings remain well below these expectations. Fidelity reported that Americans in their fifties had a median 401(k) balance of just \$60,900 in Q4'23, according to CNBC. The 2024 Planning & Progress Study revealed that 49% of Baby Boomers (or older) and 48% of Generation X believe they will be financially prepared when the time comes to retire.

#### Friday, May 10, 2024

Adobe Analytics reported that consumers spent \$331.6 billion shopping online Adobe Analytics reported that consumers spent \$331.6 billion snopping online at U.S. retail sites during the first four months of 2024, an increase of 7% on a year-over-year (y-o-y) basis, according to its own release. Consumers have increasingly utilized so-called "Buy Now, Pay Later" (BNPL) flexible payment plans when shopping online. BNPL plans accounted for \$25.9 billion of online sales over the period, up 11.8% y-o-y. Adobe estimates BNPL plans will account for between \$81.0 billion and \$84.8 billion in online sales in 2024, markfirst action of the table. resulting in a y-o-y growth rate of 8% to 13%.

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