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Market Watch

Week of April 7th

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (38,315)	-7.82%	-9.53%	1.05%	14.99%	14.99%
S&P 500 (5,074)	-9.05%	-13.43%	-0.10%	25.00%	17.07%
NASDAQ 100 (17,398)	-9.75%	-17.02%	-1.93%	25.88%	19.17%
S&P 500 Growth	-9.57%	-17.43%	1.38%	35.81%	17.11%
S&P 500 Value	-8.53%	-9.09%	-3.26%	12.27%	15.76%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-8.80%	-16.47%	-14.12%	15.93%	13.87%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-9.37%	-13.02%	-3.91%	11.65%	18.72%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-8.26%	-16.23%	-10.17%	9.55%	13.58%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-9.78%	-18.89%	-9.57%	7.54%	16.06%
Russell 2000	-9.64%	-17.79%	-9.84%	11.53%	13.12%
MSCI EAFE	-6.90%	1.58%	-0.17%	3.82%	11.69%
MSCI World (ex US)	-5.64%	1.12%	1.89%	5.53%	10.88%
MSCI World	-8.46%	-9.96%	-0.38%	18.67%	15.07%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.90%	1.69%	6.18%	7.50%	8.10%
S&P GSCI	-6.67%	-3.45%	-7.18%	9.25%	16.97%

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 4/4/25. 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.	2024	5-yr.
Communication Services	-8.38%	-14.27%	2.90%	40.23%	16.30%
Consumer Discretionary	-7.98%	-20.54%	1.34%	30.14%	14.92%
Consumer Staples	-2.19%	1.25%	11.37%	14.87%	11.47%
Energy	-14.10%	-6.33%	-15.25%	5.72%	26.57%
Financials	-10.19%	-8.23%	8.94%	30.50%	19.88%
Health Care	-6.44%	-1.22%	-3.11%	2.58%	11.14%
Industrials	-9.39%	-10.16%	-3.45%	17.30%	17.84%
Information Technology	-11.39%	-22.63%	-3.96%	36.61%	22.36%
Materials	-8.19%	-6.63%	-13.42%	-0.04%	15.16%
Real Estate	-5.97%	-3.58%	5.79%	5.23%	9.55%
Utilities	-4.45%	-0.79%	18.40%	23.43%	11.10%

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Bond Index Performance

Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
0.97%	3.34%	6.46%	2.42%	0.08%
1.12%	4.05%	6.66%	0.95%	-0.42%
1.12%	3.69%	6.39%	1.25%	-0.27%
-1.78%	-0.73%	6.31%	8.19%	7.36%
0.55%	2.65%	5.96%	2.13%	1.63%
2.73%	0.72%	3.83%	1.40%	1.55%
1.65%	4.22%	4.87%	-1.69%	-1.01%
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Key Rates				
Fed Funds	4.25% - 4.50%	2-yr T-Note	3.65%	
CPI - Headline	2.80%	5-yr T-Note	3.71%	
CPI - Core	3.10%	10-yr T-Note	3.99%	
Money Market Accts.	0.59%	30-yr T-Bond	4.41%	
1-yr CD	1.88%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.72%	
3-yr CD	1.56%	Prime Rate	7.50%	
5-yr CD	1.56%	Bond Buyer 40	4.47%	

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. All data as of 4/4/25. National average banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts., 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

Market Indicators Investment Grade Spread (A2) 135 bps ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread 445 bps Source: Bloomberg. As of 4/4/25. Weekly Fund Flows Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/26/25 **Current Week** Previous \$12.656 Billion -\$7.023 Billion **Domestic Equity** Foreian Eauity \$853 Million \$2 595 Billion Taxable Bond -\$538 Million -\$5.868 Billion Municipal Bond -\$487 Million \$325 Million Change in Money Market Fund Assets for Week Ended 4/2/25 **Current Week** Previous \$17.70 Billion -\$0.10 Billion Retail Institutional -\$0.10 Billion \$11.89 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of March 31, 2025

Monday, March 31, 2025 ATTOM reported that total U.S. foreclosure filings (including default notices, scheduled auctions, and bank repossessions) declined by 10% year-over-year (y-o-y) to 322,103 housing properties in 2024. Foreclosure starts also declined the during the year and remain below pre-pandemic levels. Lenders started the foreclosure process on 253,306 U.S. properties in 2024, down 6% y-o-y and 25% lower than in 2019.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 In March 2025, the dividend-payers (407) in the S&P 500 Index (equal weight) posted a total return of -3.00% vs. -6.11% for the non-payers (96), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. For the 12-month period ended in March, payers were up 5.09% vs. a loss of 2.70% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases totaled 16 in March 2025, up from 15 in March 2024. Zero dividends were cut, down from one cut a year ago. Zero dividends were suspended during the month unchanged from last war. the month, unchanged from last year.

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that U.S. exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) averaged 11.9 billion cubic feet per day in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Unplanned outages at existing U.S. export facilities and declining European demand were cited as reasons U.S. LNG exports did not increase year-over-year. Despite these challenges, the U.S. remains the largest exporter of LNG in the world. Europe accounted for 53% of U.S. LNG exports in 2024, followed by Asia at 33%.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Citing the results of its December 2024 Air Travel Consumer Report, the U.S. Department of Transportation reported that U.S. air carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 78.10% in 2024, down from 78.34% in 2023. There were 437 domestic flights with a tarmac delay of three hours or more in 2024, up from 289 in 2023. Cancellation rates were higher as well. In 2024, the cancellation rate among flights operated by U.S. carriers stood at 1.4%, up from 1.3% in 2023.

Friday, April 4, 2025

The global operating capacity of coal power plants increased by a net 18.8 gigawatts (GW) in 2024, down from 48.4 GW in 2023, according to Global Energy Monitor, an aggregator of energy-usage data. The two countries that added the most net coal power capacity in 2024 were: China (28.1 GW) and India (5.6 GW). For comparison, the two countries that retired the most net coal capacity in 2024 were: Germany (6.7 GW) and the U.S. (4.7 GW).

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