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Market Update

Mega-cap technology stocks, led by Nvidia, carried the market rally. The bond market was extremely volatile because of a hotter-than-expected employment report.

Quick Hits

- 1. Report releases:** Hiring accelerated in May, with 272,000 jobs added during the month.
- 2. Financial market data:** Nvidia continued to carry the market, surpassing \$3 trillion in market capitalization.
- 3. Looking ahead:** All eyes will be on this week's Federal Reserve (Fed) meeting.



Report Releases: June 3–7, 2024

ISM Manufacturing Index May (Monday)

Manufacturer confidence fell more than expected, due in large part to a fall in new orders.

- Expected/prior ISM Manufacturing index: 49.5/49.2
- Actual ISM Manufacturing index: 48.7



ISM Services Index May (Wednesday)

Service sector confidence rebounded sharply after falling more than expected in April, bringing the index to its highest level this year.

- Expected/prior ISM Services index: 51/49.4
- Actual ISM Services index: 53.8



Trade Balance April (Thursday)

Although the trade deficit widened less than expected, the April figure represents the largest monthly deficit in more than one year.

- Expected/prior trade deficit: $-\$76.5$ billion/ $-\$68.6$ billion
- Actual trade deficit: $-\$74.6$ billion



Employment Report May (Friday)

Hiring accelerated in May, with a strong 272,000 new jobs added. Underlying details were a bit mixed; the unemployment rate rose to 4 percent and labor force participation dropped.

- Expected/prior change in nonfarm payrolls: +180,000/+165,000
- Actual change in nonfarm payrolls: +272,000



>> The Takeaway

- The May employment report was better than expected, pushing out expectations for interest rate cuts.
- Manufacturing confidence fell more than expected but was offset by a larger-than-expected rebound in service sector confidence.

Financial Market Data

Equity

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
S&P 500	1.36%	1.36%	12.81%	27.21%
Nasdaq Composite	2.40%	2.40%	14.51%	31.75%
DJIA	0.33%	0.33%	3.86%	17.62%
MSCI EAFE	0.61%	0.61%	7.72%	16.01%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.36%	2.36%	5.85%	10.72%
Russell 2000	-2.07%	-2.07%	0.56%	8.96%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 7, 2024

Large-cap U.S. equities moved higher, albeit because of a narrow, technology-led rally. Nvidia rose more than 10 percent, crossing \$3 trillion in market capitalization. Small-caps were weak; a hotter-than-expected jobs report lifted rates. Small-caps are more rate sensitive because a larger portion are less profitable and rely on variable rate debt. Mega-cap stocks fared better, carrying S&P 500 performance. Utilities, energy, and materials struggled, whereas technology, health care, and communication services led the way higher.

Fixed Income

Index	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
U.S. Broad Market	0.44%	-1.21%	1.98%
U.S. Treasury	0.41%	-1.45%	0.53%
U.S. Mortgages	0.60%	-1.53%	1.21%
Municipal Bond	1.07%	-0.86%	3.30%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 7, 2024

The net move in yields told only part of the story in a volatile week for the bond market. The 2-year Treasury yield closed down just 2 basis points (bps), ending the week at 4.87 percent. The 2-year had fallen 17 bps before Friday's employment report, which led a major reversal in yields. The 10-year was down 8 bps before rallying 15 bps on Friday to close at 4.43 percent. The 30-year lost 10 bps, closing at 4.55 percent.

>> The Takeaway

- The rally in U.S. equities continued to be narrow, with large-cap technology names such as Nvidia carrying the broader market.
- Yields were down moderately, rallying after Friday's surprising employment report.

Looking Ahead

This will be a busy week for economic data. The highlight will be this month's rate decision by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC); we also expect reports on inflation and consumer sentiment.

- The week kicks off Wednesday with the release of the **Consumer Price Index** for May. Headline consumer inflation is expected to remain steady at 3.4 percent year-over-year.
- Also on Wednesday, we expect the **FOMC rate decision**. The Fed is expected to keep interest rates unchanged after its June meeting.
- On Thursday, the **Producer Price Index** for May will be released. Producer price growth is set to slow, with headline prices expected to rise a modest 0.1 percent.
- Finally, on Friday, the **preliminary University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey** for June will be released. Consumer sentiment is expected to rise after falling in April and May.





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