# PNC Weekly Market Watch

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## Market Outlook

Last week, initial jobless claims came in at the highest level in nearly two years. Combined with the below-expectation jobs report from two weeks ago, it appears likely that labor markets are finally softening. Equity markets reacted with optimism, believing that to be evidence that a slower growth environment — without a recession — is possible. The "soft landing" market narrative was supported by the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> reaching its highest level in a month and moving toward a new all-time high. Domestic mid-cap equities had their best weekly performance of the year, due to strong performance from the Industrials and Financials sectors.

The recent rally in domestic equities will be tested this week by the release of April's inflation data. While current market expectations are undecided between one or two cuts from the Federal Reserve this year, should inflation come in above expectations, investors will likely interpret it as a confirmation of fewer expected rate cuts.

Market Performa	Total (USD)				
	Price	1 Week	QTD	YTD	1 Year
Russell 3000®	2,986	1.8%	(0.8)%	9.2%	28.3%
S&P 500®	5,223	1.9%	(0.5)%	10.0%	28.6%
Growth	3,418	1.7%	0.3%	13.1%	32.1%
Value	1,816	2.2%	(1.4)%	6.6%	24.6%
S&P 400®	2,994	2.2%	(1.6)%	8.2%	25.1%
Russell 2000®	2,060	1.2%	(3.0)%	2.1%	20.1%
MSCI World Ex USA	2,363	1.8%	0.5%	6.0%	13.2%
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI	1,103	0.7%	3.1%	5.1%	14.3%

		Total (USD)				
	YTW	1 Week	QTD	YTD	1 Year	
Bloomberg US Agg	5.11%	0.1%	(1.2)%	(2.0)%	0.2%	
Bloomberg Corp Inv Grade	5.55%	0.0%	(1.2)%	(1.6)%	3.1%	
Bloomberg US Corp HY	7.92%	(0.0)%	(0.0)%	1.5%	10.5%	
Bloomberg EM USD Agg	7.24%	0.5%	(0.3)%	1.2%	7.6%	

		Total (USD)			
	Price	1 Week	QTD	YTD	1 Year
US Dollar / Euro	1.08	(0.0)%	(0.3)%	(2.6)%	4.4%
Japanese Yen / US Dollar	155.88	2.0%	3.0%	10.6%	7.7%
Chinese Yuan / US Dollar	7.22	(0.2)%	(0.0)%	1.9%	4.1%
Bloomberg Commodity Index	102.79	1.5%	4.0%	6.2%	1.6%
Gold (\$/oz)	\$2367.3/oz	3.0%	4.9%	14.6%	10.8%
Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	\$78.26/bbl	0.3%	4.6%	13.0%	8.0%
Copper (\$/lb)	\$4.6935/lb	1.0%	5.1%	16.8%	4.6%
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## Table of the Week

First-Quarter Earnings

	Earnings		
	Blended	Estimate	
Name	Growth <sup>1</sup>	3/31/2024	
S&P 500	5.4	3.4	
S&P 500 ex-Magnificent 7	-2.2	-2.6	
<b>Communication Services</b>	34.1	19.2	
Consumer Discretionary	24.4	16.3	
Consumer Staples	3.3	-0.8	
Energy	-25.4	-26.8	
Financials	7.7	1.7	
Health Care	-25.4	-7.1	
Industrials	3.8	-0.6	
Information Technology	23.2	20.4	
Materials	-20.6	-23.6	
Real Estate	9.9	5.1	
Utilities	33.4	24.1	

1. Blended Growth is actual reported results combined with consensus estimates for those yet to report.

#### As of 5/10/2024. Source: FactSet $^{\mbox{\tiny (B)}}$

- Last week, the first-quarter blended earnings growth rate improved, with contributions from all sectors except Industrials.
- While overall growth has surpassed estimates by 2% for the quarter, non- "Magnificent 7" company estimates have remained negative.
- Full-year 2024 growth estimates are now close to 11%, and fiscal year 2025 growth estimates inch closer to 14%. While consumer companies have reported modestly better results for the quarter, several have lowered guidance for the latter half of the year due to growing economic pressure.

## **Economic Updates**

#### **Previous Week**

- Bank of England Rate Decision (U.K.): 5.25% (unchanged)
- GDP q/q (U.K.): 0.6%
- Exports y/y (CH): 1.5%

#### This Week

- Consumer Price Index m/m & y/y (U.S.)
- Housing Data (U.S.)
- Retail Sales m/m (U.S.)
- GDP q/q (E.U., JP)



## **Equity Size and Style Returns**

	MTC	) Total Re	turns		YTD	Total Ret	urns
	Value	Core	Growth		Value	Core	Growth
S&P 500	3.1%	3.8%	4.4%	S&P 500	6.6%	10.0%	13.1%
S&P 400	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	S&P 400	2.4%	8.2%	13.8%
Russell 2000	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	Russell 2000	1.0%	2.1%	3.2%
	МТС	) Total Re	turns	YTD Total Returns			urns
	Value	Core	Growth		Value	Core	Growth
MSCI World Ex USA	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	MSCI World Ex USA	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%
MSCI World Ex USA Small	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%	MSCI World Ex USA Small	3.7%	2.7%	1.8%
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	MSCI Emerging Markets IMI	4.7%	5.1%	5.5%

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### **Equity Valuations**

1 7				Moving	Average	e (days)
		P/E	Dividend			
	P/E	3Yr Avg	Yield (%)	50	100	200
Russell 3000	20.5 x	19.1 x	1.32	2,943	2,872	2,705
S&P 500	20.5 x	18.9 x	1.34	5,142	5,010	4,720
Growth	26.5 x	23.3 x	0.61	3,359	3,254	3,049
Value	16.0 x	15.7 x	2.23	1,792	1,759	1,667
S&P 400	15.5 x	14.2 x	1.45	2,940	2,859	2,704
Russell 2000	22.6 x	21.3 x	1.32	5,073	5,012	4,766
MSCI World Ex USA	14.0 x	13.5 x	3.01	2,330	2,286	2,187
MSCI Emerging Markets IMI	12.3 x	12.0 x	2.73	1,074	1,053	1,026

## **Fixed Income Valuations**

	Duration (yrs)	OAS (bps)
Bloomberg US Agg	6.2	37
Bloomberg Corp Inv Grade	6.9	87
Bloomberg US Corp HY	3.2	298
Bloomberg EM USD Agg	6.0	256

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