



WEEKLY MARKET WRAP

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- Economic Data:** *Housing starts* rose higher than expected in March after falling in February. Starts rose 1.9% to a 1.319 million annual rate, and are now up 10.9% from a year ago. The gain in starts in March was entirely due to multi-unit starts. Single-family starts fell 3.7%. *Industrial production* rose 0.5% in March, beating the consensus expected gain of 0.3%. *Retail sales* were up 0.6% in March, rising for the first time in four months and beating consensus expectations. In the UK, headline annual *CPI inflation* fell from +2.7% to +2.5% in March. *First quarter official Chinese GDP* was 6.8%, the same as the last quarter and above the government target of 6.5%, and beating consensus expectations.
- Equity:** The U.S. equity market posted its second consecutive weekly gain driven by strong corporate earnings results and higher oil prices. The best performing sectors for the week were energy and industrials, while the worst performing sectors were consumer staples and real estate. Global equities were also higher as a strong earnings season has fueled greater risk appetite from investors. In the U.S., the S&P 500 Index rose 0.5% and in Europe, despite mixed earnings results, the FTSE 100 Index and Stoxx Europe 600 Index rose by 1.6% and 0.9%, respectively. Crude had an eventful week, with both WTI and Brent hitting three-year highs. WTI closed at \$68.38 and Brent closed at \$74.06.
- Fixed Income:** With a robust economic growth in the U.S., the 2-Year Treasury yield closed the week at 2.46%, after hitting its highest level since September 2008. The U.S. 10-Year Treasury yield also edged up, to 2.95%. All segments of the Treasury curve experienced rising yields. Investment grade posted the lowest weekly total return and is now down more than -3% for the year. The Global Aggregate Index was the second-worst performing sector as all regions posted negative total returns. A June hike is now regarded as a 90% probability.
- Corporate News / Earnings:** As of April 20, 17% of the companies in the S&P 500 have reported actual results and earnings growth expectation for the first quarter has risen to 18.3% from 17.3% last week.

Index/Portfolio Returns	% Change Week	% Change QTD	% Change YTD
Barclays US Agg Bond TR	-0.62%	-0.85%	-2.30%
Barclays US Corp High Yield TR	-0.06%	1.03%	0.16%
Barclays Global Aggregate TR	-0.71%	-0.85%	0.50%
JPM EMBI Global TR	-0.79%	-0.63%	-2.40%
S&P 500 TR	0.54%	1.21%	0.44%
Russell 3000 TR	0.64%	1.29%	0.64%
Russell 2000 TR	0.95%	2.31%	2.22%
NASDAQ Composite TR	0.56%	1.20%	3.82%
S&P Global BMI NR	0.50%	1.53%	0.65%
MSCI EAFE NR	0.50%	2.47%	0.90%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap NR	0.74%	2.24%	2.49%
MSCI Europe NR	0.47%	3.20%	1.15%
MSCI EM NR	-0.14%	-0.14%	1.27%

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