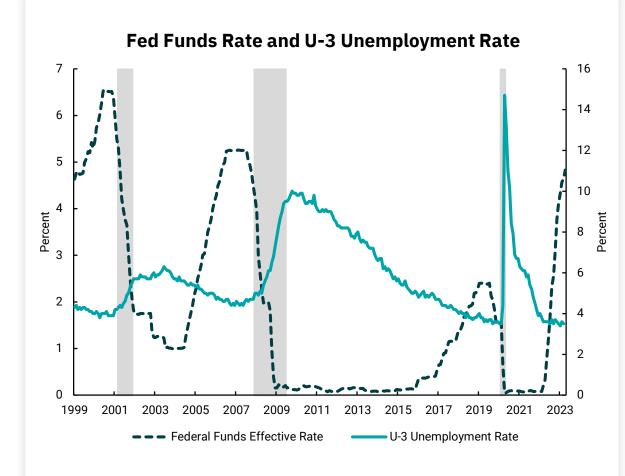
#### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

# Weekly market update

Chart of the week (May 5, 2023)





The Federal Reserve voted unanimously to increase rates again at their May meeting by 0.25%, taking the Fed Funds target to its highest level since 2006 at 5-5.25%. Despite recent turmoil in the banking sector and some signs of economic weakness, their concerns about inflation led them to make this additional rate hike.

The good news is that inflation has been declining, especially at the headline level. However, we know the Fed pays the most attention to core inflation, which has been receding more slowly and now exceeds the headline measure in the CPI (Consumer Price Index) and PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index). The trend is still lower, but an imbalanced labor market is a key reason the Fed remains concerned about longer-term inflation levels.

This week's chart was a bit of a study to see if the labor market has reacted to higher rates from the Fed in the past. After all, interest rates and quantitative tightening are the primary tools that the Fed uses to implement monetary policy. We did not overlay the Fed's balance sheet in the chart, as that only became a tool during the financial crisis. Still, we can assume that the growth, and now decline, in the size of the Fed's balance sheet has some influence over economic activity.

Looking at the chart, we can see periods of Fed tightening followed by gray bars, representing recessions, where unemployment rises. This could lead us to conclude that higher rates do, in fact, begin to affect the unemployment rate and the economy, with the Fed eventually lowering rates as unemployment rises and economic activity slows. We might also interpret this as a tendency for the Fed to "over-tighten" and then have to reverse course and ease aggressively to avoid too much economic weakness and an overshoot of unemployment rising too far.

The Fed's tools are blunt instruments within the economy. Past periods of inflation at the levels we saw last summer give valid reasons for the Fed to be cautious to avoid a repeat of the late 70s and early 80s. But the chart also reveals the risk of the Fed having to reverse course dependent on the economic outcome of their tightening cycle.

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Commentary (May 5, 2023)



#### **Domestic Equities**

- U.S. equities declined early in the week on interest rate and banking system concerns, then rallied on positive earnings and jobs reports at the end of the week, finishing the week with minor losses.
- Earnings season was in full swing this week, with about 75% of companies that have reported so far beating earnings and sales estimates.
- Apple beat expectations and rose sharply at the end of the week. With over \$2.6 trillion in market-cap, Apple has a major influence on both the S&P 500 and NASDAQ indices.

#### **Bonds**

- It was a busy week for central banks globally. The Federal Reserve, Royal Bank of Australia, European Central Bank, Hong Kong Monetary Authority and Norges Bank all hiked policy rates by 0.25%.
- On Monday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen announced that she expects the U.S. to no longer be able to pay all of its outstanding obligations by as early as June 1<sup>st</sup> unless a debt ceiling bill is passed, with Treasury bill yields spiking higher on the news.
- U.S. Treasuries were mixed for the week, with yields at the front end of the curve moving higher along with the rise in policy rates. Yields around the belly of the curve moved lower in a flight to safety.
- Corporate credit was negative, with funding stress in the banking sector causing de-risking across the sector. Hybrid securities also came under pressure, with the S&P Preferred Stock Index reaching a new low for the year.

#### **International Equities**

- Global investors remained cautious this week to fully digest all of the monetary policy changes from key central banks, along with a deluge of economic data and quarterly corporate earnings announcements.
- Foreign developed markets delivered mixed results as stocks across Europe faltered while Japanese stocks moved higher. Underlying inflation in the eurozone eased for the first time in 10 months as core inflation rose 5.6% from a year ago.
- Emerging markets struggled to find momentum this week as markets across Eastern Europe and Latin America stumbled while Asian markets rose. China's manufacturing activity unexpectedly fell in April, putting pressure on policymakers to find ways to boost its economy amid weakening global economic growth.

#### **Economics**

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported total non-farm payroll rose by 253,000, totaling 156 million, and the unemployment rate (U-3) fell to 3.4%. Most of the monthly increase in jobs occurred in professional and business services, health care, and leisure and hospitality.
- The March Job Openings and Labor Turnover Summary (JOLTS) indicated job openings fell for the third consecutive month to 9.6 million. Separations were 5.9 million, an increase of 100,000 from the prior month.
- The trade deficit in March decreased to -\$64.2 billion from -\$70.6 billion in February, due to exports increasing while imports slightly declined.
- Initial claims for unemployment were 242,000 for the week ending April 29, an increase of 13,000 from the prior week.
- CPI (the Consumer Price Index) will be released on Wednesday.



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For Week Ending Ma	v 05, 2023
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	Last Price	Change From Prior Week	Change From Year End	Change From Year Ago	4700	
Capital Markets						
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	33,674.38	-1.2%	2.3%	4.3%	4200	d.a.
S&P 500 Index	4,136.25	-0.8%	8.3%	1.5%	Ŵ	1
NASDAQ	12,235.41	0.1%	17.2%	0.2%	3700 -	V~
S&P 400 Midcap Index	2,461.10	-1.2%	1.8%	-0.4%		
S&P 600 Smallcap Index	1,138.97	-0.8%	-1.1%	-5.2%	3200 -	
MSCI EAFE	7,353.87	0.2%	11.7%	10.7%		
MSCI Emerging Markets	502.12	0.5%	3.3%	-4.5%	2700 -	
Bloomberg US Agg	2,121.07	-0.1%	3.5%	0.2%		
Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr	476.69	0.2%	1.7%	3.5%	2200	
Bloomberg US Corporate	3,077.51	-0.6%	3.7%	0.8%	May-22	Jul
Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg	538.92	0.1%	3.3%	-0.5%	,	
Bloomberg High Yield	2,277.97	-0.4%	4.2%	1.4%		4 Ман
MSCI US REIT Index	1,984.28	0.4%	3.6%	-12.7%		1 Mont
Bloomberg Commodity Index	228.19	-1.2%	-7.2%	-19.4%	Value	Core
	Last Price/Yield	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago	Targe Large	1.21
Key Rates					<u>ت</u>	
Fed Funds Target	5.25%	5.00%	4.50%	1.00%	-	
3-Month Treasury	5.20%	5.03%	4.34%	0.81%	면 0.21	0.47
1-Year Treasury	4.72%	4.74%	4.69%	2.01%	_	
2-Year Treasury	3.91%	4.01%	4.43%	2.70%	=	
5-Year Treasury	3.41%	3.48%	4.00%	3.01%	Tage -1.34	-0.8
7-Year Treasury	3.41%	3.46%	3.97%	3.06%		
10-Year Treasury	3.44%	3.42%	3.87%	3.04%	*S&P Indices	;
30-Year Treasury	3.75%	3.67%	3.96%	3.12%	Fixed Incon	ne Stv
Consumer Rates					6.0% ¬	
30-Year Mortgage	6.83%	6.85%	6.66%	5.48%	0.070	
Prime Rate	9.00%	8.75%	8.25%	4.75%	5.0% -	~
3-Month LIBOR	5.34%	5.30%	4.77%	1.37%		
Commodities					4.0% -	
Gold	2,016.79	1,990.00	1,824.02	1,877.18	3.0% -	
Crude Oil (WTI)	71.34	76.78	80.26	89.41		
Gasoline	3.71	3.77	3.20	4.29	2.0% -	
Natural Gas	2.14	2.41	4.48	4.91		/
Copper	3.88	3.89	3.81	4.31	1.0% -	
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Dow Jones Industrial Avg	17.78	18.85	4.37	2.16	Short	Interr
S&P 500	18.96	18.58	3.97	1.70	t	
S&P 500 Value	17.03	16.94	2.61	2.15	0.06	0.0
S&P 500 Growth	21.02	19.55	6.65	1.36	0	
NASDAQ	16.65	15.31	3.65	2.29		
OOD Midaam 400	14.33	12.28	2.21	2.17	0.13	-0.8
S&P Midcap 400						
S&P Midcap 400 S&P Smallcap 600	14.14	12.49	1.66	1.93	0	
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			Economic Data		
				Last Release	Year Ago
			Inflation		
Μ.	۰ ۱	~~~~	CPI Headline Inflation	5.0%	8.5%
	www.	* *	CPI Core Inflation	5.6%	6.5%
			Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core	4.6%	5.4%
			Jobs		
			Unemployment Rate (U3)	3.4%	3.6%
			Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)	6.6%	7.0%
			JOLT Survey (in millions)	9.59	12.03
+		++	Jobless Claims (000's)	242	218
	Mar-23	May-23	Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)	253	25
			Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)	4.4%	5.8%
Ye	ear to Da		Consumer & Spending		
)	Core	Growth	Consumer Confidence (Conf Board)	101.3	108.
			Consumer Spending (\$ Bil)	18,104	17,05
	8.31	10.97	Consumer Credit (\$ Bil)	4,851	4,52
			Retail Sales (\$ Bil)	683	66
5	1.80	3.66	Housing		
			Housing Starts (000's)	1,420	1,71
)	-1.05	-1.01	Case-Shiller Home Price Index	293.17	287.29
			U.S. Productivity Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)	20,236	19,924
			Quarter over Quarter Change	,	,
			Year Over Year Change	1.1% 1.6%	-1.6%
			•	47.10	3.7%
			ISM Manufacturing	47.10 79.80	55.9 80.5
			Capacity Utilization Markit US Composite PMI	53.40	56.0
		_	U.S. General Leading Economic Indicators	108.4	117.0
-			Trade Weighted Dollar Index	119.6	120.
			EUR / USD	1.10	1.05
			JPY/USD	134.80	130.20
			CAD / USD	0.75	0.78
			AUD / USD	0.67	0.7
1(	) Yr	30 Yr	S&P 500 Sector Returns		
				1 Month	YTE
Y	ear to Da		Information Technology	2.92%	23.13%
-	Interm.	Long	Communication Services	0.74%	22.19%
			Consumer Discretionary	1.77%	14.64%
	3.14	5.67	Consumer Staples	2.35%	4.06%
			Materials	-0.19%	3.00%
		1.0-	Real Estate	1.62%	2.10%
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\*Bloomberg Indices.

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Value

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Nov-22

10%

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Yield Curve

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> 10%

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