

Market Watch

Week of March 17th

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (41,488)	-2.98%	-2.10%	8.53%	14.99%	14.60%
S&P 500 (5,639)	-2.23%	-3.86%	10.94%	25.00%	17.54%
NASDAQ 100 (19,705)	-2.43%	-6.06%	10.24%	25.88%	20.72%
S&P 500 Growth	-1.76%	-6.51%	14.13%	35.81%	18.28%
S&P 500 Value	-2.69%	-1.00%	6.07%	12.27%	15.48%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-2.02%	-7.95%	-4.26%	15.93%	13.40%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-1.84%	-3.81%	8.04%	11.65%	16.95%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-2.16%	-8.27%	0.59%	9.55%	12.64%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-3.08%	-9.43%	2.35%	7.54%	14.54%
Russell 2000	-1.45%	-8.11%	1.99%	11.53%	12.52%
MSCI EAFE	-1.11%	9.41%	8.40%	3.82%	13.55%
MSCI World (ex US)	-1.00%	7.15%	8.68%	5.53%	11.77%
MSCI World	-1.95%	-0.90%	9.88%	18.67%	16.00%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.74%	4.46%	9.30%	7.50%	7.24%
S&P GSCI	0.08%	1.66%	2.35%	9.25%	16.30%

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 3/14/25. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no quarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
Communication Services	-3.46%	-3.21%	20.43%	40.23%	17.01%
Consumer Discretionary	-3.60%	-13.67%	9.52%	30.14%	15.07%
Consumer Staples	-4.19%	1.92%	10.93%	14.87%	11.18%
Energy	2.64%	4.85%	1.65%	5.72%	28.14%
Financials	-1.22%	0.44%	20.74%	30.50%	18.35%
Health Care	-2.89%	5.44%	1.02%	2.58%	11.68%
Industrials	-2.31%	-0.43%	9.06%	17.30%	17.79%
Information Technology	-2.05%	-9.33%	10.28%	36.61%	24.18%
Materials	-2.07%	2.28%	-3.55%	-0.04%	15.40%
Real Estate	-2.37%	1.97%	10.06%	5.23%	6.90%
Utilities	2.01%	4.21%	28.59%	23.43%	10.00%

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.07%	1.83%	5.20%	2.42%	0.11%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.08%	2.26%	5.33%	0.95%	-0.32%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.06%	2.08%	5.09%	1.25%	-0.38%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.67%	1.08%	8.40%	8.19%	6.39%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.27%	1.66%	5.29%	2.13%	1.01%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-1.51%	-1.50%	0.02%	1.40%	0.54%
Global Aggregate	-0.20%	2.33%	2.87%	-1.69%	-1.60%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	4.25% - 4.50%	2-yr T-Note	4.02%		
CPI - Headline	2.80%	5-yr T-Note	4.09%		
CPI - Core	3.10%	10-yr T-Note	4.31%		
Money Market Accts.	0.61%	30-yr T-Bond	4.62%		
1-yr CD	1.87%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.69%		
3-yr CD	1.55%	Prime Rate	7.50%		
5-yr CD	1.54%	Bond Buyer 40	4.60%		

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 3/11/25, All data as of 3/14/25. 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)	112 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	325 bps

bource: bloomberg: As or of 14/25.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/5/25						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$3.524	Billion	\$17.345	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$4.353	Billion	-\$1.716	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$7.760	Billion	\$11.710	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$788	Million	\$2.412	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for Week Ended 3/12/25						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	ous		
Retail	\$17.75	Billion	\$30.35	Billion		
Institutional	-\$19.13	Billion	\$20.80	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of March 10, 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025 In its 2024 Cost of a Data Breach Report, IBM Security revealed that data breaches cost the world's organizations a record \$4.88 million per incident, on average, between March 2023 and February 2024, according to its own release. Organizations in the U.S. and the Middle East reported the highest average cost of a data breach at \$9.36 million and \$8.75 million per incident, respectively, over the period. The healthcare industry had the highest average cost per data breach, at \$9.77 million per incident over the time frame.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that there were 27 weather-related disasters that caused damages of \$1 billion or more in the U.S. in 2024, down from 28 in 2023. The NOAA estimates the 27 disasters caused a total of \$182.1 billion in damages. The most common disaster events and their totals were as follows in 2024: severe storms (17 events), tropical cyclones (5 events), and winter storms (2 events).

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Fannie Mae's Home Purchase Sentiment Index revealed that the share of U.S. consumers who believe that now is a good time to buy a home stood at just 24% in February 2025, according to its own release. Affordability and supply constraints continue to hinder overall homebuying sentiment. The median sales price of U.S. homes sold in January 2025 stood at \$417,968, representing an increase of 4.0% year-over-year, according to Redfin. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage stood at 7.0% during the month, up from 3.4% in January 2022.

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Miller Samuel and Douglas Elliman reported that rent per square foot in the Manhattan market stood at \$90.65 in February 2025, up from \$84.25 in February 2024, according to their own release. February lease signings increased 0.6% on a year-over-year basis, from 4,349 in February 2024 to 4,377 in February 2025. The price per square foot in Manhattan's luxury market stood at \$104.86 at the end of February. The median monthly payment for a rental in Manhattan was \$4,500 in February, up from \$4,230 during the month last year.

Friday, March 14, 2025

Trepp, a leading provider of real estate data, reported that the overall delinquency rate for U.S. commercial mortgage-backed securities (30 days or more delinquent) stood at 6.30% in February 2025, up 159 basis points (bps) from 4.71% in February 2024. For comparison, the all-time high was 10.34% which occurred in July 2012. Despite the year-over-year increase, delinquency rates have now declined for two consecutive months, falling 26 bps month-over-month in February.

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