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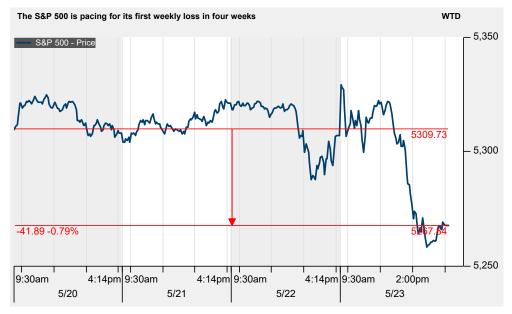
Starting the Day

- U.S. futures are pointing to a slightly higher open.
- European markets are trading lower at midday.
- Asian markets ended lower.
- S&P 500 performance is positive across most of the Index.
- NVIDIA helps the NASDAQ remain positive on the week.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.48%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$76.70.
- Gold is trading at \$2,341.90

Market Perspectives Anthony M. Saglimbene, Chief Market Strategist

Top-heavy S&P 500 returns are just part of the story this year. After four straight weeks of gains, the S&P 500 Index is down roughly 0.8% on the week heading into the final day of trading before investors enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend. As the *FactSet* chart below shows, the Index had been building a base around 5,300 this week before Thursday's

decline and after closing above the level last Friday. From a stock perspective, it really was all about NVIDIA this week and its first quarter earnings report on Wednesday. In a nutshell, the company handily exceeded analyst forecasts (and whisper numbers) for per share and earnings revenue. guided second quarter profits higher, provided a very positive outlook for AI trends over the intermediate term, substantially increased its dividend on a percentage basis, and announced a 10-1 stock split. With expectations



elevated coming into NVIDIA's report, investors couldn't have asked for a better result, in our view. And while NVIDIA's stock closed higher by over +9.0% yesterday, crossing \$1,000 per share for the first time, there was a somewhat cautious mood in the day's trading as interest rates moved higher on hotter-than-expected May flash PMI updates. A preliminary look at composite May PMI showed overall economic activity climbing further into expansion versus consensus and April levels, driven by "strengthening" services activity. In fact, the report noted that business activity growth rose sharply this month and at its fastest pace in over two years. Notably, strong services activity, including elevated rents, has been a primary factor in keeping consumer inflation elevated. In our view, the current market dynamic of *good news is bad news* because it likely means the

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Federal Reserve has to leave rate policy higher for longer took some momentum out of the market yesterday and despite NVIDIA's strong earnings report. However, this week's other data updates showing weaker than expected existing/new home sales in April, mostly inline jobless claims, and Fed minutes from the last FOMC meeting generally coming in as expected, likely keep the soft-landing narrative alive for now.

Lastly, with NVIDIA posting solid profit results/outlooks this week and up nearly +92% YTD (through May 22nd and not including yesterday's big gain), the Ameriprise table below helps highlight just how top-heavy S&P 500 returns are this year and how dependent performance is on just a handful of mega-cap tech companies, For instance, the S&P 500's YTD return through May 22nd would fall from nearly +12% to roughly +9.0% if NVIDIA were excluded. Excluding the top five stocks by market-capitalization weight, the S&P 500's return falls by roughly half. And if one excludes the top twenty stocks by market cap weight from the equation, the S&P 500's return falls to approximately +2.5%. That said, over

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Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 05/22/2024

2/3^{rds} of S&P 500 stocks are higher in 2024, with roughly 1/3rd outperforming the broad-based stock benchmark this year — indicating positive momentum "across" the S&P 500 despite top-heavy returns. Bottom line: Stock performance continues to be dominated by companies with clear/visible secular drivers and outsized earnings growth, which makes sense, in our view. However, below the surface, many S&P 500 stocks are higher this year, with a fair number outperforming, and in some cases, may have more upside potential if economic conditions remain favorable, inflation ebbs lower, and interest rates decline a bit.

U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

United States:

Here is a quick news rundown to start your morning:

- Stocks are looking at a slightly higher open. As mentioned above, the S&P 500 is off roughly 0.8% this week, while the Dow Jones Industrials Average is lower by 2.4%. The NASDAQ Composite has bucked the trend lower this week, helped by NVIDIA, and is up slightly at +0.3% week-to-date. April Durable Orders and a final look at May Michigan Sentiment are the economic updates that are out today to help close down the trading week.
- **Earnings Update:** With roughly 96% of S&P 500 first quarter reports complete, blended earnings per share (EPS) growth is higher by +6.0% year-over-year on revenue growth of +4.3%.

Europe:

European stocks are trading lower at midday. UK retail sales fell sharply in April despite consumer confidence tracing twoyear highs. Bad weather and volume declines across a number of categories were to blame. Final German Q1 GDP was confirmed at +0.2% q/q, as expected. However, on a y/y basis, Germany's economy shrank 0.2% in the first quarter of the year and has been steadily declining since the Q2'21 peak.

Asia-Pacific:

Equities across the region finished the overnight session lower and as a follow-through to weaker trading in the U.S. on Thursday. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index recorded its worst week since January, while stocks in Australia recorded their fourth straight day of losses. Core consumer inflation in Japan moderated lower in April, rising +2.2% y/y, matching expectations, and down from +2.6% in March. Core inflation is down to its lowest level since January.

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS

5/24/2024	As of: 8	3:30 AM	ET								
Americas	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Europe (Intra-day)	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Asia/Pacific (Last Night)	% chg.	%YTD	Value
S&P 500	-0.7%	11.1%	5,267.8	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-0.4%	13.7%	5,015.4	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-1.2%	16.4%	38,646.1
Dow Jones	-1.5%	4.4%	39,065.3	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	-0.4%	9.4%	8,308.5	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	-1.4%	10.3%	18,608.9
NASDAQ Composite	-0.4%	11.8%	16,736.0	DAX Index (Germany)	-0.4%	11.1%	18,614.2	Korea Kospi 100	-1.3%	2.0%	2,687.6
Russell 2000	-1.6%	1.6%	2,048.4	CAC 40 (France)	-0.2%	9.4%	8,082.6	Singapore STI	-0.2%	5.1%	3,316.6
Brazil Bovespa	-0.7%	-7.0%	124,729	FTSE MIB (Italy)	-0.3%	13.2%	34,350.9	Shanghai Comp. (China)	-0.9%	3.8%	3,088.9
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	-0.7%	7.2%	22,200.8	IBEX 35 (Spain)	-0.9%	13.3%	11,205.7	Bombay Sensex (India)	0.0%	4.9%	75,410.4
Russell 3000	-0.8%	10.0%	3,005.1	MOEX Index (Russia)	-1.7%	11.1%	3,383.3	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	-1.1%	4.1%	7,727.6
Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	-0.5%	9.5%	789.0	MSCI EAFE	0.0%	7.8%	2,364.4	MSCI Emerging Mkts	-0.4%	7.6%	1,091.4

Note: International market returns shown on a local currency basis. The equity index data shown above is on a total return basis, inclusive of dividends.

S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Communication Services	-1.2%	20.1%	294.2
Consumer Discretionary	-1.5%	0.2%	1,417.3
Consumer Staples	-1.2%	8.8%	821.6
Energy	-1.0%	10.0%	693.2
Financials	-1.5%	10.3%	686.2
Health Care	-1.1%	6.7%	1,686.0
Industrials	-1.2%	9.1%	1,046.0
Materials	-0.9%	6.2%	569.8
Real Estate	-2.2%	-6.1%	233.8
Technology	0.6%	17.7%	3,986.1
Utilities	-1.7%	12.8%	358.1

	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value
2	JPM Alerian MLP Index	-1.1%	7.7%	273.9
3	FTSE NAREIT Comp. TR	-2.1%	-6.3%	22,426.3
5	DJ US Select Dividend	-1.6%	5.4%	3,166.0
2	DJ Global Select Dividend	-0.3%	6.0%	229.8
2	S&P Div. Aristocrats	-1.5%	3.2%	4,410.1
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3	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value
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Commodities			
Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
CRB Raw Industrials	0.1%	3.5%	562.8
NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	-0.4%	6.9%	76.6
ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	-0.4%	5.2%	81.0
NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	-1.9%	3.7%	2.6
Spot Gold (troy oz.)	0.5%	13.4%	2,339.9
Spot Silver (troy oz.)	1.2%	28.2%	30.5
LME Copper (per ton)	0.2%	21.9%	10,318.4
LME Aluminum (per ton)	-0.3%	9.6%	2,571.6
CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	0.0%	-6.1%	464.0
CBOT Wheat (cents p/bushel)	-0.8%	7.2%	692.3

% chg.

0.1%

-0.1%

% YTD

-3.4%

-8.1%

Value

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Foreign Exchange (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value	
Euro (€/\$)	0.2%	-1.8%	1.08	Japanese Yen (\$/¥)	-0.1%	-10.2%	157.06	Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)
British Pound (£/\$)	0.2%	-0.1%	1.27	Australian Dollar (A\$/\$)	0.1%	-2.9%	0.66	Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

Data/Price Source: Bloomberg. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends, where applicable.

Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)

U.S. Equity Sector	Tactica	l Views							
	S&P 500		GAAC	GAAC		S&P 500		GAAC	GAAC
	Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended
	Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight		Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight
Consumer Staples	5.9%	Overweight	2.0%	7.9%	Communication Services	8.9%	Equalweight	-	8.9%
Information Technology	30.0%	Equalweight	-	30.0%	Energy	3.9%	Equalweight	-	3.9%
Health Care	12.3%	Equalweight	-	12.3%	Utilities	2.1%	Equalweight	-	2.1%
Financials	13.1%	Equalweight	-	13.1%	Materials	2.3%	Equalweight	-	2.3%
Industrials	8.8%	Equalweight	-	8.8%	Real Estate	2.3%	Equalweight	-	2.3%
As of: March 29, 2024					Consumer Discretionary	10.4%	Underweight	-2.0%	8.4%

As of: March 29, 2024

Index weightings represent the respective market capitalization of each sector in the S&P 500 as of 3/21/2024. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as Recommended Tactical Weights, is derived from the Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC). Views are expressed relative to the Index and are provided to represent investment conviction in each region. Tactical Allocations are designed to augment Index returns over a 6-12 month time horizon. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Global Equity	Global Equity Regions - Tactical Views										
MSCI All-Country			GAAC	GAAC		MSCI All-Country	у	GAAC	GAAC		
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		
	Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight		Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight		
United States	62.4%	Overweight	2.1%	64.5%	Latin America	1.0%	Equalweight		1.0%		
Europe ex U.K.	13.5%	Overweight	2.0%	15.5%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan	10.3%	Underweight	-3.0%	7.3%		
Japan	5.6%	Overweight	1.0%	6.6%	Canada	2.9%	Underweight	-1.0%	1.9%		
United Kingdom	3.2%	Equalweight	-	3.2%	Middle East / Africa	1.1%	Underweight	-1.1%	0.0%		

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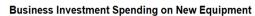
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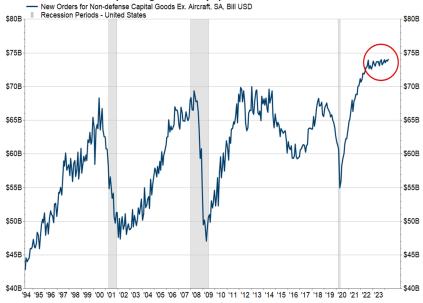
Russell T. Price, CFA – Chief Economist

Releases	for Friday	May 24, 2024 All times E	astern. Consensus o	estimates via	Bloomberg	
<u>Time</u> 8:30 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	<u>Period</u> APR APR May F	<u>Release</u> New Orders for Durable Goods (MoM Continuing Claims U. of M. Consumer Sentiment	<u>Consensus Est.</u>) -0.8% +0.1% 67.7	<u>Actual</u> +0.7% +0.4%	<u>Prior</u> +0.9% +0.2% 67.4	<u>Revised to</u> +0.8% 0.0%

Commentary:

- New orders for durable goods remained strong in April. Overall, today's better than expected release reflects a slow but generally steady pace of new order growth that we see as a "sweet spot" of growth that supports the idea of a perceptions of a soft landing (though we could argue about a landing from what?).
- Excluding the influence of fluctuating order patterns at aircraft maker Boeing, as well as the Transports sector overall, new orders ex-transports were 0.4% higher in April and a strong 4.5% higher relative to year-ago levels.
- The report's closely watched **business investment spending** component (new orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft) grew 0.3% in the month and were 3.1% above year-ago levels. On a 3-month moving average basis, orders in the segment were growing at a +1.4% pace.
- A drop in new orders at Boeing weighed heavily on the overall results. New orders for nondefense aircraft were down 8% in April while orders in the category were a very sharp 32.9% lower than year-ago levels. Boeing reported new orders for 7 aircraft in April but had cancelations of 33.
- In recent guarters business investment has seen solid support from three primary factors: 1. Consumer demand remains solidly positive even though consumer spending patterns have favored services in recent months. 2. The labor market is still tight in some segments. Generally, if businesses cannot find the workers that they need they will often invest in new equipment, software or technology to make the workers that they do have more efficient. 3. The federal government is still distributing funds passed under various Bills in recent years for various initiatives, especially for the reshoring of some manufacturing operations, particularly for semiconductors and green energy production.
- The chart at right is sourced from FactSet and HAS been updated to reflect today's release.





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Ameriprise Economic Projections Forecast: Full-year Quarterly Actual Actual Est. Est. Actual Actual Actual Actual Est. Est. Est. 2022 2023 2024 2025 Q2-2023 Q3-2023 Q4-2023 Q1-2024 Q2-2024 Q3-2024 Q4-2024 Real GDP (annualized) 1.9% 2.5% 2.2% 1.8% 2.1% 4.9% 3.4% 1.6% 2.6% 1.9% 1.6% **Unemployment Rate** 3.6% 3.7% 4.2% 4.2% 3.6% 3.8% 3.7% 3.8% 4.0% 4.1% 4.2% CPI (YoY) 8.0% 2.3% 3.0% 3.7% 3.5% 3.3% 2.3% 3.4% 2.0% 3.4% 2.6% Core PCE (YoY) 5.2% 2.9% 2.1% 4.3% 2.9% 2.5% 1.9% 3.6% 2.8% 2.2% 2.1%

Sources: Historical data via FactSet. Estimates (Est.) via American Enterprise Investment Services Inc.

YoY = Year-over-year, Unemployment numbers are period ending. GDP : Gross Domestic Product; CPI: Consumer Price Index

PCE: Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index. Core excludes food and energy.

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

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Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee Targets and Views

Targets			
	Favorable	Base-Case	Adverse
2024 Year-end Targets:	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
S&P 500 Index:	5,400	5,200	4,500
10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield:	4.00%	3.50%	3.00%
Fed Funds Target Range:	4.25% to 4.50%	4.75% to 5.00%	3.75% to 4.00%

Estimates (Est.) via American Enterprise Investment Services Inc.

Please see latest Quarterly Capital Market Digest for more information.

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Global Asset Allocation Committee Views

AMERIPRISE GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TACTICAL ASSET CLASS VIEWS

2024 Year-end S&P 500 Target: 5,200 2024 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 3.50%

as of 03/27/2024

	Overweight	Equalweight	Underweight
Equity	 U.S. Large Cap Value Developed Foreign Equity 	 U.S. Large Cap Growth U.S. Mid Cap Value U.S. Mid Cap Growth U.S. Small Cap Value U.S. Small Cap Growth 	 Emerging Foreign Equity
S&P 500 Sectors	Consumer Staples	 Communication Services Energy Financials Health Care Industrials Information Technology Materials Real Estate Utilities 	Consumer Discretionary
Global Equity Regions	United StatesEurope ex U.K.Japan	Latin AmericaUnited Kingdom	 Asia Pacific ex Japan Middle East/Africa Canada
Fixed Income	 U.S. Government U.S. Investment Grade Corp. 	 Developed Foreign Bonds U.S. High Yield Bonds 	 Emerging Foreign Bonds Municipal Bonds
Alternatives		Real Assets	Alternative Strategies
Cash		Cash Cash Investments	

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		Rolling	Returns	
Major Market Indices	Q1'24	1-year	3-years	5-years
Russell 3000 [®] Index (U.S. Equity)	10.02%	29.29%	9.78%	14.34%
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index – net (Foreign Equity)	4.69%	13.26%	1.94%	5.97%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index (Fixed Income)	-0.47%	2.67%	-2.11%	0.69%
Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index (Alternatives)	3.16%	8.25%	1.95%	2.92%
FTSE Three-Month Treasury Bill Index (Cash)	1.37%	5.52%	2.70%	2.07%

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Performance calculations use FactSet data and are as of March 29, 2024

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