

## Before the Bell

## An Ameriprise Investment Research Group Publication

May 6, 2025

## Starting the Day

- US equity futures point to a lower open this morning.
- Global trade dynamics remain the focus for markets.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil rose \$1.52 to \$58.65 this morning.
- Ten-year U.S. Treasury yield rose to 4.35%.
- Spot Gold is higher by \$42 to \$3,377 per ounce, up 28% this year.
- The USD Index is down 0.3%

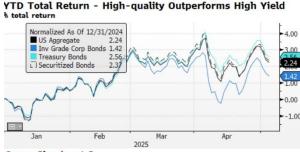
## Market Perspectives

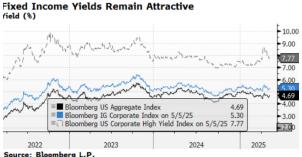
## Brian Erickson, CFA, Director of Fixed Income Research and Strategy

## **Key Fixed Income Themes**

This morning, we examine the key fixed-income themes highlighted in our latest *Quarterly Capital Market Digest* report, published last week on April 30.

- **1. Bonds remain a solid diversifier today** High-quality fixed income segments offered a 2.0% total return in the first quarter and held steady month-to-date through April 28th. In our view, long-term investors can rely on bonds' diversifying benefits within blended portfolios.
- 2. Fixed income provides attractive yield Beyond the nearterm debt ceiling and spending resolution dynamics, we view fixed income yields as attractive today. Real and absolute
  yields are near the highest levels in 15 years, and similar to those seen before the Global Financial Crisis. Looking at
  prospects for slow to negative growth in our Base and Adverse
  scenarios, we anticipate Treasuries to remain in demand, with
  periods of higher yields drawing even more interest.
- 3. Out of cash into bonds We anticipate further Fed rate cuts this year that would lower cash investment yields. Each Fed rate cut lowers the yield on cash investments like money markets. Looking ahead, a short-term high-quality bond fund likely provides more cumulative yield and return over time relative to cash investments. And if global trade and domestic spending policies rattle business and consumer activity, fixed income could outperform on a forward return basis relative to cash.





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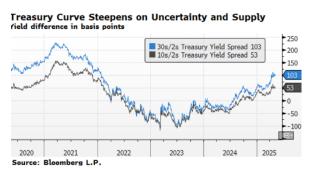
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- 4. Higher credit risk premiums We anticipate credit spreads retain wider levels currently priced into markets and prefer high-quality credit for navigating current market dynamics. Though investment-grade corporates may underperform Treasuries through a deep risk-off period, we anticipate the incremental yield pickup offsets wider spreads over time.
- **5. Volatility drives steeper Treasury term premiums** Trade uncertainty and Treasury supply can drive term premiums higher across the curve, which we believe supports the case for intermediate-term bonds. A new spending resolution and debt limit increase could temporarily raise Treasury yields, resulting in a steeper curve. In our Base Scenario, 10-year Treasuries end the year around 4.0%, suggesting a modest price return on top of coupon returns from where we stood on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Fed rate cuts are likely to lead Treasuries in the 2-to-7-year segment to outperform based on price returns, even when factoring in that shorter bonds are less sensitive to changes in yield.

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## U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

#### **United States:**

The S&P 500 Index broke a ten-day streak of positive closes Monday and appears headed for a lower open again this morning.

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- U.S. equity futures point to a lower open this morning, with little data scheduled for release on the day.
- The Fed wraps up a two-day policy meeting tomorrow with a rate decision and press conference. We anticipate the Fed to hold rate policy steady and to anchor to labor market and inflation data. We updated our full-year forecast for the fed funds policy rate to end the year a full percentage point lower at 3.25% to 3.50% in our latest *Quarterly Capital Market Digest* report. We anticipate the Fed remains anchored to its typical data-driven policy decisions and avoids politicizing its approach to monetary policy.

## **Europe:**

German Friedrich Merz narrowly failed to garner a majority of Bundestag votes to assume the Chancellorship earlier today, in the first failed vote since World War II. A second vote appears set for later today as Germany looks to solidify Merz's leadership and internal dynamics of the CDU/CSU coalition with the Social Democrats.

- The EU targeted \$113 billion of US goods as a fallback position should tariff talks with the US stall.
- Mid-day, the Euro Stoxx 50 was down 0.6%, the CAC 40 down 0.4%, and the DAX lower by 0.8% on the day.
- There has been little economic data to steer European stocks in today's session.

#### Asia-Pacific:

Signs that trade tensions may be thawing to some degree buoyed stocks in Asia earlier this morning. US Treasury Scott Bessent commented that he can envision "substantial progress in the coming weeks" for tariff policies with China.

• The Nikkei rose 1.0%, the Hang Seng rose 0.7%, and the CSI 300 rose a full percent in trading earlier today. The People's Bank of China indicated that a stronger yuan was not in the cards for the near term, with a steady daily reference rate for the yuan this morning following the extended holiday weekend. China's steady hand likely heads off recent fluctuations between the yuan and other Asian currencies due to global trade uncertainties.

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## **WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS**

Euro (€/\$)

British Pound (£/\$)

S&P 500         -0.6%         -3.5%         5,650.4         DISTOXX 50 (Europe)         -0.7%         8.8%         5,248.2         Nikkei 225 (Japan)         1.0%         -6.8%         36,830.           NASDAQ Composite         -0.7%         7.4%         11,784.2         DAX Index (Germany)         -0.9%         16.2%         23,140.6         Korea Kospi 100         0.1%         1.42%         22,652.           Russell 2000         -0.8%         -9.8%         2,004.3         CAC 40 (France)         -0.5%         5.5%         7,689.6         Singapore STI         0.2%         4.0%         3.860.           Brazil Bovespa         -1.2%         11.0%         133,491.         FTSE MIB (Italy)         -0.1%         18.7%         13.499.4         Bombay Senses (India)         -0.2%         5.5%         Aspense (India)         -0.2%         4.0%         3.860.4           Russell 3000         4.0%         3.77         Value         Value (India)         WALUE! #WALUE! #WALUE												
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Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)

Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

6.8% Data/Price Source: Bloomberg. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends, where applicable.

0.1%

0.5%

9.4%

Japanese Yen (\$/¥)

1.34 Australian Dollar (A\$/\$)

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## **Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)**

U.S. Equity Sector -	Tactical V	lews							
	S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>		S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>
Financials	14.4%	Overweight	2.0%	16.4%	Consumer Staples	5.8%	Equalweight	-	5.8%
Information Technology	30.4%	Equalweight	-	30.4%	Energy	3.6%	Equalweight	-	3.6%
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	10.2%	Equalweight	-	10.2%	Utilities	2.5%	Equalweight	-	2.5%
<b>Communication Services</b>	9.4%	Equalweight	-	9.4%	Real Estate	2.2%	Equalweight	-	2.2%
Industrials	8.4%	Equalweight	-	8.4%	Materials	2.0%	Equalweight	-	2.0%
As of: March 31, 2025					Health Care	11.1%	Underweight	-2.0%	9.1%

Index weightings represent the respective market capitalization of each sector in the S&P 500 as of 3/31/2025. 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.

<b>Global Equity F</b>	Global Equity Regions - Tactical Views										
MSCI All-Country			GAAC	GAAC		MSCI All-Country	y	GAAC	GAAC		
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		
	<u>Weight</u>	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>		<u>Weight</u>	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>		
Europe ex U.K.	13.2%	Overweight	2.0%	15.2%	Latin America	0.9%	Equalweight	-	0.9%		
United States	62.8%	Overweight	1.2%	64.0%	Middle East / Africa	1.2%	Underweight	<b>-1.2</b> %	0.0%		
Japan	<b>5.1</b> %	Equalweight	-	5.1%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan	10.6%	Underweight	-1.0%	9.6%		
<b>United Kingdom</b>	3.4%	Equalweight	-	3.4%	Canada	2.8%	Underweight	<b>-1.0</b> %	1.8%		
as of: March 31, 2025											

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## **Economic News and Views:**

## Russell T. Price, CFA - Chief Economist

# Releases for Tuesday, May 6, 2025 All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg Time Period Release Consensus Est. Actual Prior Revised to -\$121.0B -\$122.7B

Ameriprise Economic Projections											
Forecast:	: Quarterly										
	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Est.
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025
Real GDP (annualized)	2.9%	2.8%	0.7%	1.8%	3.0%	2.8%	2.3%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.2%	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
CPI (YoY)	3.4%	2.9%	3.7%	2.4%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.4%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Core PCE (YoY)	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%

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 Price I

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

Our projections currently assume an average import tariff rate of 20% over the projection period.

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

<u>Please note:</u> The economic outlook remains highly dynamic and heavily reliant on developments related to the Trump administration's tariff policies.

## Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee Targets and Views

Targets			
	Favorable	Base-Case	Adverse
2025 Year-end Targets:	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
S&P 500 Index:	6,000	5,600	4,800
10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield:	5.00%	4.00%	3.00%
Fed Funds Target Range:	3.75% to 4.00%	3.25% to 3.75%	2.75% to 3.00%

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

Please see latest Quarterly Capital Market Digest for more information. Last Updated: April 30, 2025

## Global Asset Allocation Committee Views

## AMERIPRISE GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TACTICAL ASSET CLASS VIEWS

2025 Year-end S&P 500 Target: 5,600 2025 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 4.00%

as of 04/30/2025

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

Note: Our Tactical Allocations are designed to augment a Strategic portfolio over a 6-12-month time horizon. Asset Allocation and diversification do not ensure or guarantee better performance and do not eliminate the risk of investment losses. Investors should note that rising interest rates could have a detrimental effect on bond prices. Please consult with your financial advisor. Cash generally refers to assets, securities and/or products low in risk and highly liquid. For asset allocation purposes, instruments can include Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, money market funds and <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/10.100

As of March 31, 2025	Rolling Returns						
Major Market Indices	Q1'25	1-year	3-years	5-years			
Russell 3000 <sup>®</sup> Index (U.S. Equity)	-4.72%	7.22%	8.22%	18.18%			
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index – net (Foreign Equity)	5.23%	6.09%	4.48%	10.92%			
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index (Fixed Income)	2.66%	5.24%	1.01%	0.32%			
Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index (Alternatives)	0.76%	2.00%	2.43%	4.49%			
FTSE Three-Month Treasury Bill Index (Cash)	1.10%	5.17%	4.42%	2.69%			

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