

Before the Bell

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Starting the Day

- U.S. equity futures point to a flat open.
- European markets are trading mixed at midday.
- · Asian markets ended mostly higher.
- S&P 500 now positive for the year.

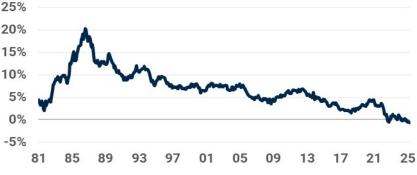
- President Trump continues Middle East trip.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.46%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$62.95.
- Gold is trading at \$3,243.40

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Out of Cash and Into Bonds. The S&P 500 Index continued its rather rapid march back toward all-time highs, closing just 4.2% shy of the record. If there's an investor who has been on sabbatical since the start of the year, he or she could peak at their statement, see positive year-to-date returns in the S&P (albeit only half a percent), and be content that they've not missed much. Simply, there may be a benefit to checking in only periodically and focusing your attention on other pursuits. Yesterday's gains stemmed from a combination of Monday's renewed trade optimism and relatively tame inflation numbers. Market technicals indicate the current rally off of April's lows may be a bit long in the tooth, but nothing is flashing red at the moment. Technicians who extend their views out a little longer generally take comfort that, despite the early April turmoil, the long-term trend line connecting the lows since the Covid-era remains intact.

Switching to bond investors. Yields on the U.S. 10-Year Treasury have settled in a rather wide trading range (from 3.5% to 4.75%) over the last two years, despite trade uncertainties, government deficits, and budget negotiations along the way. While yields are respectable, today, bond investors who look back over the past few years may find themselves disappointed and see that as of the end of last month, their five-year total return from the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index was the lowest on record (at -0.7% annualized over this window). *Chart source: Bloomberg.*

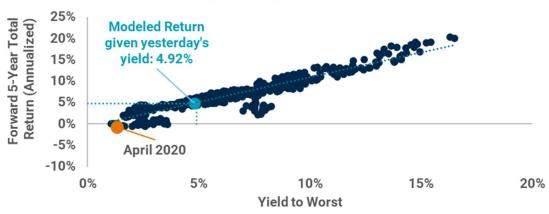




The feeling of being let down by bonds may be magnified when the -0.7% is compared to +2.7% from cash and +15.6% from the S&P 500 Index over the same time horizon. In our view, one of the best predictors of bond returns is the yield on the bond

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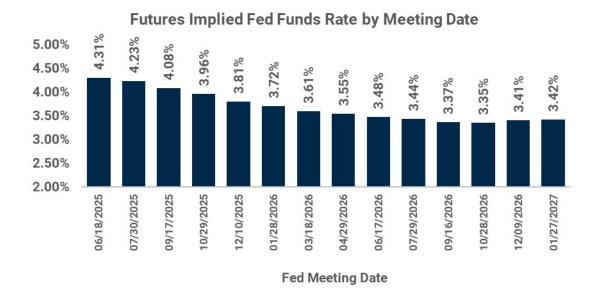
when purchased. With the benefit of hindsight, investors may not be too surprised by the dour total returns over the past five years.



Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

Source: Bloomberg, American Enterprise Investment Services, Inc.

Yields today are much more attractive than they were in 2020, and if the relationship depicted above holds, investors may be able to expect in the neighborhood of a 4.5% to 5% annualized return over the next five years if invested in the Aggregate Index. This return could be enough to meet certain investors' income needs, and compares favorably to today's cash rates. Further, rates on the front end of the curve are likely to fall if the futures, which speculate that the Fed will cut rates by half a point by the end of the year and another half a point by next summer, are any indication.



Source: Bloomberg, American Enterprise Investment Services, Inc.

Where does this leave us? With bond yields attractive and rates on the front end of the curve likely to move down, we recommend investors, most notably those who are more focused on income and less worried about potential price movements, consider repositioning any investment cash into Fixed Income.

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U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

United States:

Here is a quick news rundown to start your morning:

- Futures point to a flat open. U.S. equity index futures currently point to a flat, though slightly higher, open to the trading day as each of the three primary indices are showing little movement. There is also a lack of economic data this morning to guide investor sentiment.
- Back where we started. The S&P 500 added another 0.7% yesterday as investors continued to celebrate the temporary trade truce reached between the U.S. and China over the weekend. The gain was just enough to lift the Index back into positive territory for the year. Through yesterday, the S&P 500 is 0.1% higher on the year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, however, is still lower by 1.0% year-to-date and the NASDAQ Composite is down 1.6%.
- Earnings Update: With roughly 91% of S&P 500 first quarter reports complete, blended earnings per share (EPS) growth is higher by +13.6% year-over-year on revenue growth of +4.8%.

Europe:

Markets are mostly lower across Europe at midday. There were a host of inflation reports issued across the region, all of which generally came in as expected. Most notably, Germany reported a headline Consumer Price Index year-over-year (y/y) rate of +2.1% while Spain reported a rate of +2.2%. The broad Stoxx Europe 600 Index is now just over 7% higher on the year. To American investors, however, the Index is a strong 16.4% higher in reflection of the U.S. dollar's decline versus the Euro.

Asia-Pacific:

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS

Equity markets were mostly higher overnight across the Asia /Pacific. Stocks were particularly strong in China-related markets as Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index rose 2.3% and the mainland's primary Shanghai Index was 1.3% higher. Chinese companies with an international bent, such as Alibaba and Tencent, were among the better performers on the session as investors continued to view the temporary suspension of harsh trade tariffs between China and the U.S. as a positive development. Japan's Nikkei 225, meanwhile, was fractionally lower (-0.1%).

5/14/2025	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%	0.5%	5,886.6	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-0.2%	12.7%	5,405.7	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-0.1%	-3.5%	38,128.1
Dow Jones	-0.6%	-0.4%	42,140.4	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	0.0%	6.9%	8,605.0	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	2.3%	19.2%	23,640.7
NASDAQ Composite	1.6%	-1.3%	19,010.1	DAX Index (Germany)	-0.3%	18.4%	23,566.8	Korea Kospi 100	1.2%	11.3%	2,640.6
Russell 2000	0.5%	-5.3%	2,102.3	CAC 40 (France)	-0.4%	8.2%	7,842.8	Singapore STI	-0.3%	4.3%	3,871.1
Brazil Bovespa	1.8%	15.5%	138,963	FTSE MIB (Italy)	0.4%	17.7%	40,228.6	Shanghai Comp. (China)	0.9%	1.6%	3,403.9
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	0.3%	4.6%	25,616.9	IBEX 35 (Spain)	0.3%	21.5%	13,816.6	Bombay Sensex (India)	0.2%	4.3%	81,330.6
Russell 3000	0.7%	0.3%	3,352.3	MOEX Index (Russia)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#N/A N/A	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	0.1%	3.4%	8,279.6

Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	0.6%	4.4%	871.2	MSCI EAFE	0.8%	14.1%	2,536.9	MSCI Emerging Mkts	-0.4%	8.6%	1,156.8
Note: International market returns shown on a local currency basis. The equility index data shown above is on a total return basis. Inclusion of dividende											

1.33 Australian Dollar (As/s)

S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Commodities			
Communication Services	1.3%	0.3%	341.3	JPM Alerian MLP Index	2.6%	3.2%	303.8	Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Consumer Discretionary	1.4%	-5.1%	1,733.3	FTSE NAREIT Comp. TR	-1.3%	0.4%	25,206.0	CRB Raw Industrials	0.1%	3.6%	560.9
Consumer Staples	-1.2%	4.0%	880.7	DJ US Select Dividend	-0.2%	1.1%	3,541.0	NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	-1.2%	-12.3%	62.9
Energy	1.3%	1.0%	655.1	DJ Global Select Dividend	0.7%	16.8%	255.4	ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	-1.1%	-11.7%	65.9
Financials	0.4%	6.1%	848.6	S&P Div. Aristocrats	-0.6%	1.2%	4,628.2	NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	-2.0%	-1.6%	3.6
Health Care	-3.0%	-3.7%	1,535.6					Spot Gold (troy oz.)	-1.1%	22.5%	3,214.3
Industrials	0.7%	7.6%	1,195.2					Spot Silver (troy oz.)	-1.5%	12.2%	32.4
Materials	-0.5%	2.8%	541.3	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	LME Copper (per ton)	0.8%	11.2%	9,618.7
Real Estate	-1.3%	1.7%	257.7	Barclays US Agg. Bond	-0.1%	1.7%	2,227.0	LME Aluminum (per ton)	0.7%	-1.3%	2,492.8
Technology	2.3%	-1.5%	4,530.7	Barclays HY Bond	0.2%	2.5%	2,751.2	CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	-0.6%	-6.1%	440.0
Utilities	-0.1%	6.0%	404.1					CBOT Wheat (cents p/bushel)	-1.0%	-10.1%	512.3
Foreign Exchange (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value
Euro (€/Ś)	0.4%	8.4%	1.12	Japanese Yen (\$/¥)	0.9%	7.5%	146.17	Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)	0.1%	3.3%	1.39

0.0%

4.6%

0.65

Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

0.3%

8.4%

6.5% Data/Price Source: Bloomberg. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends, where applicable

0.2%

British Pound (f/S)

Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)

U.S. Equity Sector - 1	U.S. Equity Sector - Tactical Views										
	S&P 500		GAAC	GAAC		S&P 500		GAAC	GAAC		
	Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		
	Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	Weight		Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	Weight		
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%		
Consumer Discretionary	10.2 %	Equalweight	-	10.2%	Utilities	2.5%	Equalweight	-	2.5%		
Communication Services	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.

Global Equity I	Global Equity Regions - Tactical Views										
	MSCI All-Country		GAAC	GAAC		MSCI All-Country	1	GAAC	GAAC		
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		
	Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight		Weight	Tactical View	Overlay	Weight		
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	-1.2 %	0.0%		
Japan	5.1%	Equalweight	-	5.1%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan	10.6%	Underweight	-1.0 %	9.6%		
United Kingdom	3.4%	Equalweight	-	3.4%	Canada	2.8%	Underweight	-1.0 %	1.8%		
as of: March 31, 2025											

Index weightings are based on the regional market capitalizations of the MSCI All-Country World Index as of 3/31/2025. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as the Recommended Tactical Weights, are 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.

Economic News and Views:

Russell T. Price, CFA – Chief Economist

Releases for Wednesday, May 14, 2025

All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg

None Scheduled

Ameriprise Economic Projections											
Forecast: Full-year Quarterly											
	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Est.
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	2025	<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 (ΥοΥ)	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

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.

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<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.

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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	 U.S. Large Cap Value U.S. Mid Cap Value U.S. Mid Cap Growth U.S. Small Cap Value U.S. Small Cap Growth Developed Foreign 	Emerging Foreign
S&P 500 Sectors	• Financials	 Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples Energy Industrials Information Technology Materials Real Estate Utilities 	Health Care
Global Equity Regions	United StatesEurope ex U.K.	JapanLatin AmericaUnited Kingdom	 Middle East/Africa Asia-Pacific ex Japan Canada
Fixed Income	 U.S. Investment Grade Municipals 	 U.S. Government U.S. High Yield Developed Foreign 	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 high guality bonds whose maturities are less than 3 months. Outside of asset allocation purposes, cash investments can also include illiquid cash held in a mutual fund or pledged as collateral for derivatives. You can only access this cash by redeeming the fund using it, subject to fees or time constraints associated with redemptions.

As of March 31, 2025		Rolling	Returns	
Major Market Indices	Q1'25	1-year	3-years	5-years
Russell 3000 [®] 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%

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Performance calculations use FactSet data and are as of Date.

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