Global Perspectives Weekly

For the week ended Apr 04, 2025

Commentary

Weekly summary: Higher-than-expected broad-based tariffs roiled markets this week.

Markets review

- U.S. equities were sharply lower, driven by the selloff that followed the tariff announcement. The S&P 500 posted its two worst sessions since 06/20 and the worst two-day performance since 03/20. The Nasdaq and Russell 2000 entered bear market territory. The VIX finished the week at its highest level since 04/20. Every sector fell with consumer staples dropping the least while energy fell the most. Overseas markets declined as well but most (except Japan) remained positive for the year.
- Treasury yields rallied as 2yr and 10yr yields fell around 25 bp. The Agg rose, bringing YTD returns to over 3.5%.
- **Gold was down**, lower for only the second time in the past 14 weeks. Bitcoin futures were up slightly.
- WTI crude fell by the biggest weekly decline in two years amid global growth concerns and OPEC's announced supply increase.

Economic review

- President Trump announced his long-awaited tariff plan which included 10% broad-based tariffs and reciprocal tariffs on 60 nations. China followed with their own reciprocal tariffs.
- Markets priced a 30% chance of a May cut (up from 18% a week ago). The market now anticipates cuts of about 100 bp by year-end. Chair Powell expects tariffs to push inflation higher and weigh on growth, but the Fed can wait for more clarity before making any policy changes.
- U.S. economic growth and inflation forecasts were adjusted with some believing tariffs could push the economy close to recession.
- Labor appeared to start rolling over. March nonfarm payrolls beat consensus, but the prior two months were revised down. Average hourly earnings growth were less than expected. JOLTS job openings missed and fell to the lowest since 12/24 while Challenger job cuts for March jumped 60%, the third-highest on record. Hiring plans also fell.
- March ISM Manufacturing fell into contraction territory, with factory orders hitting the lowest level in two years.

Earnings review

 4Q24 earnings are in the bag! With 100% of the S&P 500 companies reported, the blended earnings growth rate was 17.1% and the revenue growth rate was 5.2%. Seventy-three percent of S&P 500 companies beat consensus EPS expectations and 64% surpassed consensus sales expectations according to LSEG.

Market data

| Index prices (\$) | 04/04/25 | 12/31/24 |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 38,315 | 42,544 |
| S&P 500 | 5,074 | 5,882 |

| Returns (%) | 1wk | QTD | YTD | 3mo |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Equities | | | | |
| S&P 500 | -9.08 | -9.56 | -13.42 | -14.32 |
| S&P Mid Cap 400 | -9.14 | -9.26 | -14.79 | -15.65 |
| S&P Small Cap 600 | -9.10 | -9.46 | -17.54 | -18.36 |
| Russell 1000 | -9.16 | -9.58 | -13.64 | -14.61 |
| Russell MidCap | -9.14 | -9.51 | -12.59 | -13.66 |
| Russell 2000 | -9.70 | -9.18 | -17.79 | -19.18 |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | -7.86 | -8.74 | -9.53 | -9.94 |
| NASDAQ Composite | -10.02 | -9.88 | -19.13 | -20.42 |
| | | | | |
| Fixed income | | | | |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate | 1.12 | 0.88 | 3.69 | 3.83 |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate | 1.65 | 1.54 | 4.22 | 4.58 |
| Bloomberg High Yield Bond | -1.78 | -1.71 | -0.73 | -1.04 |
| S&P / LSTA Senior Loan | -1.65 | -1.45 | -1.01 | -1.12 |
| JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond | -0.44 | -0.42 | 1.68 | 1.23 |
| | | | | |
| S&P 500 sectors | | | | |
| Technology | -11.39 | -11.42 | -22.63 | -23.72 |
| Materials | -8.19 | -9.18 | -6.63 | -5.62 |
| Consumer discretionary | -7.98 | -7.82 | -20.54 | -21.43 |
| Health care | -6.44 | -7.28 | -1.22 | -2.22 |
| Utilities | -4.44 | -5.46 | -0.79 | -2.58 |
| Consumer staples | -2.19 | -3.78 | 1.25 | 1.56 |
| Energy | -14.10 | -15.01 | -6.33 | -8.12 |
| Financials | -10.19 | -11.32 | -8.19 | -8.73 |
| Industrials | -9.39 | -9.99 | -10.16 | -10.82 |
| Communication services | -8.38 | -8.60 | -14.28 | -15.49 |
| Real Estate | -5.97 | -6.92 | -3.59 | -3.98 |
| | | | | |
| Equity style performance | | | | |
| Large cap value | -8.62 | -9.41 | -7.48 | -8.19 |
| Large cap growth | -9.62 | -9.70 | -18.70 | -19.86 |
| Mid cap value | -8.80 | -9.36 | -11.27 | -11.96 |
| Mid cap growth | -10.17 | -9.97 | -16.38 | -18.45 |
| Small cap value | -9.55 | -9.24 | -16.27 | -17.09 |
| Small cap growth | -9.84 | -9.11 | -19.22 | -21.12 |
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| International equities | 6 00 | 1.0.4 | 1 70 | 2 02 |
| MSCI EAFE MSCI U.K. | -6.89 | -4.94 | 1.72 | 2.03 |
| MSCI U.K. MSCI Europe ex-U.K. | -6.86 -6.93 | -5.84 -5.21 | 3.30 5.14 | 3.61 |
| MSCI Lurope ex-O.K. MSCI Japan | -0.93 | -3.21 | -3.68 | 5.72 -3.54 |
| MSCI Japan MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan | | | -3.68 | -3.54 1.59 |
| | -2.45 -2.90 | -0.59 | 1.20 | 1.99 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets MSCI ACWI | -2.90 | -1.20 | -8.70 | -9.35 |
| | -1.00 | -7.57 | -0.70 | -9.00 |

Source: FactSet.



INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

| Econ | omic calendar | | Market data, cont'd | | | | |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Date | Country/Region | Event Leading Index (Feb) | As of: | Last close | Prior week | Year end | 3 mos ago |
| | Germany | Industrial Production (Feb) | U.S. bond rates (%) | 0.000 | | | 490 |
| | Eurozone | Sentix Economic Index (Apr) | U.S. federal funds target rate | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 |
| | Eurozone | Retail Sales (Feb) | U.S. 2yr Treasury | 3.68 | 3.89 | 4.25 | 4.28 |
| | U.S. | Consumer Credit (Feb) | U.S. 10yr Treasury | 4.01 | 4.21 | 4.58 | 4.60 |
| 4 | 1/8/25 U.S. | NFIB Small Business Index (Mar) | U.S. 20yr Treasury | 4.46 | 4.61 | 4.86 | 4.88 |
| | 1/9/25 U.S. | Wholesale Inventories (Feb) | U.S. 30yr Treasury | 4.43 | 4.58 | 4.79 | 4.82 |
| | U.S. | FOMC Minutes | High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates) | 7.32 | 7.03 | 6.97 | 6.92 |
| | Japan | Domestic CGPI (Mar) | | | | | |
| | China | CPI (Mar) | Consumer rates (%) | | | | |
| | China | PPI (Mar) | 30yr mortgage rate | 6.71 | 6.77 | 7.28 | 7.26 |
| 4/ | | CPI (Mar) | Prime rate | 7.50 | 7.50 | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| 4/ | U.S. | Initial Claims (04/05) | | | | | |
| 47 | 11/25 Germany | | Commodities | | | | |
| 4/ | U.K. | CPI (Mar) | Gold (USD/oz) | \$3,035 | \$3,150 | \$2,641 | \$2,655 |
| | | Industrial Production (Feb) | Crude oil (USD/bbl) | \$61.99 | \$71.48 | \$71.72 | \$73.96 |
| | U.K. | Manufacturing Production (Feb) | Copper (LME \$/mt) | \$9,829 | \$9,829 | \$8,706 | \$8,701 |
| | U.S. | PPI (Mar) | Gasoline (USD/gal) | \$3.42 | \$3.36 | \$3.22 | \$3.20 |
| | U.S. | Michigan Sentiment (Apr) | | | | | |
| Source: | FactSet. | | Exchange rates | | | | |
| | | | \$ per € | 1.10 | 1.08 | 1.04 | 1.03 |
| | | | \$ per £ | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.25 | 1.24 |
| | | | ¥ per \$ | 145.53 | 149.54 | 157.16 | 157.40 |
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U.S. Dollar Index

Source: FactSet.

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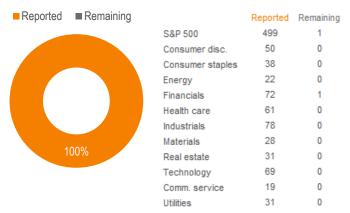
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4Q24 Final S&P 500 earnings dashboard

Growth rates

| S&P 500 Comm. service | | | | 17.1% | 3 | 1.5% |
|--------------------------|--------|--|------|-------|------|--------|
| Utilities | | | | 12.5% | 0 | 1.0 /0 |
| Consumer dicretionary | | | | | 28.5 | % |
| Technology | | | | 19.8% | | |
| Real estate | | | | 15.3% | | |
| Financials | | | | | | 35.1% |
| Industrials | | | 8.0% | 0 | | |
| Consumer staples | | | 1.5% | | | |
| Health care | | | | 14.3% | | |
| Materials | | | 2.0% | | | |
| Energy - | -29.3% | | | | | |

| Above ■ Match ■ Below | | Above | Match | Below |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | S&P 500 | 73% | 8% | 19% |
| 19% 8% 73% | Consumer disc. | 82% | 4% | 14% |
| | Consumer staples | 63% | 11% | 26% |
| | Energy | 77% | 0% | 23% |
| | Financials | 85% | 3% | 13% |
| | Health care | 77% | 7% | 17% |
| | Industrials | 77% | 5% | 18% |
| | Materials | 65% | 8% | 27% |
| | Real estate | 45% | 26% | 29% |
| | Technology | 80% | 9% | 12% |
| | Comm. service | 75% | 5% | 20% |
| | Utilities | 48% | 19% | 32% |
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As of 03/28/25. Source: London Stock Exchange Group, Institutional Brokers' Estimate System. Above, Match and Below are showing the percentage of constituents that beat, matched or missed analyst expectations on the day of reporting.

Voya Global Perspectives Market Models positioning

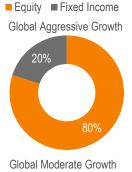
Current positioning

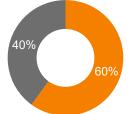
Following 4Q24 positive earnings growth for S&P 500 companies, the models remain in a base posture.

Upcoming positioning

1Q25 positioning will be announced and commence in early July.

Base positioning





Global Conservative Growth



Source: Voya IM.

Principal Risks

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Index definitions

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world, capturing large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the U.K..

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the U.K..

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Midcap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Midcap Value: Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the midcap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Growth: Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of smallcap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Value: Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

The S&P MidCap 400 includes 400 companies and represents almost 6% of the U.S. markets. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 3.3 billion to USD 11.8 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

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