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# WEEKLY MARKETSNAPSHOT

CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL PLANNING

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### **Market Commentary**

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The economic data reports were second-tier, leaving market participants to focus on earnings and President Biden's tax proposal.

New home sales rebounded 20.7%, from weather-related weakness in March, to a 1.021 million seasonally adjusted annual rate. Existing home sales slipped another 3.7%, restrained by a limited number of homes for sale. The Leading Economic Index rose 1.3%, with all 10 components making positive contributions, partly reflecting a rebound from bad weather. Weekly jobless claims fell further, although remain elevated by pre-pandemic standards.

Next week, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is widely expected to leave short-term interest rates and the monthly pace of asset purchases unchanged, while Chair Powell is unlikely to cover new ground in his press conference (but you never know). The advance estimate of first-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth should be quite strong, likely held back by slower inventory growth and a wider trade deficit. Focus is on Private Domestic Final Purchases (consumer spending, business fixed investment and residential fixed investment), which should be a lot stronger. In his address to a joint session of Congress, President Biden will make his case for his infrastructure plan and spending priorities.

### **Indices**

	Last	Last Week	YTD return %
DJIA	33815.90	34035.99	10.49%

NASDAQ	13818.41	14038.76	0.07%
S&P 500	4134.98	4170.42	10.09%
MSCI EAFE	2288.56	2272.89	9.96%
Russell 2000	2232.61	2252.89	13.05%

## Consumer Money Rates

	Last	1 year ago
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Fed Funds	0.05	0.07
30-year mortgage	3.14	3.25

## Currencies

	Last	1 year ago
Dollars per British Pound	1.3885	1.234
Dollars per Euro	1.2073	1.078
Japanese Yen per Dollar	107.54	107.60
Canadian Dollars per Dollar	1.249	1.407
Mexican Peso per Dollar	19.838	24.812

## Commodities

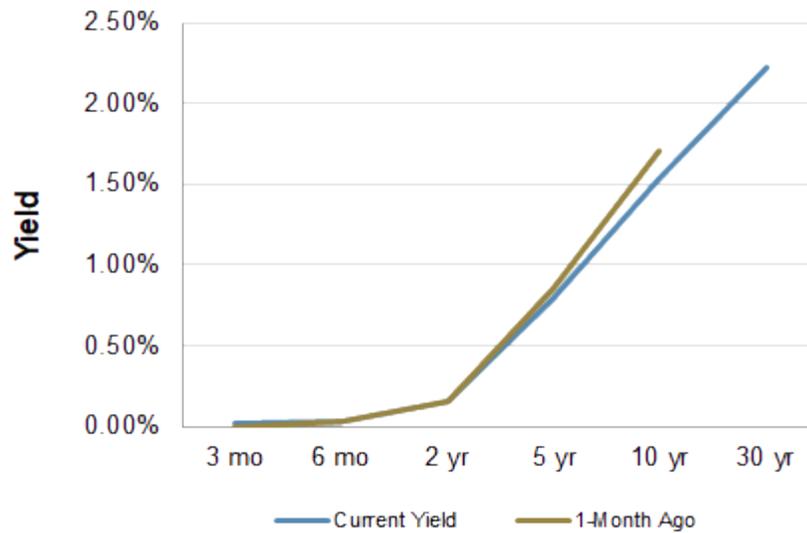
	Last	1 year ago
Crude Oil	63.37	16.50

Gold	1794.40	1745.40
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### Bond Rates

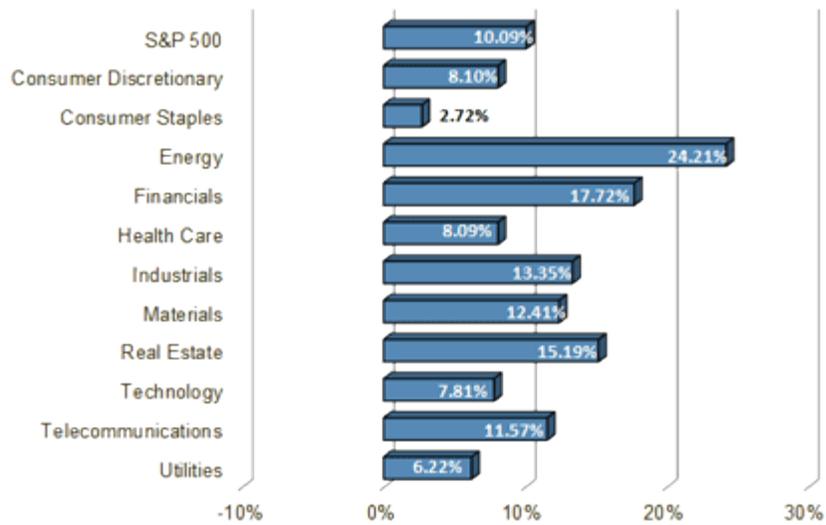
	Last	1 month ago
2-year treasury	0.15	0.15
10-year treasury	1.53	1.70
10-year municipal (TEY)	1.431	1.475

### Treasury Yield Curve – 04/23/2021



As of close of business 04/22/2021

### S&P Sector Performance (YTD) – 04/23/2021



As of close of business 04/22/2021

## Economic Calendar

<b>April 26</b>	—	Durable Goods Orders (March)
<b>April 27</b>	—	Real GDP (2Q20, advance estimate)
<b>April 28</b>	—	FOMC Policy Decision
	—	Biden Address to Congress
<b>April 29</b>	—	Jobless Claims (week ending April 23)
	—	Real GDP (2Q20, advance estimate)
	—	Pending Home Sales Index (March)
<b>April 30</b>	—	Employment Cost Index (1Q21)

- Personal Income and Spending (March)
- Chicago Business Barometer
- May 3** — ISM Manufacturing Index (April)
- May 5** — ISM Services Index (April)
- May 7** — Employment Report (April)

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