



# MARKET UPDATE

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## Market and Economic Highlights

- The Fed's March meeting leaned hawkish with fewer officials expecting multiple cuts.
- Chairman Powell noted further progress on inflation may be required for rate cuts.
- Middle East conflict oil shock weighed heavily on stock and bond prices.
- Treasury yields rose with markets pricing in a slower pace of Fed rate cuts.
- Stock prices fell, but displayed considerable resilience.

Sources: Bloomberg, FactSet

## Market Returns

Market Index	1-Month	3-Month	YTD	1-Year
Bloomberg 9-12 Month T-Bill	0.17%	0.70%	0.70%	4.00%
Bloomberg 1-5 Year Government	-0.77%	0.15%	0.15%	3.88%
Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Gov/ Credit A or Better	-1.17%	0.02%	0.02%	4.21%
Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Agg.	-1.34%	0.11%	0.11%	4.83%
S&P 500	-4.98%	-4.35%	-4.35%	17.77%
Russell 2000	-5.01%	0.92%	0.92%	25.76%

Source: Bloomberg; As of 3/31/26.

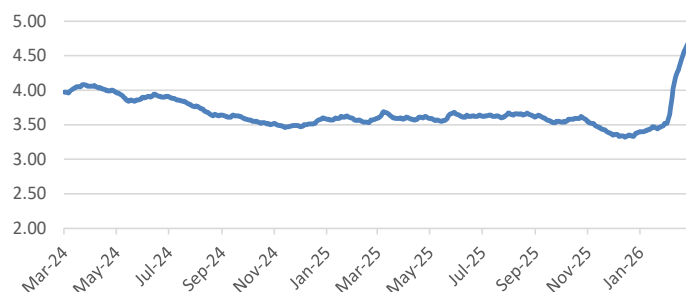
## FEATURED MARKET DATA

### Supply Shock Drives Up Oil and Gas Prices

The closing of the Strait of Hormuz has removed roughly 20 million barrels per day of crude and refined oil products from global trade. This supply shock has increased oil prices sharply to over \$100 per barrel with gas prices also rising above \$4.00 per gallon nationwide ahead of the summer travel season. This initial increase is likely to create near-term price pressure as higher transportation and electricity costs flow through supply chains into other goods and services. The duration of the conflict and persistence of higher oil prices will be key factors in the months ahead. We are closely monitoring whether these pressures begin to weigh on broader consumption, and ultimately, employment and growth.

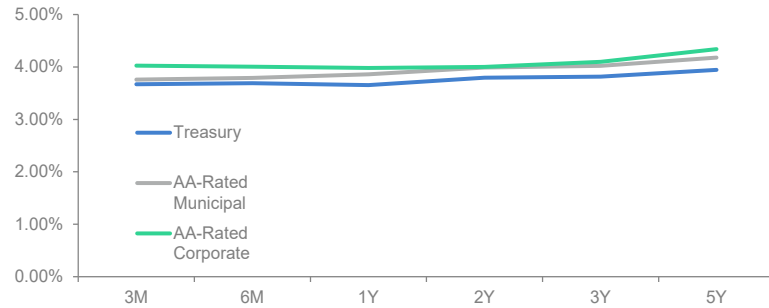
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## Average U.S. Gas Price per Gallon



Source: FactSet; As of: 4/1/26.

## Market Yields



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. As of 3/31/26.

## U.S. Economic Indicators

Event	Event Date	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior / Revised (R)
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	03/06/26	FEB	55K	-92K	126K(R)
Unemployment Rate	03/06/26	FEB	4.3%	4.4%	4.3%
Consumer Price Index (YoY)	03/11/26	FEB	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
Personal Income	03/13/26	JAN	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%
Personal Spending	03/13/26	JAN	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
GDP (QoQ Annualized)	03/13/26	4Q S	1.4%	0.7%	1.4%
Initial Jobless Claims	03/26/26	MAR 21	210K	210K	205K
S&P Cotality Case Shiller 20-City Home Price Index (YoY)	03/31/26	JAN	1.38%	1.18%	1.43% (R)
Consumer Confidence	03/31/26	MAR	87.9	91.8	91.0 (R)

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. As of 4/1/26. Glossary terms on following page.

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# Glossary of Terms

Term	What is it:
Building Permits	Records the number of permits for future housing construction.
Capacity Utilization	Tracks the extent to which capacity is being used in the production of goods and services.
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	This indicator measures the change in the number of employees on business and government payrolls.
Chicago Fed National Activity Index	A nationwide measure of economic activity and inflation pressures. An index value of zero indicates that the national economy is expanding at its historical trend rate of growth.
Consumer Confidence	Index examines how consumers feel about jobs, the economy and spending.
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	Measures the average change in retail prices over time for a basket consisting of more than 200 categories of assorted goods and services paid directly by consumers.
Core Consumer Price Index (Core CPI)	This measure of CPI excludes food and energy costs.
Durable Goods Orders	A measure of new orders placed with domestic manufacturers for durable goods, which are items that last three years or more.
Existing Home Sales	Measures monthly sales of previously owned single-family homes.
GDP Annualized QoQ	Measures the annualized quarterly growth of the final market value of all goods and services produced within a country. GDP is the foremost report on how fast or slow the economy is growing.
Housing Starts	Records the number of new housing units started during a period.
Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI)	An index designed to predict the direction of the economy.
Initial Jobless Claims	Tracks new filings for unemployment insurance benefits.
ISM Manufacturing	Measures manufacturing activity based on a monthly survey of purchasing managers.
MBA Mortgage Applications	The Mortgage Bankers Association's weekly mortgage application survey includes home loan application activity for conventional and government loans for home purchases and refinances.
Mortgage Delinquencies	A measure of the percent of total conventional and government loans which are at least one payment past due, but not in the process of foreclosure.
Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE)	The Federal Reserve's preferred measure of inflation tracks overall price changes for goods and services. Core PCE excludes food and energy.
Personal Income and Spending	Index records the income Americans receive, how much they spend, and what they save.
Retail Sales	Tracks the sale of new and used goods for personal or household consumption.
Retail Sales Ex. Auto	Retail sales excluding motor vehicles and parts.
S&P Cotality Case Shiller 20-City Home Price Index (YoY)	Tracks the value of single-family housing within the U.S. There are multiple indexes including the 20-City Composite.
Unemployment Rate	The U-3 unemployment rates tracks the percentage of the civilian workforce that is unemployed.

Source: Bloomberg, The Secrets of Economic Indicators by Bernard Baumohl; PMA Asset Management, LLC

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