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This Week’s Top Takeaways

- 1 While fans focus on the pro football draft this week, we discuss five potentially market-moving events next week.
- 2 1Q24 real GDP grew at a quarterly annualized rate of 1.6%, falling short of consensus expectations of 2.5%.
- 3 The 1Q24 earnings season is off to a mixed start, as consensus expectations for 1Q24 earnings growth is a paltry 1.6%.
- 4 Treasury yields moved higher across the curve following the 1Q24 GDP release with the 2-year yield crossing 5%.
- 5 With a year-to-date gain of ~15%, copper stands out as one of the best-performing commodities.



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The Week Ahead

Earnings Season



Next week is the second busiest week of the 1Q24 earnings season, with 175 companies representing ~28% of the S&P 500’s market capitalization set to report results.

FOMC Meeting



The market is anticipating no interest rate changes this Wednesday, but one rate cut later in the year. We still expect 2-3 cuts (25bp each) in 2024.

Employment Report



Next Friday, we expect ~175k jobs were added in April which would be the slowest pace in a year—with companies slowing their hiring activity as growth slows.

Return Statistics			Key Market Levels		Economic Calendar	
Region	Weekly	YTD	Index	Level	Date	Event
S&P 500	0.8%	6.3%	S&P 500	5048	MON 4/29	
Russell MidCap	2.0%	3.6%	DJIA	38086		
Russell 2000	2.0%	-1.9%	2-Yr Treasury Yield	4.99%	TUE 4/30	FHFA Home Price Index C-S Home Price Index Consumer Confidence
AC World	0.9%	4.6%	10-Yr Treasury Yield	4.70%		
Emerging Markets	1.0%	1.1%	30-Yr Treasury Yield	4.81%	WED 5/1	JOLTS ISM Manufacturing FOMC Meeting
US Aggregate Bond	-0.2%	-3.4%	EUR/USD	1.07		
BG Commodity	0.9%	4.4%	WTI Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	84	THU 5/2	Unit Labor Costs (Q1) Trade Balance
US Dollar	-0.5%	4.2%	Gold (\$/ozt)	2343	FRI 5/3	Employment Report ISM Services

\*Weekly performance calculated from Thursday close to Thursday close. FactSet as of: 4/25/2024

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