

AIM Daily Economic Brief

Thursday, March 28, 2024



Stocks



Dow	39,730	↓	-0.08%	39,760	37,710
S&P	5,249	↑	0.02%	5,248	4,783
Nsdaq	16,395	↓	-0.03%	16,400	15,095

Economic News

		Period	Surv	Act	Prev
M	Dallas Fed Manf Activity	Mar	-10	-14.4	-11.3
	New Home Sales MoM	Feb	2.3	-0.3	1.5
Tu	Durable Goods Orders	Feb P	1	1.4	-6.2
	Consumer Confidence	Mar	107.0	104.7	106.7
W	MBA Mortgage Applications	Mar 22	-	-0.7	-1.6
Th	Continuing Jobless Claims	Mar 16	1816.0	1819.0	1807.0
	Initial Jobless Claims	Mar 23	212	210	210
	Core PCE QoQ	4Q T	2.1	2	2.1
	GDP QoQ Annualized	4Q T	3.2	3.4	3.2
	Personal Consumption	4Q T	3.0	3.3	3.0
F	Personal Spending	Feb	0.5	-	0.2
	PCE Core MoM	Feb	0.3	-	0.4
	Personal Income	Feb	0.4	-	1

Today's Headlines

Bonds & Stocks

A stellar quarter for stocks is ending with a sense of caution, with traders gearing up for key inflation data after the latest Fed speak reinforced bets policymakers will be in no rush to cut interest rates. The relentless rally that added \$4 trillion to US equity values this year hit a wall after Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller said he wants to see "at least a couple months of better inflation data" before cutting rates. Not even solid economic readings were able to move the needle ahead of the release of the Fed's preferred inflation gauge and Jerome Powell's remarks Friday — when markets will be closed. The S&P 500 wavered around 5,250 after closing at a record. Treasury two-year yields rose five basis points to 4.61%. The bond market will close at 2 p.m. New York time Thursday.

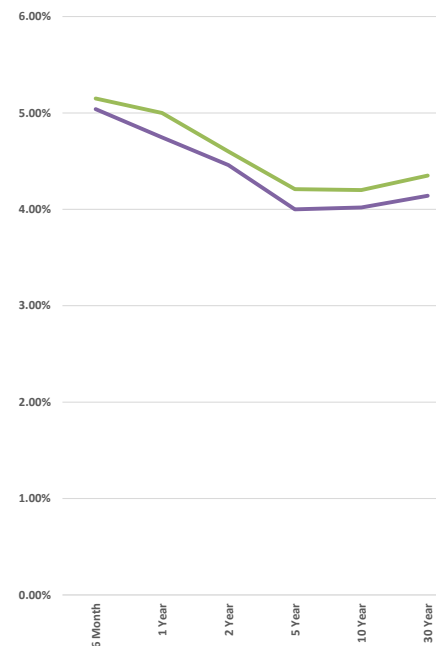
Economy

US consumer sentiment rose markedly toward the end of March, supported by strong stock-market gains and expectations that inflation will continue to ease. The University of Michigan's sentiment index climbed to 79.4 from 76.5 earlier in the month, reaching the highest since mid-2021, according to the final March reading issued Thursday. The 2.9-point gain from the preliminary reading was the biggest intramonth increase since August 2022.

World

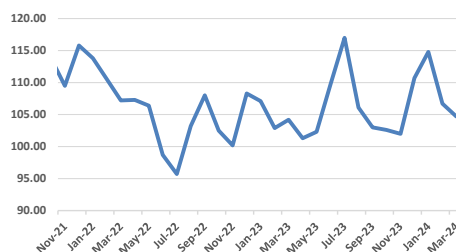
Japan had its toughest warning yet for traders on its willingness to intervene in currency markets after the yen slid to its weakest level in about 34 years against the dollar. The nation's currency dipped to 151.97 versus the greenback early on Wednesday in Tokyo — beyond the level at which policymakers stepped in during October 2022 — before comments from government officials on their readiness to act boosted the yen to its strongest level of the day. "We are watching market moves with a high sense of urgency," Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said. "We will take bold measures against excessive moves without ruling out any options." Suzuki's reference to bold action is generally interpreted to mean direct intervention in the currency market.

Yield Curve



Consumer Confidence

Consumer confidence tracks sentiment among households or consumers. The results are based on surveys conducted among a random sample of households.



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Current Three Months Ago

6 Month	5.15%	→	0.00%	5.15%	5.15%
1 Year	5.00%	↑	0.01%	4.99%	4.98%
2 Year	4.60%	↑	0.06%	4.54%	4.62%
5 Year	4.21%	↑	0.03%	4.18%	4.26%
10 Year	4.20%	→	0.00%	4.20%	4.27%
30 Year	4.35%	↓	-0.01%	4.36%	4.44%

Key Rates

	Current	1m	6m	12m
Fed Funds Eff	5.330%	5.31%	5.31%	4.82%
Fed Funds Trgt	5.500%	5.50%	5.50%	5.00%
Prime	8.500%	8.50%	8.50%	8.00%
Federal COFI	3.855%	3.86%	3.70%	3.14%
1 Month Libor	5.445%	5.440%	5.43%	4.86%
3 Month Libor	5.571%	5.603%	5.66%	5.16%
SOFR	5.330%	5.310%	5.310%	4.840%
SONIA	5.190%	5.188%	5.185%	4.177%
Gold Future	2,209	2,035	1,865	1,974
Oil Future	82.320	77.83	82.49	70.08
Unemployment	3.900%	3.70%	3.80%	3.60%
GDP	1.600%	1.60%	3.30%	3.90%
CPI	3.200%	3.40%	3.70%	6.00%

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