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Market Conditions

April 17, 2025

MBS	Current Price	Change	OAS Dur	OAS Yld	Vol
FNMA30 5.5 MAY	98 28/32	-10/32	4.51	5.69%	3.56
FNMA15 5.0 MAY	99 31/32	-4/32	4.53	4.94%	3.58
GNMAII30 5.5 MAY	99 3/32	-10/32	3.45	5.77%	2.72

Treasuries	Current Price	Change	Dur	Yld	Vol
5yr Treasury	100 9/32	-5/32	4.50	3.92	3.90
10yr Treasury	102 10/32	-13/32	8.14	4.32	6.61
30yr Treasury	96 31/32	-1 5/32	16.07	4.80	12.78

Stocks	Current Price	% Change	Commodities	Current Price	Change
Dow	39,316.13	-1.01%	Dollar	99.61	+0.23%
S&P 500	5,299.16	+0.41%	Gold	\$3,325.50	-0.63%
Nasdaq	16,290.69	-0.14%	Crude Oil	\$64.76	+3.67%

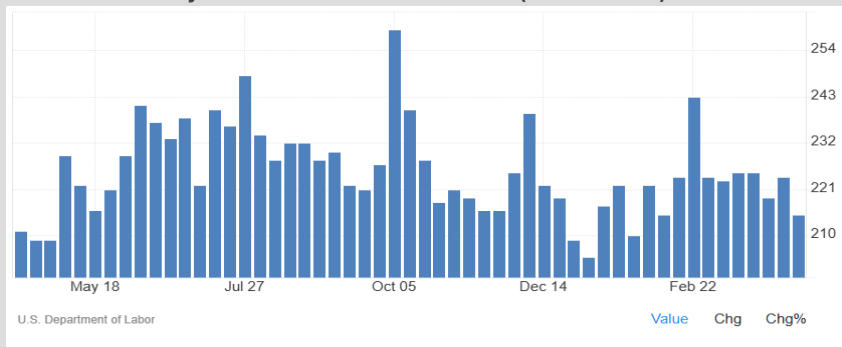
Economic Commentary

MBS prices are down about 10/32 this morning while the DOW is down about 300 points as investors eyed potential progress on trade talks and President Trump lashed out at Fed Chair Jerome Powell after his stark picture of the economy under tariffs. Powell, speaking in Chicago, issued his starkest warning yet on how tariffs could affect the US economy. The Fed chair said the central bank would likely face a "challenging scenario," considering he expects the levies to exacerbate inflation and slow economic growth. Powell also threw cold water on hopes the central bank would imminently slash interest rates as tariffs roll in, saying Fed officials will "wait for greater clarity" on Trump's trade policy. Today's economic reports showed that initial jobless claims for the week ending April 12 decreased by 9,000 to 215,000 (Briefing.com consensus 225,000). Continuing jobless claims for the week ending April 5 increased by 41,000 to 1.885 million. The key takeaway from the report is that the low level of initial jobless claims will support the idea that the labor market is still in a solid position overall. Additionally, this should factor well in forecasts for April nonfarm payrolls since it covers the period in which the employment survey is conducted. Total housing starts declined 11.4% month-over-month in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.324 million (Briefing.com consensus 1.418 million) from a downwardly revised 1.494 million (from 1.501 million) in February. Building permits increased 1.6% month-over-month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.481 million (Briefing.com consensus 1.455 million) from an upwardly revised 1.459 million (from 1.456 million) in February. The key takeaway from the report is that single-unit starts (-14.2%) and permits (-2.0%) were both down during the month, as affordability constraints driven by higher mortgage rates and building costs presumably curtailed homebuilder activity. The April Philadelphia Fed Index plunged to -26.5 (Briefing.com consensus 10.0) from 12.5 in March. The dividing line between expansion and contraction is 0.0. The key takeaway from the report is that the index for new orders dropped sharply to -34.2 from 8.7, signaling a notable drop off in demand; meanwhile, the prices paid index rose to 51.0 from 48.3.

Economic Calendar

	PERIOD	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
THURSDAY, APRIL 17				
Initial jobless claims	12-Apr	215,000	225,000	224,000
Housing starts	March	1.32 million	1.418 million	1.49 million
Building permits	March	1.48 million	1.455 million	1.46 million
Philadelphia Fed manufacturing survey	April	-26.40	3.50	12.50
FRIDAY, APRIL 18				
None Scheduled				
MONDAY, APRIL 21				
U.S. leading economic indicators	March	Waiting for Results	--	-0.30%
TUESDAY, APRIL 22				
None Scheduled				
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23				
S&P flash U.S. services PMI	April	Waiting for Results	--	54.40
S&P flash U.S. manufacturing PMI	April	Waiting for Results	--	50.20
New home sales	March	Waiting for Results	--	676,000
Fed Beige Book				
THURSDAY, APRIL 24				
Initial jobless claims	19-Apr	Waiting for Results	--	215,000
Durable-goods orders	March	Waiting for Results	--	0.60%
Core durable orders	March	Waiting for Results	--	-0.30%
FRIDAY, APRIL 25				
Consumer sentiment (final)	April	Waiting for Results	--	5080.00%

Chart of the Day: US Initial Jobless Claims (Thousands)



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