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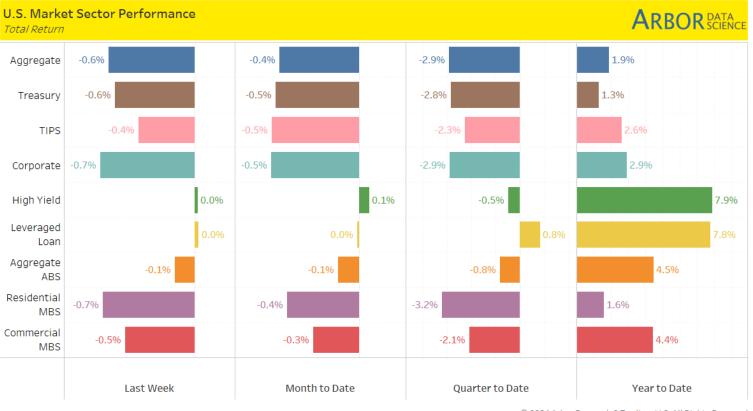


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Fixed Income Sector Unhedged Total Returns

Treasurys trade poorly once again.

October proved to be one of the worst month's of performance for Treasurys in some time. The 10-year note returned -4% in October. The intermediate Bloomberg Treasury index fell 1.64% during the month, while the long index lost 5.21%.



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Corporate Sector Unhedged Total Returns



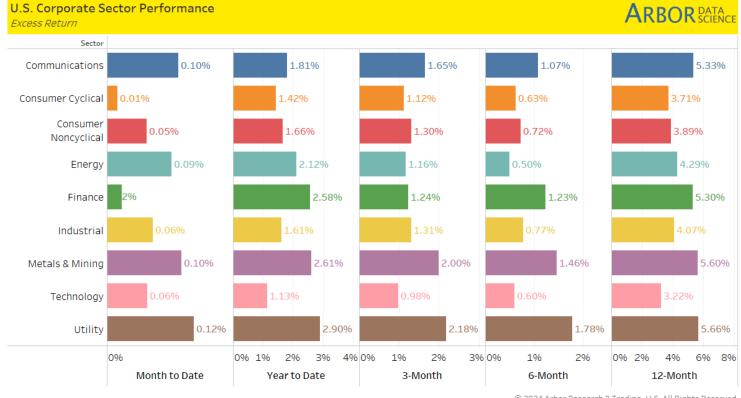
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Long credit spreads notably outperform Treasurys in October.

The Bloomberg long credit index outperformed long Treasurys by 105bps in October as limited primary issuance and rising yields kept real money focused on secondary product.

Corporate Sector Excess Returns



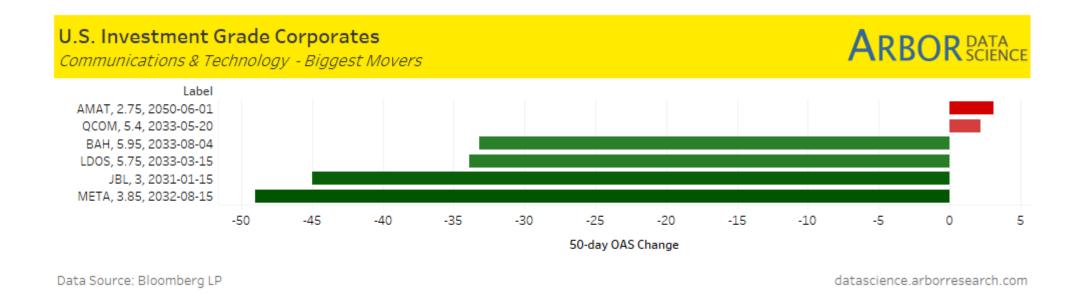
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IG credit spreads close week 1bp tighter.

The Bank of America index tightened 1bp last week. Treasury yields in 2-10 year maturities rose 10-14bps, which offset equities sliding 1.7-1.9%.



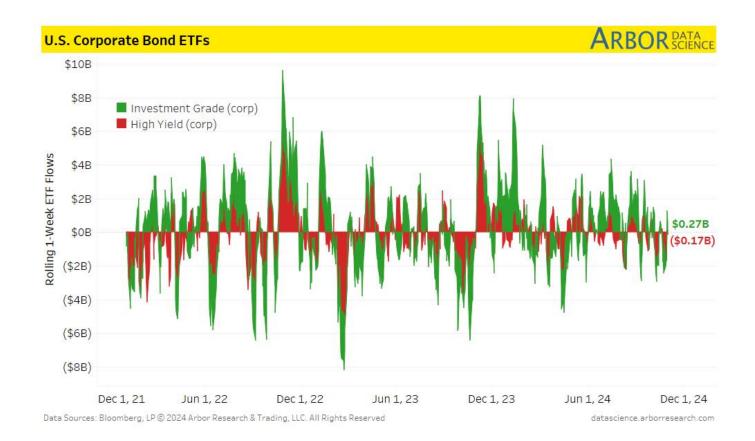


IG fund flows increased slightly last week to \$6.49 billion from +\$5.93 billion the prior week. The gains were all from ETFs, which saw inflows of \$6.72 billion vs. +\$2.38 billion last week. High grade mutual funds saw outflows of \$0.22 billion last week vs. +\$1.1 billion during the prior survey period. HY funds gained \$0.61 billion. Equity funds lost \$0.89 billion after having seen inflows of \$5.83 billion previously.

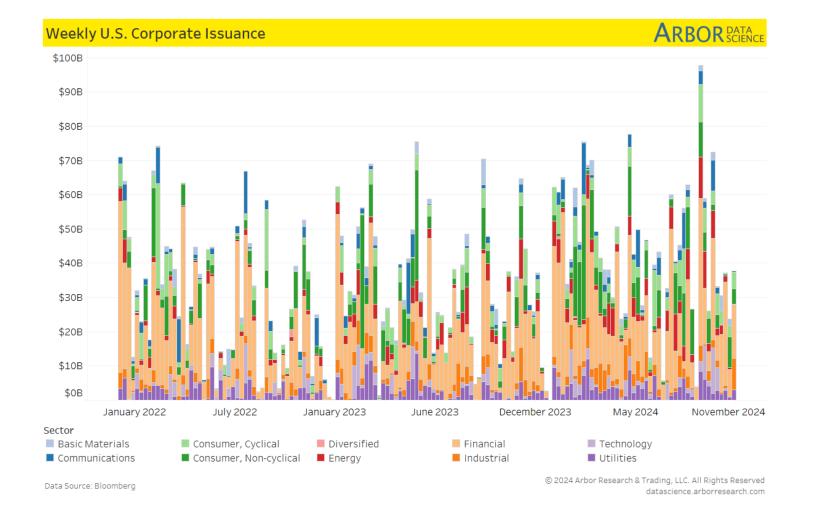
Corporate Bond ETF Flows

Corporate bond ETFs were mixed last week, with investment-grade ETFs gaining \$0.27 billion and high-yield ETFs losing \$0.17 billion.

The chart shows stacked rolling one-week flows into corporate bond ETFs.



Primary issuance came in at \$23.8 billion last week, in line with expectations. This week's expectations are for less that \$5 billion to be priced given the election and an FOMC meeting. Estimates for November are in the \$75 billion range, well below November 2020 when \$101 billion came to market. The 5-year average for November is \$106 billion.



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