

# U.S. Credit Update – May 06, 2025

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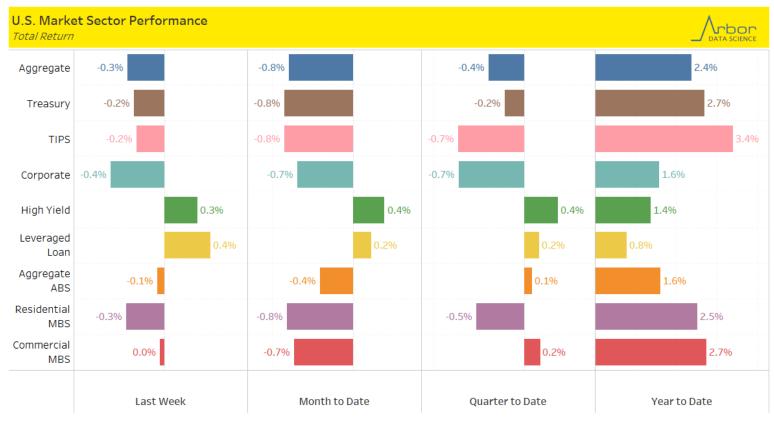


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## Fixed Income Sector Unhedged Total Returns

# Treasury yields reverse following better than expected payrolls.

Short Treasury rates reached their lowest levels in 6 months by Wednesday's close. However, following a better than expected nonfarm payrolls report Friday morning, yields reversed sharply as money moved to riskier asset classes. The front end increased in yield 19-22 bps from Wednesday's close through the end of the week.



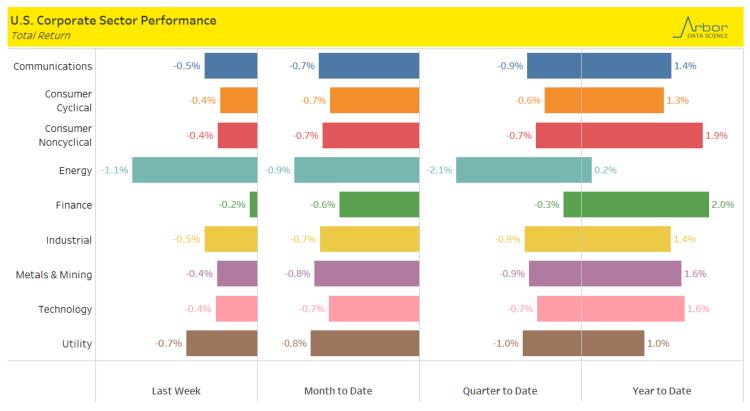
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# Corporate Sector Unhedged Total Returns

# IG credit spreads rally to finish the week unchanged.

The market saw profit taking during the first few days of the week, but strong earnings and a solid jobs report fueled a late week rally to help the Bank of America index close unchanged.



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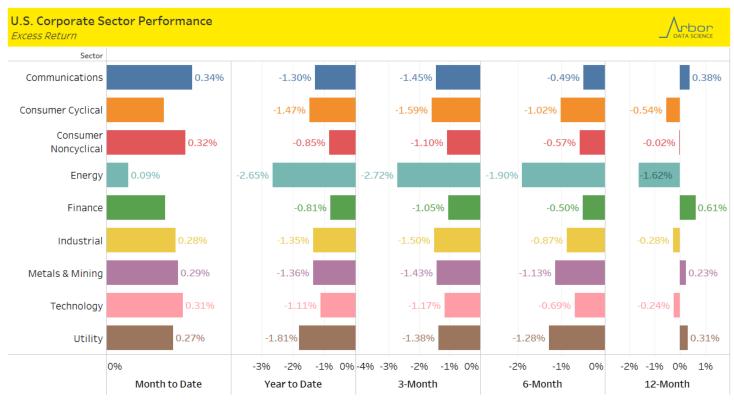
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# Corporate Sector Excess Returns

#### **Energy continues to lag.**

In April, energy had its worst month since June 2022. Oil prices fell -19% in April.

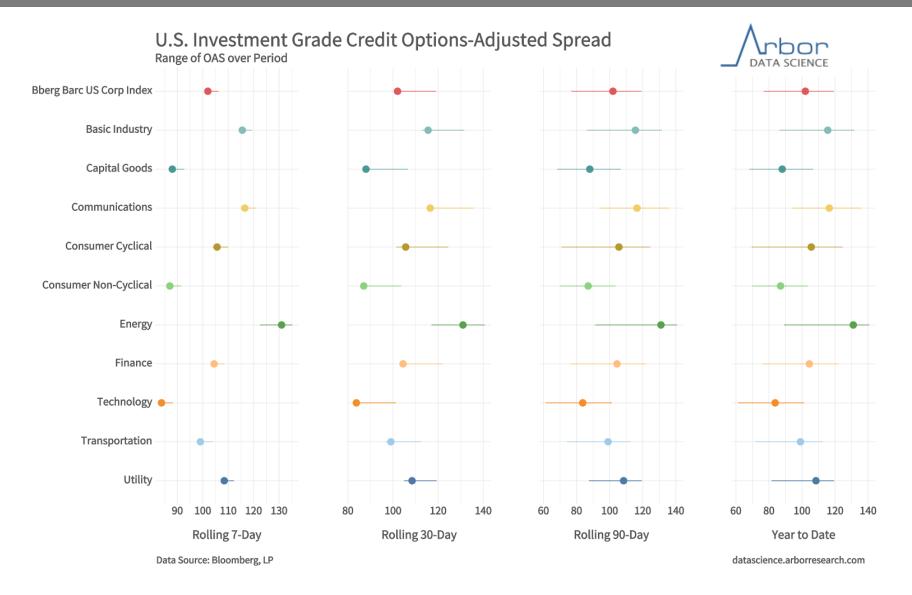
The broad market continues to rally from Trump walking back much of the extreme tariff rhetoric uttered on "Liberation Day".

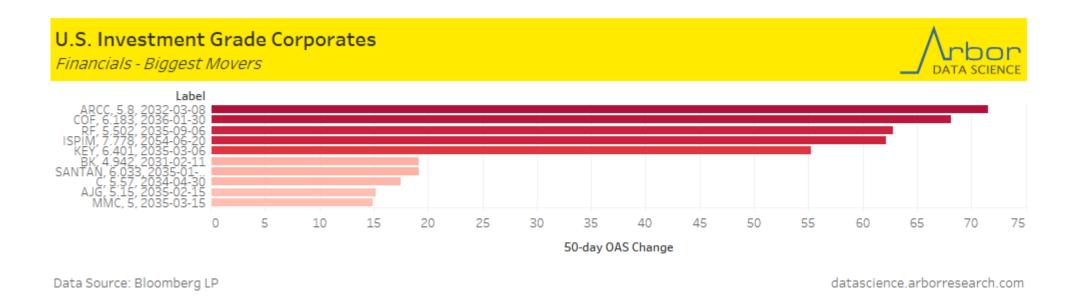


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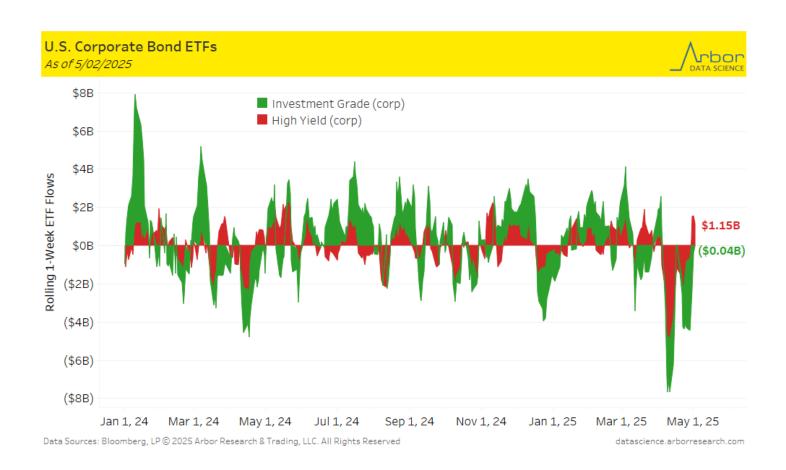
IG funds saw modest net inflows of +\$0.34 billion vs. -\$3.53 billion previously. ETFs led the way, seeing an increase of \$1.74 billion vs. -\$1.31 billion last week. Outflows to high grade mutual funds did moderate to -\$1.39 billion from -\$2.22 billion during the prior survey period.

HY funds increased +\$3.56 billion, their largest inflow since 11/2023. This is an increase from -\$1.16 billion during the previous week.

# Corporate Bond ETF Flows

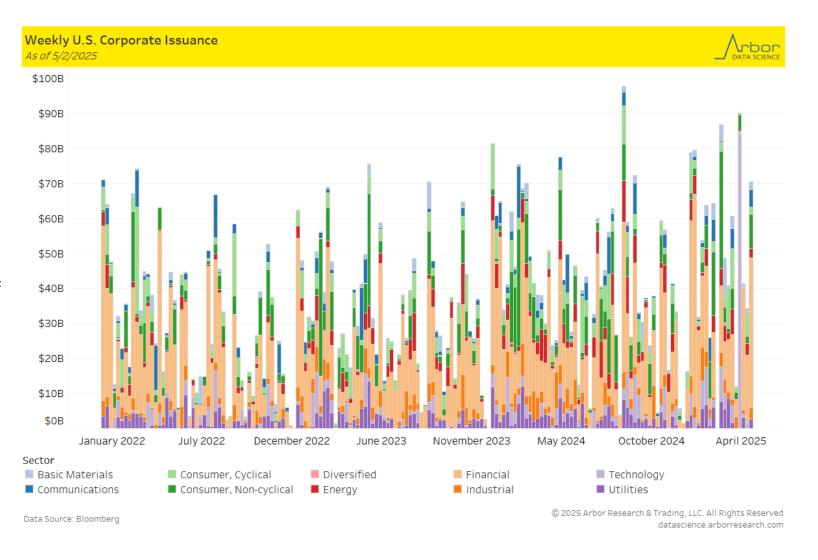
Corporate bond ETFs were mixed last week, with investment-grade ETFs losing \$0.04 billion and high-yield ETFs gaining \$1.15 billion.

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



### Issuance Recap

Primary issuance registered just over \$38 billion last week. This week's expectations are in the \$30-35 billion area, with much of the action coming in the first couple days of the week.



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