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Fixed Income Perspectives Video Bonds On Firm Footing Despite Policy Uncertainty

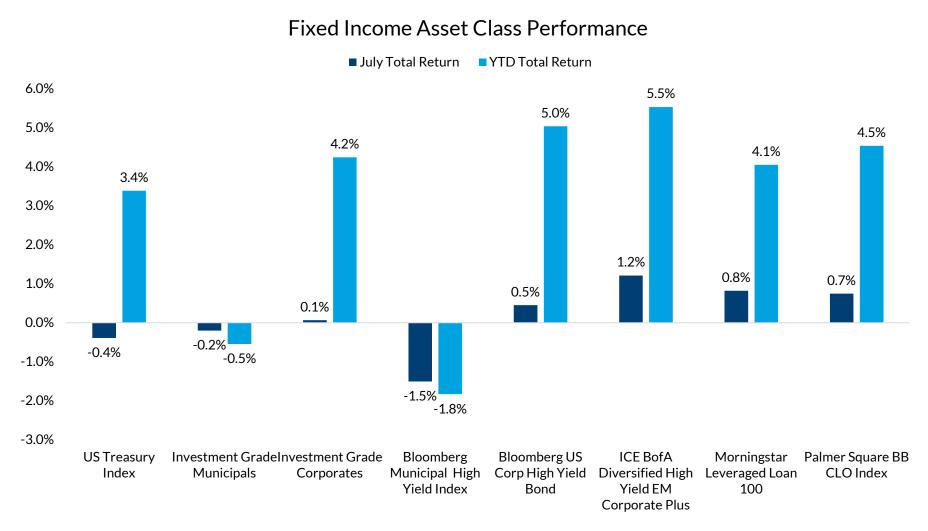
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Fixed Income Returns Year-to-Date

• Most fixed income asset classes are positive on the year despite volatility.

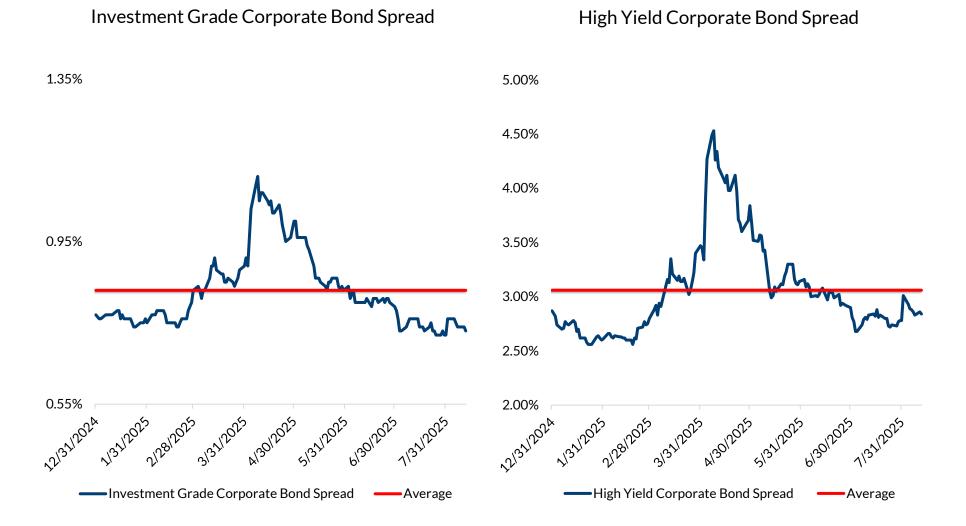


Source: Morningstar Leveraged Loan 100 Index, Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index, ICE BofA Diversified High Yield EM Corporate Plus Index, Palmer Square BB CLO Index, Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index, Bloomberg US Treasury Index, Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index and Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index as of 7/31/2025. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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U.S. Corporate Bond Spreads Have Tightened

• Despite tightening credit spreads, yields remain attractive and issuer quality mostly stable.



Source: Bloomberg US Agg Credit Average Option-Adjusted Spread (OAS) and Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Average OAS as of 8/12/2025.

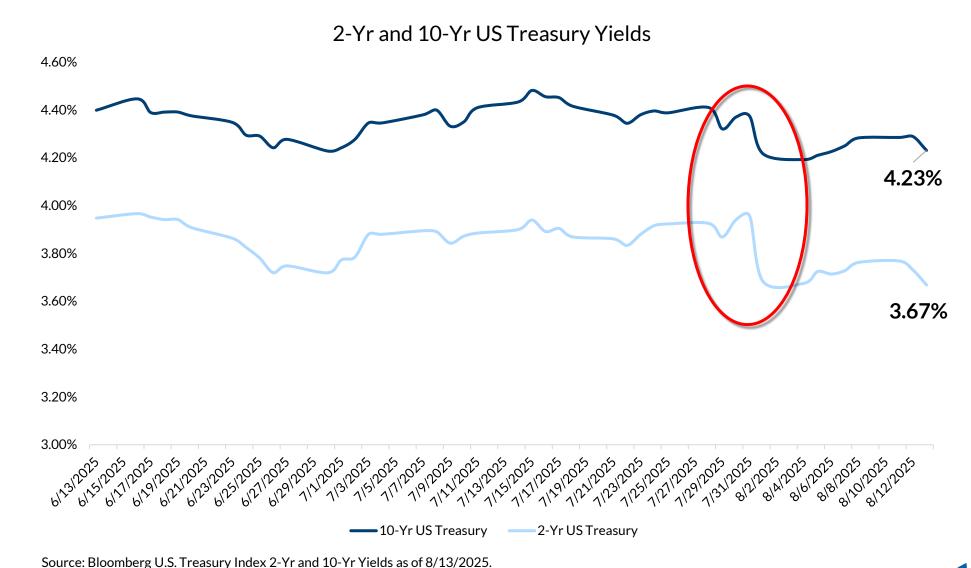
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U.S. Treasuries Responded Sharply To July Payroll Report

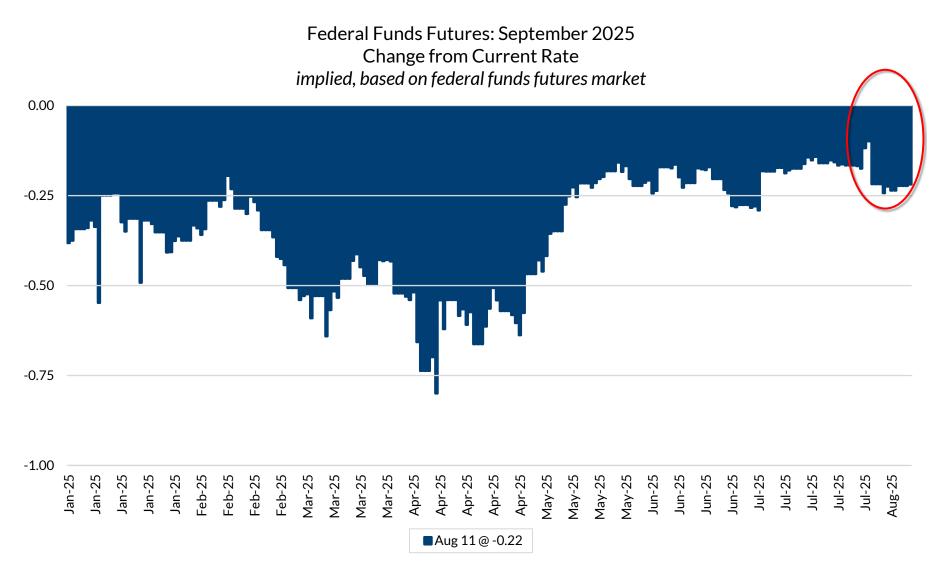
• Softer payroll data caused yields to decline as the market weighed the economic backdrop.





September Rate Cut Expectations Rise On Recent Data

• Benign inflation gains and weaker labor market increased bets of a September rate cut.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank and Bloomberg WIRP as of 8/11/2025. Information is subject to change and is not a guarantee of future results.

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Index Definitions

The Morningstar Global Leveraged Loan 100 Index is designed to measure the performance of the 100 largest facilities in the global leveraged loan market. It is a fixed-weight composite index consisting of 75% weight from the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index and 25% weight from the Morningstar European Leveraged Loan Index with a 2% cap on individual loan weight.

The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index measures the performance of non-investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds.

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The Bloomberg US Corporate Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers.

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The Bloomberg US Agg Credit Average Option-Adjusted Spread (OAS) is a measure used to assess the additional yield investors receive for holding bonds included in the credit-related sectors of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, compared to a risk-free benchmark.

The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Average OAS (Option-Adjusted Spread) is a measure that reflects the average yield spread above the risk-free rate for bonds included in the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Bond Index. This index tracks the performance of US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, high-yield corporate bonds.

Bloomberg U.S. Treasury 2-Yr Yield: Reflects the annual return an investor can expect from holding a 2-year US Treasury note until maturity. This is a short-term indicator, influenced by factors like the Federal Reserve's short-term interest rate policy and market expectations for near-term economic activity.

Bloomberg U.S. Treasury 10-Yr Yield: Represents the interest rate the U.S. government pays to borrow money for a decade. This yield is seen as a benchmark for longer-term interest rates and is influenced by factors such as investor sentiment about the economy, inflation expectations, and global economic conditions.

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