Treasury yields fell across the curve, as US economic reports broadly missed expectations, as jobless claims increased, and inflationary pressures were muted

- US jobless claims rose to 222,000, above expectations, but remained close to historic lows
- Inflation data showed signs of weakness in May, as the year-over-year growth of both the Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI) fell to 2.0% and 1.8%, respectively, below expectations
- The 10-year breakeven inflation rate, a measure of investors expectations of future inflation, declined by 7bps week-over-week to 1.71%, the lowest level since January
- With softer inflation and job market data, investors will be looking to next week’s Federal Reserve meeting for additional signs of a potential rate cut in July
- The investment-grade corporate market began the week with a wave of issuance, as over $17 billion priced on Monday; the pace slowed as the week progressed, and supply totaled roughly $28 billion, meeting expectations of between $25 and $30 billion
  - A healthy appetite for risk and solid new issue demand helped push investment-grade corporate spreads 2bps tighter to 126bps; high-yield spreads benefited from rising equity prices and tightened by 28bps to close at 396bps
- Asset-backed securities (ABS) underperformed Treasuries, as heavy supply of roughly $6 billion weighed on the sector
- Primary market activity in the municipal sector totaled almost $8 billion, and provided a headwind that pushed longer-maturity muni/Treasury ratios higher

Sources: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg, and Bloomberg Index Services Limited

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