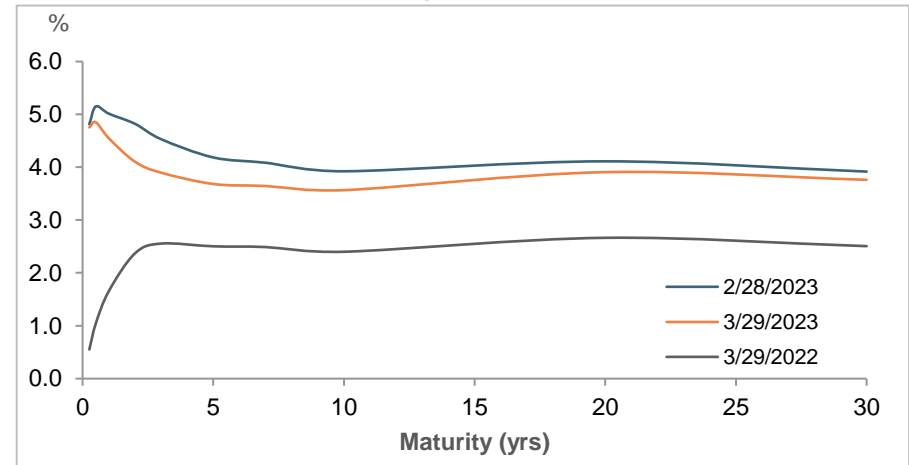




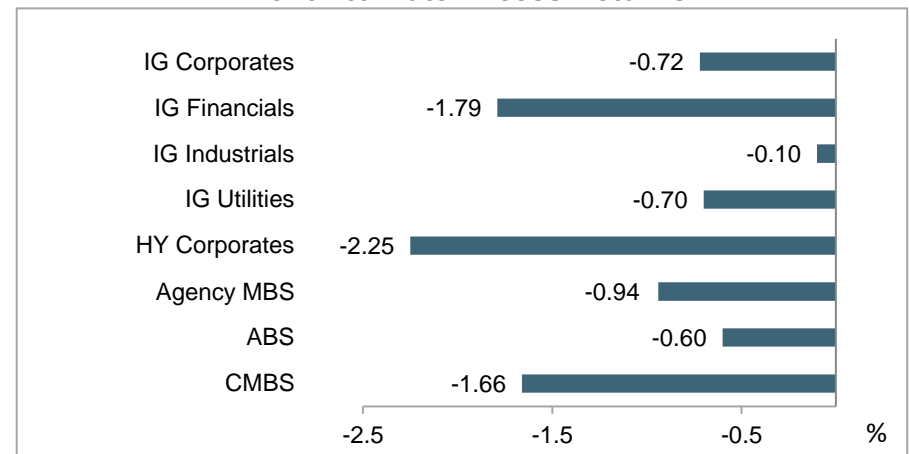
- Despite Federal Reserve officials continuing to emphasize the need to bring inflation down, investor appetite for risk rose this week after market stability fears lessened from prior weeks
  - Initial jobless claims rose for the first time in three weeks, suggesting some softening in the economy; claims rose to 198,000 from 191,000, topping market expectations
  - Despite a slight increase in jobless claims, consumer confidence unexpectedly improved in March to 104.2, as healthy employment data outweighed banking concerns
- Treasury yields rose across the curve this week, though they remain below pre-banking crisis levels
  - The 2-year Treasury yield jumped 16bps to 4.10%, while the 10- and 30-year Treasuries yields rose 13bps and 11bps to 3.56% and 3.76%, respectively
- Companies rushed to issue new investment grade debt after broad market volatility brought the primary market to a halt a few weeks ago
  - 26 issuers sold roughly \$24 billion in the new issue market this week, bringing supply past expectations of \$20 billion
  - Healthy demand caused spreads to tighten 2bps to 143bps
- One borrower priced \$300 million within the high-yield market, the first session of issuance since March 2nd
  - The yield of the Bloomberg High Yield Index edged 1bp higher to 8.84%, while spreads tightened by 16bps to close at 480bps
- Activity in the CMBS new issue market remained minimal; year-to-date issuance of \$6 billion is 85% lower than at this point last year
- Municipals outperformed Treasuries and muni/Treasury ratios decreased across the curve; the 10-year muni/Treasury ratio fell 5% to 65%

### Treasury Yield Curve



Maturity	2-year	5-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
3/29/2023	4.10	3.68	3.57	3.91	3.76
MTD Change	-0.72	-0.50	-0.36	-0.20	-0.16

### Month-to-Date Excess Returns



Sources: Bloomberg and Bloomberg Index Services Limited

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