

Rates Technical Advantage

Deals for yields

Market Analysis

View: Deals for yields

Since Oct-2023 our view has been a cyclical bull market in US treasuries in 2024-2025, or a bias for lower yields. This bias has served us well. However, the last few months have been choppy and volatile due to macro policy expectations changing frequently and quickly. We last discussed upside yield risks. As yields have risen further with trade negotiations improving, we write again with more upside risks. To summarize, the daily chart of 2Y yield may be repeating the bottom formed in Aug-Oct 2024. The 5Y, 10Y and 30Y yields all formed uptrend continuation patterns. On the weekly charts of all tenors, we show the MACD indicator turning up in favor of higher yield trends persisting this summer with alternate wave count scenarios. We may see attractive levels by Memorial Day to consider buying, however, some of the signals in this report suggest patience for buy triggers this summer.

US 2Y Yield: 3.50-4.10% range. Aug-Oct 2024 repeat risk?

Trading rangebound between 3.50-4.10%. Short-term, we see similarity in the Mar-May 2025 period with that of Aug-Oct 2024. A break above the 200d SMA and trend line in the 4.08-4.10% area can trigger upside to 4.25% and 4.40%. Medium-term, the downtrend channel remains with yield resistance at about 4.20%. A weekly close above it increases upside risk to 4.42% and 4.75%.

US 5Y yield: Upside breakout above trend line, 50wk SMA

After forming a head and shoulders base in favor of upside, yield is breaking above a trend line and pursing wave C up to 4.20% and 4.35%. We see upside risks developing in the weekly chart, too, which can imply a rise to about 4.50%.

US10Y Yield: Two uptrend continuation patterns

Patterns in April-May imply upside risk for yield. This includes a wedge continuation pattern and a head and shoulders continuation pattern. A dip over the next few sessions as indicated by the TD Setup signal may precede a move higher to 4.59%, 4.66% and 4.72%. Ideally yield does not break above 4.80% for a cyclical bull market bias to remain. The weekly chart leaves us with many questions however the MACD turning up says yields can go higher with our most bearish scenario estimating a rise to 5.30%.

US30Y Yield: Uptrend continuation patterns, rising MACD

We see a wide trading range between 4.30-5.02% with upside risk due to two trend continuation patterns. The consolidation since the April peak formed a flag pattern and a head and shoulders pattern. Together they suggest upside potential to 5.02%, 5.17% and possibly 5.33%. If the move in 2023 repeats, there is risk that 30Y yield sees 5.50%.

US 10s30: Dip flatter then rip steeper

As the curve tactically flattens to support in the 35-40bps area and RSI mean reverts, we favor a steeper bias with upside to 55-65 basis points.

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Abbreviations:

SMA = Simple Moving Average RSI = Relative Strength Index MACD = Moving Average Convergence Divergence bps = basis points

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Chart Appendix

US 2Y Yield

Daily: A 3.50-4.10% trading range. Aug-Oct 2024 repeat a risk (break higher?)

US 2Y yield is trading rangebound between 3.50-4.10%. We see similarity between Mar-May 2025 with that of Aug-Oct 2024. A systematic reversal signal (TD Setup green 9) occurred on May 14th 2025 that suggests yield dips over the next few sessions from the 4.08-4.10% level like it did after the October 10th 2024 signal. Thereafter, if these similar patterns repeat, there is risk of an upside breakout. Ideally the dip remains above the 50d SMA at 3.87% to consider a repeat move higher.

Exhibit 1: US 2Y Yield – Daily: A trading range with some risk of rhyming with Aug-Oct 2024 if yield breaks higher through 4.10% Yield support: 3.87%, 3.75%, 3.55%, 3.43%, 3.29%, 3.00%, 2.68% Yield resistance: 4.10%, 4.25%, 4.42%, 4.56%, 4.78%, 5.00%, 5.26%



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Weekly: Head & shoulders top was NOT confirmed, downtrend channel remains

Market actions over the last few weeks twice rejected the opportunity to confirm a large top that favored a continued decline to retracement levels such as 3.29%, 3.00% and possibly 2.68%. In other words, two attempts to convincingly break the neckline at 3.50% failed to materialize in September 2024 and April 2025. The rising 200wk SMA has remained supportive. US 2Y yield still remains in a declining channel with yield resistance at about 4.20%. A weekly close above the 50wk SMA at about 4.13% as well as the declining channel line would increase upside risks for yield in the medium-term to 4.42% and 4.75%. The MACD supports this. It is difficult to say the full measured move target of 5.00-5.12% with conviction because that would likely imply the market pricing in hikes.

Exhibit 2: US 2Y Yield – Weekly – Downtrend channel while below 4.20%. Above this increases upside risk this summer.

Yield support: 3.80%, 3.66%, 3.48%, 3.29%, 3.00%, 2.68% Yield resistance: 4.13%, 4.25%, 4.42%, 4.56%, 4.78%, 5.00%, 5.26%





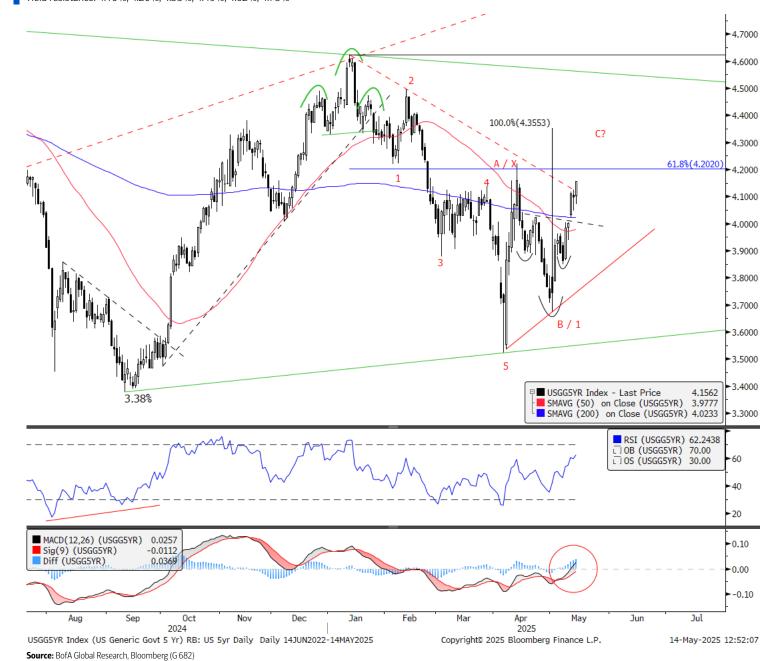
US 5Y Yield

Daily: Narrowing trading range, upside risk to 4.35%

After forming a head and shoulders base in favor of upside, yield is breaking above a trend line and pursing wave C up to 4.20% and 4.35% while above 4.00%.

Exhibit 3: US 5Y Yield - Daily

Yield support: 4.02-3.98%, 3.88%, 3.72%, 3.52%, 3.38%, 3.25% Yield resistance: 4.10%, 4.20%, 4.35%, 4.49%, 4.62%, 4.75%





Weekly: Narrowing trading range from 3.60-4.50%

We see upside risk for yield increasing as it starts to break above the 50wk SMA at 4.06%, RSI is making higher lows and MACD is crossing up. The narrowing trading range of 3.60-4.50% may persist for a while with the current leg higher toward 4.50% underway. Provided it reaches and turns down from this, later on we could see a series of three waves down to the 3.60s as a triangle pattern forms.

Exhibit 4: US 5Y Yield – Weekly: Breaking above the 50wk SMA with MACD crossing up favors upside to, for example, 4.50%

Yield support: 3.88%, 3.72%, 3.52%, 3.38%, 3.25% Yield resistance: 4.16-4.20%, 4.33%, 4.49%, 4.62%, 4.75%





US10Y Yield

Daily: Two continuation patterns suggest upside risk into 4.70s

It has certainly been a choppy March-April. However, patterns ending April and into May imply upside risk for yield. This now includes a wedge continuation pattern and a head and shoulders continuation pattern. A dip over the next few sessions as indicated by the TD Setup **9** signal may occur to 4.40%. Then a move higher to 4.59%, 4.66% and 4.72%. Ideally yield does not break 4.80% for a medium term / cyclical bull market bias to remain. The right shoulder low of 4.25% is the last support for the head and shoulders continuation pattern to remain possible.

Exhibit 5: US 10Y Yield – Daily: Two uptrend continuation patterns suggest this move may persist to about 4.72% Yield support: 4.40%, 4.33%, 4.25%, 4.13-4.10%, 3.99%, 3.86%, 3.70%, 3.50%, 3.22%





10Y Weekly: Base case has been wave II down. Alt (5) up a developing risk

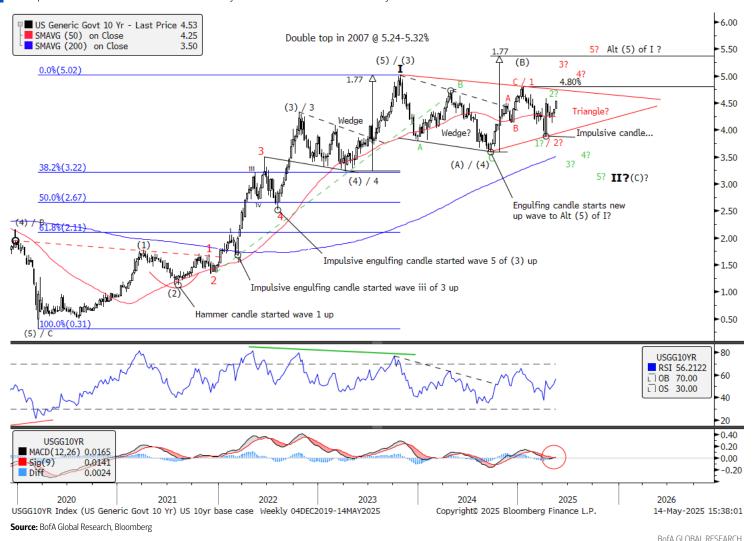
Understandably, there is a lot going on in the chart below. In summary, since October of 2023 our view has been a cyclical bull market in 2024-2025 with the path of least resistance for a primary wave II down to/below 3.22%. Previously, we discussed how the trend line break higher in Dec-2024 near point A created upside risk (2023 repeat pattern of +177bps) with an alternate wave (5) of I up to 5.00-5.30%. The outside reversal candle pattern at 4.80% labeled at point C / 1 resumed our conviction in the cyclical bull. We thought the green 12345 down waves were next to come in 2Q25-4Q25. While this is still possible, the impulse higher during the week of April 11 was so strong it could be signaling a new series of up waves 12345 with wave 3 up underway. The MACD turning up and impulsive up candle history favors this.

How do we decide? It's tactical and rules based

While the 10Y yield is above the 50wk SMA at 4.25%, upside yield risk remains to the daily chart levels discussed above. A rise above 4.80% and upside risk increases as the green down count would be hard to justify and the red count more established. Below 4.25% without a break of 4.80% and the green downtrend can persist. The latter of which has been our base case. For an introduction to Elliott wave trend theory, please see Technicals Explained: In 2025, get to know technical strategy 14 January 2025.

Exhibit 6: US 10Y yield - weekly

Risk of red wave 3? up while above 4.25%. If yield fails to break above 4.80% (peak at red C / 1) and then breaks down below 4.25% (50wk SMA) then the green down count persists as Wave II down in the 2024-2025 cyclical bull market remains underway.





US30Y Yield

Daily: 4.30-5.02% range with upside risk due to two trend continuation patterns

We see a wide trading range between 4.30-5.02% underway with upside risk due to two trend continuation patterns. The consolidation since the April peak has formed a flag pattern and a head and shoulders continuation pattern. Together these suggest upside potential to 5.02%, 5.17% and possibly 5.33%.

Exhibit 8: US 30Y Yield - Daily

Yield support: 4.80%. 4.64%, 4.47%, 4.30%, 4.12%, 4.00%, 3.89% Yield resistance: 5.02%, 5.18%, 5.32%, 5.55%





Weekly: A flag pattern and rising MACD signal upside risk

Exhibit 9: US 30Y Yield - Weekly

Yield support: 4.80%. 4.64%, 4.47%, 4.30%, 4.12%, 4.00%, 3.89% Yield resistance: 5.02%, 5.18%, 5.32%, 5.55%





US 10s30s

Weekly: Use a dip to 35-40bps for entering a steepener for upside breakout

As the curve tactically flattens to support in the 35-40bps area and RSI mean reverts, we favor a steeper bias with upside to 55 basis points.

Exhibit 10: US 10s30s - Weekly (G 1378)

Big base, breakout above 40, rising MACD and strong momentum favor more upside than has been realized. A



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg (G 1378)



Chart Alpha

We previously recommended selling the US 2Y inflation swap. When we did our analysis was presented the off-the-run time series (USGGBE02 index). As breakevens had a significant role, we present the same analysis below with the on-the-run 2Y inflation swap. The bearish technical takeaways are the same and levels in the trade table were adjusted to reflect this time series.

US 2Y Inflation Swap

Exhibit 11: US 2Y Inflation Swap - Daily (USSWIT2 Index)

Two failed breaks of March 2023 highs, TD Combo sell signal remains active, April 3 and April 9 bearish doji candles, divergent and declining RSI and MACD.



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, DeMark Analytics LLC



Exhibit 12: US 2Y Inflation Swap – Weekly (USSWIT2 Index)

Long term resistance level at about 3.00%, less the 2022 surge near 5%. RSI turned down. MACD crossing down, too. TD Combo sell signal (purple 13) remains active. Three bearish candle patterns. 1) The week of April 4th was an inverted hammer, the week of April 10th was a long-legged doji and taken together they can be considered similar to a tweezer top.



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, DeMark Analytics LLC (G1200)



Open and closed trades

Exhibit 13: Open trades

Open technical trades and cross strategy alpha trades including technicals

Report	Trade	Entry / revise date	Entry Level	Spot target 1	Spot target 2	Spot target 3	Spot stop	Rationale / time horizon	Risks
Equity Technical Advantage	Buy XLE put \$75 strike expiring July 18th 2025	5/2/2025	\$1.95 spot ref \$82.05, IVM 32.40	80	77.5	75	88	Triple top in XLE and head and shoulders top in XOM favor downside in the energy sector. As does downside in oil charts.	Equity market breadth expansion and rotation if headline tariff risks continue to recede.
Rates Technical Advantage	Sell US 2Y Breakeven Inflation Swap (USSWIT2)	4/14/2025	2.78%	2.70%	2.60%	2.50%	3.02%	Bearish candles, TD Combo sell signals, divergent oscillators, stretched RSI, long term resistance at 3.00%	Tariffs trigger upside inflation risks.
FX Alpha	Buy 6m EUR/CHF 0.9450/0.97 1x2 ratio c/s	3/5/2025	0.53% EUR (spot ref: 0.9550)	0.97	-	-	-	Rounded out a technical base and bullish breakout through resistance at .95 imply upside to the .98s	A loss if the option expires OTM.

Note: Bid/offer spreads accounted for in initiation and closing levels. Does not reflect tax withholdings or any investment advisory fees. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A complete performance record is available on request. Inception date - 10/16/2015. As of 2024, trade entry levels are typically based on the chart time stamp. For additional discussion on baseline views, valuation and risks to open trades, please see reports.

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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Exhibit 14: Closed trades

Approximately two years of closed technical and/or collaborative cross strategy trades in the alpha, technical advantage and year ahead reports

Report	Trade description	Entry date	Entry level	Spot target 1	Spot target 2	Spot target 3	Stop	Revise / close date	Level closed
EM Alpha	Long BRL/COP	11/21/2024	751.00	825	861	898	700	4/23/2025	755
FX Alpha	Buy EURUSD	4/10/2025	1.1031	1.115	1.12766	1.1495	1.075	4/21/2025	1.1495
FX Alpha	Buy USDCHF 3mth 0.92/0.9450 call spread	1/14/2024	0.6466% USD	0.924	0.945	-	-	4/13/2025	0
Chart Alpha	Close US 5s30s Steepener	4/3/2025	70	60 (reached)	85 (reached)	100	55 (raised)	4/9/2025	88
FX Alpha	Buy 6m EUR/USD 1.08/1.13 1x2 ratio c/s	3/5/2025	1.01% EUR (spot ref 1.0696)	1.085	1.1	1.12	-	4/8/2025	1.15% EUR
Technical Advantage	US 5s30s Steepener (Raise stop again)	3/27/2025	62	60 (reached)	85	100	55	4/3/2025	70
Chart Alpha	US 5s30s Steepener (Raise stop again)	3/6/2025	52	60 (reached)	85	100	45	3/27/2025	62
Rates Technical Advantage	US 5s30s Steepener (Raise stop again)	1/21/2025	45	60	85	100	30	3/6/2025	52
FX Technical Advantage	Buy GBPUSD 3m call spread 1x1.5 1.26/1.2850	2/5/2025	0.4135% GBP (Spot ref: 1.2480, vol ref: 7.80%/7.50%).	1.26	1.275	1.28	-	2/21/2025	0.6030% (Spot ref: 1.2660, vol ref: 7.1% / 6.72%).
Global Macro Year Ahead	Short EURJPY via long 6m ERKO EURJPY put, ATMF strike: 158.75, down/out European barrier: 150	11/24/2024	0.7425% EUR, spot ref: 160.65. expiry May 23 2025.	158.75	150		-	2/7/2025	0.99% EUR with spot ref: 157.51
Global Macro Year Ahead	US 5s30s Steepener (Raise stop)	11/24/2024	30	60	85	100	30	1/21/2025	45
EM Alpha	Long BRL / MXN	9/24/2024	3.51	3.67	3.8	3.95	3.4	11/14/2024	3.55
Chart Alpha	Buy USZ4	10/31/2024	117-29	120	120-25	-	116-20	11/1/2024	116-20
FX Technical Advantage	Short gold vs silver	9/26/2024	83.50	80	78.5	75	87.5	10/29/2024	80.52
FX Technical Advantage	Short USDKRW	9/26/2024	1335	1300	1270	1225	1355	10/14/2024	1355
FX Technical Advantage	Short GBPUSD	10/2/2024	1.362	1.31	-	-	1.34	10/4/2024	1.308
FX Technical Advantage	Short GBPUSD (lower stop)	9/26/2024	1.3407	1.3250 (reached)	1.31	-	1.3525 to 1.3400	10/2/2024	1.326
FX Technical Advantage	Short NZDUSD	8/22/2024	0.6140	0.6092	0.605	0.5975	0.623	8/23/2024	0.6230
FX Alpha	Buy EURSEK 3m 11.40/11.60 CS	6/7/2024	0.62% EUR, vol ref 5.7%; exp 9 Sep 2024, spot ref 11.3891	45544	11.4	11.6	-	7/12/2024	0.87% EUR



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FX Alpha	Buy a 25D 3m GBP/USD call	3/8/2024	spot ref: 1.28. Cost = 0.51% GBP	1.3	1.314	-	-	6/8/2024	0
EM Alpha	Short USDZAR	11/15/2023	18.15	17.6	17.25	-	18.55	5/13/2024	18.06 (Spot 18.36 less 1.6% carry)
Rates Alpha	Buy 10y bunds vs USTs	2/13/2024	182bps	200bps (reached)	225bps	-	Raise to 188	5/9/2024	200bps
FX Alpha	Buy 3m EUR/JPY put spread	1/26/2024	0.6663% EUR (strikes 158.00, 155.00, spot ref 160.31, vol refs 8.709, 8.965	158	155	-	-	25-Apr	0
Technical Advantage	Buy BRL/CLP (raise stop to 192)	2/28/2024	190.75	200 (reached)	215	-	-	3/13/2024	192
Technical Advantage	Buy BRL/CLP (raise stop to 192)	2/2/2024	190.75	200 (reached)	215	-	190	2/28/2024	196.65
Technical Advantage	Buy USDSEK	2/2/2024	10.49	-	10.65	10.9	-	2/27/2024	10.30
Global Macro Year Ahead	US 5s30s steepener	1/23/2024	15	35	55	80	15	2/2/2024	24.00
Global Macro Year Ahead	US 5s30s steepener, raise stop to 15	11/19/2023	15	35 (reached)	55	80	0	1/23/2024	32.00
2024 FICC Technical Advantage	Buy USDKRW +1m NDF	12/1/2023	1293	1315	1327	1340	1270	1/3/2024	1308
2024 FICC Technical Advantage	Short MXN/CLP	12/1/2023	49.85	48.25	47.5	46.1	52.2	12/22/2023	52.20
Global Macro Year Ahead	Short GBPAUD via 3m 1.90-1.86 GBP/AUD put spread	11/19/2023	s/r 1.9192	1.86	1.84	-	-	1/3/2024	1.2315% GBP (s/r 1.8762, vol ref 7.354 / 6.921)
Global Macro Year Ahead	Sell EUR/NOK via 6m risk reversal	11/19/2023	s/r 11.8623 vol refs: 8.929 and 9.108).	11.35	11.22	11.1	-	1/3/2024	Received 0.7307% EUR
EM Alpha FX Alpha	Buy EURZAR Buy CADMXN	10/2/2023 10/23/2023	20.15 13.3338	20.75 14	- -	- -	19.6 13	11/1/2023 10/31/2023	19.60 13.00
FX Alpha	Buy EURSEK 3m zero-cost collar spot ref 11.5456	10/13/2023	3m 11.8380 call for 0.5676% EUR, vol 7.394%; sell 3m 11.3143, vol 6.701%, zero-	11.838	-	-	-	10/30/2023	1.12%
FX Alpha	Buy GBPAUD 6m put seagull	9/8/2023	cost 0.3827% GBP (long 6m put spread, 1.94 / 1.90	1.94	1.9	-	2.05	9/22/2023	1.2341% GBP
FX Technical Advantage	Short USDCAD	8/29/2023	1.3570	1.3497	1.346	1.335	1.3725	9/13/2023	1.3550
Commodities Technical Advantage	Buy CTZ3	9/5/2023	89.0600	94.6	96.5	100	86.3	9/7/2023	8630
FX Alpha	Sell 2m 25-delta OTM EUR/GBP put	6/24/2023	0.31% EUR (strike ref: 0.8472, spot ref: 0.8592, vol ref: 5.584) Buy 3m 10.73 call for	45162	-	-	-	8/3/2023	Spot ref 0.86470, vol ref :4.214)
FX Alpha	Buy USDSEK via 3m collar (spot ref is 10.2724)	7/19/2023	0.7795% USD (vol ref: 12.296%) and sell 3m 9.8960 put for the same price (vol ref: 10.202%).	10.5	10.7	-	9.896	8/1/2023	1.3316% USD with spot ref 10.6109

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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