

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr
DOW JONES 30 (8083)	0.91%	-6.92%	-33.54%	-31.92%	-2.61%
S&P 500 (857)	1.75%	-4.37%	-35.51%	-36.99%	-3.61%
NASDAQ 100 (1340)	1.85%	10.87%	-26.87%	-41.57%	-1.57%
S&P 500/Citigroup Growth	0.96%	-0.42%	-30.35%	-34.91%	-3.10%
S&P 500/Citigroup Value	2.67%	-8.52%	-40.73%	-39.19%	-4.25%
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Growth	2.21%	3.51%	-32.52%	-37.58%	-1.16%
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Value	2.40%	-2.92%	-33.42%	-34.78%	-1.29%
S&P SmallCap600/Citigroup Growth	2.41%	-6.06%	-33.32%	-32.84%	-1.80%
S&P SmallCap600/Citigroup Value	3.57%	-8.31%	-33.08%	-29.50%	-2.18%
MSCI EAFE	-0.06%	-8.17%	-44.31%	-43.07%	-0.68%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.14%	-7.17%	-44.12%	-43.26%	-0.21%
MSCI World	0.90%	-5.54%	-40.02%	-40.39%	-1.88%
MSCI Emerging Markets	3.13%	12.75%	-43.70%	-53.49%	7.73%

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 4/9/09. MSCI Index performance returns are calculated through 4/10/09.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr
Consumer Discretionary	2.65%	2.91%	-29.39%	-33.49%	-6.02%
Consumer Staples	-0.61%	-7.98%	-20.86%	-15.44%	1.61%
Energy	-1.18%	-6.49%	-37.81%	-34.89%	10.53%
Financials	9.48%	-14.17%	-57.42%	-55.23%	-15.99%
Health Care	1.25%	-8.39%	-22.11%	-22.80%	-2.71%
Industrials	3.16%	-12.17%	-46.20%	-39.92%	-4.33%
Information Technology	1.14%	12.79%	-25.87%	-43.14%	-3.53%
Materials	0.64%	5.97%	-44.20%	-45.64%	0.16%
Telecom Services	-1.00%	-0.95%	-21.82%	-30.47%	2.41%
Utilities	-0.35%	-9.28%	-31.08%	-28.99%	5.26%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.04%	-1.09%	5.74%	11.35%	4.96%
GNMA 30 Year	0.40%	2.51%	7.51%	7.87%	5.71%
U.S. Aggregate	0.29%	0.00%	2.72%	5.24%	4.37%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.54%	9.02%	-18.53%	-26.16%	0.47%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.78%	-1.68%	-7.32%	-4.94%	1.47%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.25%	7.86%	-7.06%	-14.68%	2.15%
Global Aggregate	-0.47%	-3.78%	-4.81%	4.79%	4.13%

Source: Barclays Capital. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 4/9/09.

Key Rates

As of 4/9			
Fed Funds	0.25%	5-YR CD	3.04%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.47%	2-YR T-Note	0.94%
CPI - Headline	0.20%	5-YR T-Note	1.88%
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-YR T-Note	2.91%
Money Market Accts.	1.30%	30-YR T-Bond	3.75%
Money Market Funds	0.24%	30-YR Mortgage	4.99%
6-mo. CD	1.76%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-YR CD	2.35%	Bond Buyer 40	5.54%

Sources: Bankrate.com, iMoneyNet.com and Bloomberg.

Market Indicators

As of 4/9	
TED Spread	94 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	545 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	1615 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 4/1/09

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds			
	Current Week	Previous	
Domestic Equity	\$2.681 Billion	\$2.299	Billion
Foreign Equity	\$287 Million	-\$557	Million
Taxable Bond	\$5.743 Billion	\$6.441	Billion
Municipal Bond	\$1.088 Billion	\$711	Million
Change in Money Market Fund Assets			
	Current Week	Previous	
Retail	-\$5.07 Billion	-\$11.01	Billion
Institutional	\$17.28 Billion	-\$11.14	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of April 6th – April 10th

Monday, April 6, 2009

Technology was the only major sector that posted a gain (+4.3%) in Q1'09. Tech stocks reached an all-time high back on March 27, 2000, as measured by the S&P Information Technology Index. The index began today's session at a reading of 257.66, down 73.9% from 988.49 on 3/27/00. Despite the weakness in semiconductor sales over the past year (-29% y-o-y in 1/09) the combined earnings per share of the 75 technology companies in the S&P 500 managed to ascend (due to stock buybacks) back to the level posted in the first half of 2000, according to *BusinessWeek*. The technology companies in the index were holding a total of \$138 billion in cash and equivalents at the close of 2008, just 2% less than at the close of 2007, according to Capital IQ. IDC estimates that technology companies will reap more than \$100 billion in spending from the Obama Administration's stimulus plan over the next five years, with about \$28 billion of it coming in the next two years.

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

The 2009 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to produce 12 tropical storms (6 of them hurricanes) between June 1 and November 30, according to the Colorado State University forecasting team. The storm research team was founded by hurricane forecast pioneer Dr. William Gray, according to Reuters. The 2008 season was one of the busiest on record, with 16 tropical storms (8 were hurricanes). The long term average is about 10 tropical storms (6 hurricanes). The 2008 hurricane season produced damages totaling \$41.5 billion. The costliest U.S. hurricane of all time was Katrina's (2005) \$81 billion in damages, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

The global speculative-grade default rate stood at 7.00% in March, up from 5.28% in February, according to Moody's. There were 35 defaults in March. There have been 79 so far in 2009. There were just 16 defaults in Q1'08. Moody's is now forecasting the default rate will rise to 14.6% by December 2009, and then dip to 11.7% by March 2010. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 7.4% in March, up from 5.7% in February. Moody's is now forecasting the rate will rise to 13.5% by December 2009. The default rate on senior loans stood at 5.02% in March, up from 4.50% in February, according to Standard & Poor's LCD. The last time the rate was this high was November 2002 at 5.03%.

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Approximately 7,000 publicly owned companies report dividend information to Standard & Poor's Dividend Record. In Q1'09, a record low 283 companies increased their dividend distributions – a 52.7% decline from the 598 increases registered in Q1'08, according to S&P. The number of companies that decreased their dividends hit a record high of 367 – a 342% surge from the 83 decreases registered in Q1'08. Overall, dividend payments fell by \$77 billion, according to Howard Silverblatt, Senior Index Analyst at S&P. From 1955 through 2008, the number of dividends increased each quarter consistently outpaced those that were decreased, according to Silverblatt. The average was 15 increases for every dividend decreased.

Friday, April 10, 2009

Holiday – No Factoid.