

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (12,377)	1.30%	7.56%	16.29%	14.06%	4.96%
S&P 500 (1,332)	1.45%	6.45%	15.36%	15.06%	2.72%
NASDAQ 100 (2,343)	1.15%	5.80%	20.48%	20.15%	7.23%
S&P 500 Growth	1.50%	5.49%	16.30%	15.09%	4.19%
S&P 500 Value	1.40%	7.45%	14.57%	15.13%	1.19%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.76%	10.46%	30.53%	30.65%	7.55%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	2.68%	9.91%	23.02%	22.80%	4.96%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.90%	9.49%	30.02%	28.43%	4.92%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	2.61%	6.67%	20.16%	25.01%	2.78%
MSCI EAFE	0.95%	3.78%	9.57%	7.75%	1.38%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.68%	4.08%	12.40%	11.15%	3.72%
MSCI World	1.30%	5.32%	12.91%	11.76%	2.18%
MSCI Emerging Markets	3.66%	3.31%	17.92%	18.88%	10.96%

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 04/01/11.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr
Consumer Discretionary	1.26%	5.47%	21.17%	27.85%	4.85%
Consumer Staples	1.44%	3.13%	10.66%	14.12%	8.07%
Energy	1.76%	17.25%	38.11%	20.46%	9.90%
Financials	1.15%	3.90%	3.88%	12.18%	-10.47%
Health Care	1.93%	6.24%	5.13%	2.90%	2.85%
Industrials	2.45%	9.73%	22.27%	26.74%	3.68%
Information Technology	-0.07%	3.39%	11.71%	10.22%	4.86%
Materials	2.38%	4.89%	22.53%	22.34%	7.02%
Telecom Services	4.19%	4.70%	28.94%	18.97%	4.74%
Utilities	2.28%	3.52%	11.72%	5.46%	4.85%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.08%	-0.09%	4.11%	5.29%	5.50%
GNMA 30 Year	0.14%	0.56%	5.55%	6.71%	6.44%
U.S. Aggregate	0.04%	0.41%	5.25%	6.54%	6.02%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.38%	4.08%	14.45%	15.12%	9.15%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.05%	0.93%	7.63%	9.00%	6.49%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.66%	-0.60%	-1.49%	1.12%	2.43%
Global Aggregate	-0.89%	0.79%	6.66%	5.55%	6.85%

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 04/01/11.

Key Rates

As of 04/01

Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.97%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.79%
CPI - Headline	2.10%	5-yr T-Note	2.23%
CPI - Core	1.10%	10-yr T-Note	3.44%
Money Market Accts.	0.63%	30-yr T-Bond	4.48%
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	4.86%
6-mo CD	0.56%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.89%	Bond Buyer 40	5.68%

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

Market Indicators

As of 04/01

TED Spread	26 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	162 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	473 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 3/23/11

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$2.508 Billion	-\$1.307 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$1.093 Billion	\$1.889 Billion
Taxable Bond	\$2.922 Billion	\$3.493 Billion
Municipal Bond	-\$569 Million	-\$618 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	-\$8.84 Billion	\$1.42 Billion
Institutional	\$12.78 Billion	-\$9.26 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of March 28th – April 1st

Monday, March 28, 2011

Lipper data revealed that while most equity funds experienced outflows in 2010, equity income funds, which invest primarily in dividend-paying stocks, took in \$7.8 billion, according to SmartMoney.com. These funds have garnered \$5 billion since October 2010, according to Lipper. Low bond yields and inflation fears are two reasons why investors are turning to dividend-paying stocks. History suggests it is worth consideration. Over the past 20 years, large companies that paid dividends beat their non-dividend-paying counterparts by 5.3% per year, according to Ned Davis Research.

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

International Data Corporation (IDC) estimates that revenue from cloud computing services in the U.S. will increase from \$11.1 billion (2009) to \$29.5 billion (2014) in the public sector, and from \$7.3 billion to \$11.8 billion in the private sector, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*. Gartner Research estimates that cloud revenue worldwide could climb from about \$58 billion (2009) to as much as \$149 billion by 2013. The third annual Cloud Slam industry conference (created by Toronto-based Cloudcor Inc.) will take place April 18-22 in California. Attendance is expected to surpass 10,000.

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

The S&P Valuation and Risk Strategies research group took a look at the cash holdings of Japanese companies to help gauge the level of financial resources that could be tapped during the rebuilding process. At the close of 2010, cash levels among nonfinancial Nikkei 225 companies (193) totaled \$485.9 billion, up 20.8% from the \$402.2 billion at the close of 2009. Twenty-nine companies boosted their cash holdings by \$1 billion or more in 2010.

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The Business Roundtable announced yesterday that 52% of its members (approximately 200 large company CEOs based in the U.S.) plan to increase hiring in the next six months, according to *USA TODAY*. That is the highest percentage since the survey began nine years ago. More than 60% plan to spend more on long-lasting manufactured goods, such as computers and machinery. Ninety percent expect sales to increase.

Friday, April 1, 2011

In March, the dividend-payers (384) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of 0.68%, vs. 1.35% for the non-payers (116), according to Standard & Poor's. In Q1, the payers were up 6.83%, vs. a gain of 8.26% for the non-payers. For the 12-month period ended March '11, payers were up 17.06%, vs. a gain of 16.14% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases in Q1 totaled 107, up from 70 increases a year ago. Ten companies initiated dividends, up from eight a year ago. Only one dividend was cut, matching last year's total.