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Stock Index Performance Index Week YTD 12-mo 2011 5-yr Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (12,360) 1.25% 1.25% 8.54% 8.41% 2.72% S&P 500 (1,278) 2.44% 1.67% 1.67% 2.12% 0.20% NASDAQ 100 (2,356) 3.45% 3.45% 4.44% 3.69% 6.45% S&P 500 Growth 1.28% 4.70% 2.72% 1.28% 5.00% S&P 500 Value 2.14% 2.14% -0.08% -0.48% -2.37% -0.95% S&P MidCap 400 Growth 5.59% 1.08% 1.08% -0.35% S&P MidCap 400 Value 1.77% 1.77% -1.43% -2.40% 1.92% S&P SmallCap 600 Growth 0.59% 0.59% 3.56% 3.67% 4.37% S&P SmallCap 600 Value 1.94% 1.94% 0.12% -1.34% 0.97% MSCI EAFE -0.41% -0.41%-11.99% -12.14% -4.59% MSCI World (ex US) 0.11% 0.11% -13.25% -13.71% -2.63% MSCI World 0.80% 0.80% -5.08% -5.54% -2.03% MSCI Emerging Markets 1.19% 1.19% -17.72% -18.42% 3.06%

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. Oneweek, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 1/6/12.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.	
Consumer Discretionary	2.58%	2.58%	8.13%	6.24%	2.67%	
Consumer Staples	-0.98%	-0.98%	13.39%	14.03%	7.40%	
Energy	1.58%	1.58%	6.56%	4.72%	6.05%	
Financials	3.13%	3.13%	-16.64%	-17.07%	-16.20%	
Health Care	1.18%	1.18%	11.89%	12.77%	2.96%	
Industrials	2.47%	2.47%	0.84%	-0.59%	1.06%	
Information Technology	2.60%	2.60%	2.11%	2.43%	4.07%	
Materials	3.87%	3.87%	-5.95%	-9.68%	2.95%	
Telecom Services	-1.54%	-1.54%	3.49%	6.33%	1.50%	
Utilities	-2.65%	-2.65%	16.27%	20.02%	3.51%	

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. Oneweek, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 1/6/12.

Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.12%	-0.12%	6.78%	6.57%	5.95%	
GNMA 30 Year	-0.02%	-0.01%	8.38%	7.97%	6.86%	
U.S. Aggregate	-0.14%	-0.14%	8.11%	7.84%	6.37%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.83%	0.83%	4.96%	4.98%	7.66%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.12%	-0.12%	8.49%	8.15%	6.68%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.72%	0.71%	16.46%	14.88%	4.32%	
Global Aggregate	-0.86%	-0.86%	6.53%	5.64%	6.37%	

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 1/6/12.

Key Rates					
As of 1/6/12					
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.44%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.30%	2-yr T-Note	0.25%		
CPI - Headline	3.40%	5-yr T-Note	0.85%		
CPI - Core	2.20%	10-yr T-Note	1.95%		
Money Market Accts.	0.48%	30-yr T-Bond	3.01%		
Money Market Funds	0.02%	30-yr Mortgage	3.92%		
6-mo CD	0.44%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
1-yr CD	0.72%	Bond Buyer 40	4.79%		

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

Market Indicators	
As of 1/6/12	
TED Spread	57 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	265 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	703 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of January 9th

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/28/11						
Current Week		Previous				
-\$3.988	Billion	-\$2.691	Billion			
-\$1.229	Billion	-\$1.882	Billion			
\$1.234	Billion	\$1.333	Billion			
\$977	Million	\$1.189	Billion			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 1/4/12						
Current Week		Previous				
\$6.31	Billion	-\$0.77	Billion			
-\$8.20	Billion	\$3.34	Billion			
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Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of January 2nd - 6th

Monday, January 2, 2012

New Year's Day Holiday, Markets Closed.

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

In December, the dividend-payers (394) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of 0.54%, vs. -2.31% for the non-payers (106), according to Standard & Poor's. In 2011, the payers were up 1.40%, vs. a decline of 7.60% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases in 2011 totaled 320, up from 243 increases in 2010. Twenty-two companies initiated dividends, up from 13 a year ago.

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

A Bloomberg survey of 143 analysts, traders and investors produced 2012 median growth estimates of 27%, 17% and 5% for precious metals, industrial metals and grains, according to Businessweek.com. The only record expected to be set in 2012 is gold bullion, with a target price of \$2,140 an ounce, but those surveyed believe all 15 commodities covered will post gains. Commodity assets under management rose 12% to \$426 billion in the first 11 months of 2011, according to Barclays Capital. The increase in the demand for commodities is expected to come primarily from developing nations pursuing growth-oriented strategies.

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Approximately 7,000 publicly owned companies report dividend information to Standard & Poor's Dividend Record. In 2011, dividend increases totaled \$50.2 billion, an 89.4% rise from the \$26.5 billion increase in 2010. For the year, S&P Indices reported 1,953 dividend increases, up 13.0% over last year's 1,729. The number of dividends decreased totaled just 101, down from 145 in 2010.

Friday, January 6, 2012

REITs raised a record amount of capital in the public markets in 2011, including a record amount of equity, in an ongoing effort to strengthen their balance sheets, according to REIT.com. REITs raised \$51.3 billion in public equity and debt in 2011, surpassing the previous record of \$49.0 billion raised in 2006. REITs raised \$37.5 billion in public equity, topping the previous record (\$32.7 billion) from 1997.