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#### Stock Index Performance Week YTD 2011 Index 12-mo. 5-vr. -2.07% 8.41% Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (13,329) 11.39% 18.89% 1.71% S&P 500 (1,429) -2.19% 15.58% 21.00% 2.12% 0.43% NASDAQ 100 (2,720) -3.26% 20.48% 19.30% 3.69% 5.40% S&P 500 Growth -2.23% 15.68% 19.89% 4.70% 2.86% S&P 500 Value -2.13% 15.46% 22.32% -0.48% -2.07% S&P MidCap 400 Growth -2.00% 12.33% 15.39% -0.95% 4.23% S&P MidCap 400 Value -2.11% 12.66% 21.19% -2.40% 1.77% 18.00% 3.67% S&P SmallCap 600 Growth -2.25% 10.65% 2.88% S&P SmallCap 600 Value -2.83% 12.79% 22.68% -1.34% 1.60% MSCI EAFE -2.08% 10.25% 7.13% -12.14% -5.70% MSCI World (ex US) 7.95% -13.71% -1.87% 10.32% -4.75% 12.60% 13.71% -5.54% MSCI World -2.13% -2.71% MSCI Emerging Markets -1.21% 11.37% 10.83% -18.42% -2.53%

**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 10/12/12.

	S&P Sector Pe	erformance			
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-2.91%	19.97%	23.73%	6.24%	6.52%
Consumer Staples	-1.73%	12.85%	20.54%	14.03%	8.52%
Energy	-1.50%	6.27%	15.28%	4.72%	1.11%
Financials	-1.67%	23.31%	26.54%	-17.07%	-12.87%
Health Care	-2.07%	18.42%	26.72%	12.77%	4.86%
Industrials	-1.88%	10.97%	18.68%	-0.59%	-0.53%
Information Technology	-2.88%	18.07%	18.63%	2.43%	4.43%
Materials	-2.25%	10.57%	13.90%	-9.68%	-0.15%
Telecom Services	-4.53%	22.61%	29.92%	6.33%	2.90%
Utilities	-0.73%	4.51%	13.09%	20.02%	2.08%

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.10%	1.60%	3.08%	6.57%	5.42%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.02%	2.50%	4.20%	7.97%	6.72%
U.S. Aggregate	0.38%	4.16%	6.30%	7.84%	6.59%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.16%	12.86%	18.97%	4.98%	9.21%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.98%	9.73%	13.20%	8.15%	8.22%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.28%	10.30%	13.83%	14.88%	6.26%
Global Aggregate	0.17%	5.09%	5.04%	5.64%	6.39%

**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 10/12/12.

Key Rates					
As of 10/12/12					
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.36%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.22%	2-yr T-Note	0.26%		
CPI - Headline	1.70%	5-yr T-Note	0.66%		
CPI - Core	1.90%	10-yr T-Note	1.66%		
Money Market Accts.	0.49%	30-yr T-Bond	2.83%		
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	3.39%		
6-mo CD	0.47%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
1-yr CD	0.72%	Bond Buyer 40	4.16%		

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

Market Indicators		
As of 10/12/12		
TED Spread	23 bps	
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	182 bps	
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	556 bps	

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

# Market Watch

Week of October 15th

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 10/3/12						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$11.083	Billion	-\$5.082	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$10.599	Billion	-\$2.415	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$8.058	Billion	\$6.885	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$2.816	Billion	\$1.437	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 10/10/12						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Retail	-\$2.90	Billion	\$2.49	Billion		
Institutional	\$1.52	Billion	-\$14.13	Billion		
Source Investment Company Institute						

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### Factoids for the week of October 8th – 12th

#### Monday, October 8, 2012

Hedge Fund Research reported that its hedge fund index posted a gain of 1.10% in September and was up 4.65% in the first nine months of 2012, according to Reuters. The S&P 500 posted a gain of 2.58% in September and was up 16.44% year-to-date. Credit-focused hedge funds returned 8.70%, on average, in the first nine months of 2012. That return fell between the 7.69% gain posted by the Barclays Capital Intermediate Corporate Index and the 12.13% return on the Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index.

#### Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Ernst & Young just released the findings from its bi-annual survey of hundreds of global corporate executives, according to CNNMoney.com. It found that only 23% of U.S. executives are planning to pursue acquisitions over the next 12 months, down from 36% in their April survey. Of the 23% looking to acquire another firm, the vast majority are targeting deals valued at \$500 million or less. Forty-eight percent of U.S. respondents said they intend to deploy excess cash toward growth initiatives. For now, companies are favoring organic growth over acquisitions.

#### Wednesday, October 10, 2012

There are approximately 185 retail outlet malls in the U.S., according to REIT.com. Ten of them opened in the past 18 months and another 16 are scheduled to open by the end of 2013. Unlike the traditional outlet mall model, which was designed for vendors to move residual or out-of-season merchandise, the newer outlet malls are upscale. Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord & Taylor, Nike and Polo Ralph Lauren are among the top 10 chains filling space in outlet centers, according to a report from Value Retail News. The report noted that sales at outlets are projected to reach \$25.4 billion in 2012, up 13% from 2011. The outlook for retail is improving as 147 chain retailers said they plan to expand in 2013 to meet growing consumer demand.

#### Thursday, October 11, 2012

Investors redeemed a net \$16.3 billion from U.S. stock funds in September, according to the Associated Press. Year-to-date through September, net liquidations from stock mutual funds totaled \$49 billion, with close to two-thirds of that amount coming in the past three months. For comparative purposes, international stock funds reported \$32 billion in net inflows so far this year. So the bias is clearly against U.S. equity mutual funds. The S&P 500 posted a total return of 2.58% in September, 6.35% in Q3'12, and 16.44% in the first nine months of 2012. The MSCI World (ex U.S.) Index of stocks was up 10.39% (USD) in the first nine months of 2012.

### Friday, October 12, 2012

A report from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) revealed that six billion people had a cellphone subscription at the end of 2011, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. That suggests there are approximately one billion people without cell access. Internet penetration has proved to be a tougher challenge. Roughly 2.3 billion people have access to the Internet, less than half of the world's population. This is where mobile broadband comes in. Cell access is accessible and more affordable, according to data from ITU. Information and communication technology prices have declined about 30% worldwide in the past four years. Over the past year, mobile broadband services grew 40% globally and 78% in developing countries.

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