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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (12,950)	1.31%	6.44%	8.24%	8.41%	3.09%	
S&P 500 (1,361)	1.48%	8.56%	4.05%	2.12%	0.83%	
NASDAQ 100 (2,584)	1.54%	13.65%	8.87%	3.69%	8.02%	
S&P 500 Growth	1.19%	7.71%	6.60%	4.70%	3.45%	
S&P 500 Value	1.81%	9.56%	1.59%	-0.48%	-1.82%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.18%	12.65%	3.59%	-0.95%	6.42%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	2.09%	11.67%	0.97%	-2.40%	2.30%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	1.85%	9.72%	7.35%	3.67%	4.87%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	2.07%	13.11%	6.48%	-1.34%	1.95%	
MSCI EAFE	1.64%	9.82%	-8.20%	-12.14%	-3.73%	
MSCI World (ex US)	1.68%	11.03%	-7.03%	-13.71%	-1.65%	
MSCI World	1.52%	9.13%	-2.57%	-5.54%	-1.37%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.99%	16.12%	-1.77%	-18.42%	4.91%	

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 2/17/12.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	1.54%	10.18%	10.02%	6.24%	3.26%
Consumer Staples	1.17%	1.33%	14.99%	14.03%	7.33%
Energy	2.44%	7.01%	0.47%	4.72%	6.45%
Financials	1.57%	13.86%	-12.22%	-17.07%	-15.10%
Health Care	1.06%	4.44%	13.65%	12.77%	2.97%
Industrials	0.93%	10.11%	0.28%	-0.59%	1.72%
Information Technology	1.75%	13.90%	7.57%	2.43%	6.10%
Materials	0.93%	11.93%	-3.58%	-9.68%	2.33%
Telecom Services	1.51%	-0.08%	6.58%	6.33%	0.48%
Utilities	0.55%	-2.62%	15.00%	20.02%	2.34%

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 2/17/12.

Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.19%	-0.05%	7.21%	6.57%	5.89%	
GNMA 30 Year	-0.02%	0.36%	8.77%	7.97%	6.88%	
U.S. Aggregate	-0.15%	0.48%	8.83%	7.84%	6.42%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.31%	4.19%	5.77%	4.98%	7.89%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.28%	1.99%	10.32%	8.15%	6.98%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.34%	3.80%	20.40%	14.88%	4.83%	
Global Aggregate	-0.48%	0.89%	7.23%	5.64%	6.62%	

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 2/17/12.

Key Rates						
As of 2/17/12						
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.33%			
LIBOR (1-month)	0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.29%			
CPI - Headline	2.90%	5-yr T-Note	0.86%			
CPI - Core	2.30%	10-yr T-Note	2.00%			
Money Market Accts.	0.43%	30-yr T-Bond	3.14%			
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	3.88%			
6-mo CD	0.41%	Prime Rate	3.25%			
1-yr CD	0.63%	Bond Buyer 40	4.57%			

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

Market Indicators	
As of 2/17/12	
TED Spread	42 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	236 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	623 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of February 20th

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/8/12						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Domestic Equity	\$1.921	Billion	-\$1.801	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$1.703	Billion	\$108	Million		
Taxable Bond	\$5.313	Billion	\$5.868	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$1.740	Billion	\$1.626	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/15/12						
	Current	Week	Previo	Previous		
Retail	-\$5.04	Billion	-\$1.06	Billion		
Institutional	\$7.90	Billion	\$0.24	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of February 13th - 17th

Monday, February 13, 2012

Cash levels at technology companies expanded by 21% in the past year to \$513 billion, as measured by the 35 constituents in the Morgan Stanley Technology Index, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*. M&A activity in the technology sector could exceed the \$264.4 billion in deal volume in 2007, according to Chet Bozdog, global head of technology investment banking at Bank of America. Tech deals rose 36% in 2011, well above the 2-4% gain for all global M&A. The all-time high for tech deal volume was \$585.2 billion in 2000. Companies involved with cloud, big data and mobile technologies will drive investment, according to IDC.

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Data compiled by the Rockefeller Institute shows that total state tax collections rose 6.1% (y-o-y) in Q3'11, the seventh consecutive quarter in which revenues were up, according to its own release. Tax revenues had declined significantly the five previous quarters. The biggest jump was in personal income tax revenues, up 10.1% (y-o-y). Corporate income and sales tax revenues rose 2.3% and 3.8%, respectively.

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

There were 70 "all or nothing trading days" in 2011, surpassing the previous high (since 1990) of 52 in 2008, according to Bespoke Investment Group. All or nothing days occur when the daily A/D reading in the S&P 500 exceeds plus or minus 400. A large number of all or nothing days reflect a higher level of volatility. There have been no all or nothing days through the first six weeks of 2012. The average since 1990 was 15 per year. From 1990-2006, the average was 5 per year.

Thursday, February 16, 2012

The nonfinancial companies in the S&P 500 are on pace to register their sixth consecutive quarter (Q4'11) where their combined cash holdings topped \$1 trillion, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. For those nonfinancial companies that have reported Q4 results, cash and short-term investments increased by \$60 billion. Nonfinancial companies in the S&P 500 have only reduced their cash holdings (quarterly) four times since 2001.

Friday, February 17, 2012

India's stock market (SENSEX Index) appreciated 19.95% from 12/20 through 2/16, just 5 basis points shy of bull market territory, according to Bespoke Investment Group. Prior to this rally, the SENSEX had plunged 27.75% from 11/5/10 through 12/20/11 (410 days). Since 1986, the average bull market has returned 111% and lasted 394 days.