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| Stock Index Performance            |       |        |        |         |        |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--|--|
| Index                              | Week  | YTD    | 12-mo. | 2011    | 5-yr.  |  |  |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (12,862) | 1.62% | 5.46%  | 9.53%  | 8.41%   | 3.11%  |  |  |
| S&P 500 (1,345)                    | 2.22% | 7.11%  | 5.09%  | 2.12%   | 0.68%  |  |  |
| NASDAQ 100 (2,529)                 | 2.78% | 11.11% | 9.95%  | 3.69%   | 7.82%  |  |  |
| S&P 500 Growth                     | 1.92% | 6.26%  | 7.98%  | 4.70%   | 3.24%  |  |  |
| S&P 500 Value                      | 2.57% | 8.13%  | 2.32%  | -0.48%  | -1.91% |  |  |
| S&P MidCap 400 Growth              | 3.26% | 10.65% | 6.31%  | -0.95%  | 6.38%  |  |  |
| S&P MidCap 400 Value               | 2.97% | 10.51% | 3.51%  | -2.40%  | 2.54%  |  |  |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Growth            | 4.01% | 10.10% | 11.73% | 3.67%   | 5.17%  |  |  |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Value             | 4.44% | 13.50% | 10.05% | -1.34%  | 2.18%  |  |  |
| MSCI EAFE                          | 2.27% | 8.36%  | -8.45% | -12.14% | -3.57% |  |  |
| MSCI World (ex US)                 | 2.43% | 9.76%  | -7.72% | -13.71% | -1.45% |  |  |
| MSCI World                         | 2.24% | 7.82%  | -2.07% | -5.54%  | -1.32% |  |  |
| MSCI Emerging Markets              | 3.16% | 14.52% | -5.19% | -18.42% | 5.02%  |  |  |

**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 2/3/12.

| S&P Sector Performance |       |        |        |         |         |
|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Index                  | Week  | YTD    | 12-mo. | 2011    | 5-yr.   |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1.96% | 8.26%  | 13.31% | 6.24%   | 3.00%   |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.92% | -0.12% | 14.84% | 14.03%  | 7.10%   |
| Energy                 | 1.50% | 4.34%  | -0.12% | 4.72%   | 5.66%   |
| Financials             | 4.30% | 13.44% | -9.68% | -17.07% | -15.00% |
| Health Care            | 1.07% | 4.36%  | 15.13% | 12.77%  | 2.96%   |
| Industrials            | 1.99% | 9.94%  | 3.48%  | -0.59%  | 1.86%   |
| Information Technology | 3.18% | 10.47% | 6.31%  | 2.43%   | 5.61%   |
| Materials              | 1.99% | 13.35% | -0.45% | -9.68%  | 3.33%   |
| Telecom Services       | 2.36% | -1.23% | 6.19%  | 6.33%   | 0.29%   |
| Utilities              | 0.41% | -3.19% | 13.72% | 20.02%  | 2.84%   |

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| Bond Index Performance          |        |       |        |        |       |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--|
| Index                           | Week   | YTD   | 12-mo. | 2011   | 5-yr. |  |
| U.S. Treasury: Intermediate     | -0.14% | 0.17% | 7.16%  | 6.57%  | 6.07% |  |
| GNMA 30 Year                    | -0.07% | 0.18% | 8.92%  | 7.97%  | 6.97% |  |
| U.S. Aggregate                  | -0.06% | 0.45% | 8.89%  | 7.84%  | 6.58% |  |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield       | 0.51%  | 3.57% | 5.99%  | 4.98%  | 8.01% |  |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | 0.10%  | 1.67% | 10.41% | 8.15%  | 7.15% |  |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | 0.31%  | 3.43% | 21.62% | 14.88% | 4.94% |  |
| Global Aggregate                | 0.26%  | 1.56% | 7.43%  | 5.64%  | 6.99% |  |

**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 2/3/12.

| Key Rates           |            |                |       |  |  |  |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| As of 2/3/12        |            |                |       |  |  |  |
| Fed Funds           | 0.00-0.25% | 5-yr CD        | 1.34% |  |  |  |
| LIBOR (1-month)     | 0.27%      | 2-yr T-Note    | 0.23% |  |  |  |
| CPI - Headline      | 3.00%      | 5-yr T-Note    | 0.76% |  |  |  |
| CPI - Core          | 2.20%      | 10-yr T-Note   | 1.92% |  |  |  |
| Money Market Accts. | 0.44%      | 30-yr T-Bond   | 3.12% |  |  |  |
| Money Market Funds  | 0.02%      | 30-yr Mortgage | 3.88% |  |  |  |
| 6-mo CD             | 0.41%      | Prime Rate     | 3.25% |  |  |  |
| 1-yr CD             | 0.64%      | Bond Buyer 40  | 4.54% |  |  |  |

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

| Market Indicators                    |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| As of 2/3/12                         |         |
| TED Spread                           | 45 bps  |
| Investment Grade Spread (A2)         | 242 bps |
| ML High Yield Master II Index Spread | 645 bps |

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

# Market Watch

### Week of February 6th

| Weekly Fund Flows  |          |         |         |          |  |  |  |
|--|----------|---------|---------|----------|--|--|--|
| Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 1/25/12 |          |         |         |          |  |  |  |
|  | Current  | Week    | Previo  | Previous |  |  |  |
| Domestic Equity  | \$851    | Million | -\$804  | Million  |  |  |  |
| Foreign Equity   | \$323    | Million | \$320   | Million  |  |  |  |
| Taxable Bond   | \$6.610  | Billion | \$3.813 | Billion  |  |  |  |
| Municipal Bond   | \$1.196  | Billion | \$1.743 | Billion  |  |  |  |
| Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/1/12         |          |         |         |          |  |  |  |
|  | Current  | Week    | Previo  | Previous |  |  |  |
| Retail   | -\$4.51  | Billion | -\$5.73 | Billion  |  |  |  |
| Institutional  | -\$16.77 | Billion | -\$8.95 | Billion  |  |  |  |

Source: Investment Company Institute

#### Factoids for the week of January 30th - February 3rd

#### Monday, January 30, 2012

Cushman & Wakefield reported that more than 306 million square feet of new industrial leases were completed in 2011, up 14% from 2010, and the highest level since 2007, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Of the 33 U.S. industrial markets tracked by the brokerage, 22 reported increases in activity. Jim Dieter, head of U.S. Industrial Brokerage for Cushman & Wakefield, believes the recovery in industrials will gain momentum over the next 12-24 months.

#### Tuesday, January 31, 2012

The Congressional Budget Office released a study that showed that the average federal worker takes home 16% more in total compensation (includes pension and health benefits) than do private sector workers in a comparable profession, according to MSN.com. The average federal worker earns close to 2% more if you only take income into account. There is a distinction between skilled workers and lower-skilled workers. Federal workers with a professional degree or doctorate earn, on average, 23% less than private sector employees. Lower-skilled workers with just a high school diploma or less earn 21% more in wages if they work for the government.

#### Wednesday, February 1, 2012

More investors are turning to social media for "real-time" information on publicly traded companies and the financial industry, according to Yahoo.com. StockTwits, an investment community that is built on the Twitter microblog platform, reported a 300% surge in traffic from the start of 2011 through Q3'11, when volatility in the stock market ramped up. The VIX Index level (S&P 500) rose from 17.75 to 42.96 in the period. A reading near 20 is about the historical norm.

#### Thursday, February 2, 2012

In January, the dividend-payers (395) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of 4.89%, vs. 8.19% for the non-payers (105), according to Standard & Poor's. For the 12-month period ended January, payers were up 4.18%, vs. a loss of 2.09% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases in January totaled 32, up from 29 increases a year ago. There were no decreases, which was the case a year ago. One company initiated a dividend, which matched the one initiated in 1/11.

#### Friday, February 3, 2012

As of the end of January, nearly 40% of the companies in the S&P 500 had reported their quarterly earnings for Q4'11, according to SmartMoney.com. One of the best performing sectors was technology, with 68% of companies topping analysts' estimates, according to Thomson Reuters. The beat rate for the S&P 500 was 59%. The tech sector of the S&P 500 currently holds \$380 billion in cash and equivalents (doesn't include long-term sector), which is equal to 15% of its market value and is more than any other sector, according to Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P. With respect to volatility, S&P data indicates that share price fluctuations for tech stocks have been no more volatile over the past five years than the S&P 500, according to SmartMoney.com.