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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (17,899)	0.35%	1.60%	9.50%	10.04%	14.75%	
S&P 500 (2,094)	0.12%	2.68%	10.72%	13.68%	16.32%	
NASDAQ 100 (4,454)	-0.49%	5.74%	19.75%	19.49%	20.72%	
S&P 500 Growth	-0.10%	3.93%	13.21%	14.89%	17.56%	
S&P 500 Value	0.37%	1.35%	8.04%	12.35%	15.07%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.24%	7.86%	13.17%	7.57%	17.15%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.44%	4.14%	8.70%	12.04%	16.28%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.60%	8.02%	13.55%	3.85%	18.23%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.59%	2.06%	7.46%	7.54%	16.40%	
MSCI EAFE	1.38%	8.22%	-1.69%	-4.90%	9.86%	
MSCI World (ex US)	0.93%	6.19%	-3.00%	-3.87%	7.95%	
MSCI World	0.60%	4.62%	4.53%	4.94%	12.69%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.23%	3.25%	-4.98%	-2.19%	3.79%	

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 6/12/15.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	0.10%	6.56%	18.33%	9.68%	20.89%
Consumer Staples	0.97%	-0.49%	10.28%	15.98%	15.90%
Energy	-0.83%	-3.04%	-18.63%	-7.79%	9.07%
Financials	1.04%	1.80%	12.78%	15.18%	13.43%
Health Care	0.19%	9.15%	26.60%	25.34%	23.00%
Industrials	0.20%	-0.27%	5.17%	9.80%	16.34%
Information Technology	-0.70%	3.62%	16.33%	20.12%	16.76%
Materials	0.40%	3.78%	4.12%	6.91%	13.57%
Telecom Services	0.17%	3.28%	2.70%	2.99%	13.25%
Utilities	-0.38%	-9.19%	4.28%	28.98%	12.28%

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 6/12/15.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.06%	0.36%	1.59%	2.57%	2.25%
GNMA 30 Year	0.01%	-0.16%	2.21%	6.03%	3.15%
U.S. Aggregate	0.05%	-0.32%	2.12%	5.97%	3.53%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.18%	3.11%	0.53%	2.45%	9.12%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.01%	-0.85%	1.37%	7.46%	5.53%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.18%	-0.34%	5.11%	15.39%	5.98%
Global Aggregate	0.85%	-3.05%	-6.11%	0.59%	2.44%

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 6/12/15.

Key Rates					
As of 6/12/15					
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.45%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.19%	2-yr T-Note	0.73%		
CPI - Headline	-0.20%	5-yr T-Note	1.75%		
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.40%		
Money Market Accts.	0.46%	30-yr T-Bond	3.10%		
Money Market Funds	0.02%	30-yr Mortgage	4.15%		
6-mo CD	0.37%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
1-yr CD	0.61%	Bond Buyer 40	4.46%		

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

Market Indicators	
As of 6/12/15	
TED Spread	27 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	156 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	463 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of June 15th

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 6/3/15						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$4.218	Billion	-\$2.870	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$3.336	Billion	\$2.647	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$2.026	Billion	\$797	Million		
Municipal Bond	-\$2	Million	-\$170	Million		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 6/10/15						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Retail	-\$1.59	Billion	\$0.59	Billion		
Institutional	-\$6.11	Billion	\$2.56	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the week of June 8-12, 2015

Monday, June 8, 2015

The S&P 500 has gone more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ years without experiencing a 10% correction, according to Bespoke Investment Group. It is now the second longest stretch without a 10% correction since 1929. The longest is seven years (10/90-10/97). On average, the S&P 500 experiences a 10% correction about every 18 months, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

In 2014, pension and OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) assets set aside for companies in the S&P 500 totaled \$1.75 trillion, a 3.55% increase from the \$1.69 trillion held at the close of 2013, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. Obligations, however, rose 11.4%, from \$2.10 trillion in 2013 to a record \$2.34 trillion in 2014. The spike in obligations raised 2014's combined underfunding to \$584.7 billion, up from \$405.7 billion in 2013. The combined coverage ratio decreased from 80.7% in 2013 to 75.0% in 2014.

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Worldwide sales of semiconductors rose 4.8% (y-o-y) to \$27.6 billion in April, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA). Sales have increased, on a year-over-year basis, in each of the past 24 months. Sales growth was strongest in the Americas, with volume up 12.2% (y-o-y). Sales rose 9.9% in China and 5.2% in the Asia Pacific region. Sales growth was off in Europe (-5.6%) and Japan (-10.7%). The SIA is forecasting 3.4% sales growth for 2015, 3.4% for 2016 and 3.0% for 2017. Year-to-date through 6/9, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index posted a total return of 4.41%, compared to 2.90% for the S&P 500 Information Technology Index and 1.96% for the S&P 500.

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Moody's reported that the global speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.4% in May, up from 2.2% in April, according to its own release. Moody's is forecasting a default rate of 2.7% for December 2015. The historical average for the default rate on global speculative-grade debt has been 4.5% since 1983. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 1.9% in May, up from 1.7% in April. The default rate on senior loans stood at 0.83% in May, up from 0.72% in April, but below the historical average of 2.86%, according to Standard & Poor's LCD.

Friday, June 12, 2015

The Federal Reserve reported that the net worth of U.S. households and nonprofit organizations rose approximately \$1.6 trillion in Q1'15 to a record \$84.9 trillion, according to *The Wall Street Journal*. A big chunk of the gains came from the \$487 billion rise in the value of stocks and mutual funds owned by households and the \$503 billion increase in home prices. Households continue to make progress on paring down debt. Total U.S. household debt as a share of disposable income was 106.5% in Q1'15, down from 107.5% in Q4'14 and the lowest in more than a decade.