# First Trust

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2018	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (26,560)	0.60%	14.64%	9.82%	-3.48%	12.78%	
S&P 500 (2,905)	-0.07%	16.59%	9.41%	-4.39%	11.52%	
NASDAQ 100 (7,690)	0.81%	21.86%	13.78%	0.04%	18.19%	
S&P 500 Growth	-0.32%	17.22%	11.46%	-0.01%	13.98%	
S&P 500 Value	0.22%	15.89%	7.18%	-8.97%	8.67%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-1.01%	17.14%	1.45%	-10.34%	9.80%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-0.17%	18.93%	5.26%	-11.90%	8.63%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-1.45%	12.23%	1.25%	-4.09%	10.43%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.03%	16.72%	-0.73%	-12.68%	8.28%	
MSCI EAFE	0.31%	12.84%	-4.22%	-13.79%	2.83%	
MSCI World (ex US)	0.35%	13.48%	-3.86%	-14.20%	3.04%	
MSCI World	0.07%	15.41%	3.75%	-8.71%	7.36%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.33%	13.58%	-4.83%	-14.58%	4.02%	
S&P GSCI	-0.32%	19.31%	-3.94%	-13.82%	-12.33%	

**Source: Bloomberg.** Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 4/18/19. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2018	5-yr.	
Communication Services	0.68%	20.32%	11.80%	-12.53%	5.75%	
Consumer Discretionary	0.83%	21.23%	15.08%	0.82%	14.96%	
Consumer Staples	1.09%	13.21%	11.20%	-8.39%	8.47%	
Energy	-0.53%	18.22%	-5.69%	-18.10%	-3.27%	
Financials	0.69%	15.42%	1.66%	-13.04%	11.17%	
Health Care	-4.39%	-0.22%	4.98%	6.47%	10.40%	
Industrials	1.35%	22.33%	5.13%	-13.32%	10.04%	
Information Technology	1.32%	26.06%	16.81%	-0.29%	20.13%	
Materials	-0.49%	14.99%	-1.55%	-14.70%	6.07%	
Real Estate	-3.21%	15.29%	18.92%	-2.23%	8.16%	
Utilities	-1.58%	9.15%	16.88%	4.11%	10.08%	

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2018	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.07%	1.24%	3.91%	1.41%	1.52%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.02%	1.83%	4.35%	1.03%	2.25%
U.S. Aggregate	0.06%	2.58%	4.51%	0.01%	2.53%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.03%	8.44%	5.56%	-2.08%	4.83%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.10%	5.24%	5.30%	-2.51%	3.51%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.03%	3.64%	5.42%	0.34%	5.02%
Global Aggregate	-0.17%	1.70%	-0.83%	-1.20%	0.77%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	2.25-2.50%	2-yr T-Note	2.38%		
LIBOR (1-month)	2.48%	5-yr T-Note	2.37%		
CPI - Headline	1.90%	10-yr T-Note	2.56%		
CPI - Core	2.00%	30-yr T-Bond	2.96%		
Money Market Accts.	1.25%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	4.12%		
1-yr CD	2.68%	Prime Rate	5.50%		
3-yr CD	2.76%	Bond Buyer 40	3.89%		
5-vr CD	2.86%				

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

All data as of 4/18/19 unless otherwise noted.

Market Indicators				
TED Spread	16 bps			
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	131 bps			
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	373 bps			
Source: Bloomberg as of 4/18/19.				

Week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>
Weekly Fund Flows

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Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 4/10/19						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$4.868	Billion	-\$11.913	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$1.481	Billion	-\$1.407	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$5.057	Billion	\$6.032	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$984	Million	\$1.453	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 4/17/19						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Retail	-\$13.14	Billion	-\$3.26	Billion		
Institutional	-\$42.18	Billion	-\$5.66	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute						

**Market Watch** 

Source: Investment Company Institute.

# Factoids for the week of April 15, 2019

#### Monday, April 15, 2019

Coresight Research, a global marketing research firm, announced that its analysis of bankruptcy filings and earnings reports revealed that more than 6,500 retail stores in the U.S. are scheduled to close in 2019, according to USA *TODAY*. While that figure is already higher than the 5,528 stores shuttered in 2018, it is well below the all-time high of 8,139 in 2017. When using square footage as the measure, 2018's closures marked the highest on record at 155 million square feet of retail space, according to Drew Myers, senior consultant at CoStar Group. That figure stood at 30 million square feet through the first nine weeks of 2019.

# Tuesday, April 16, 2019

International Data Corporation's (IDC) *Worldwide Semiannual Services Tracker* reported that revenues for IT Services and Business Services totaled \$513 billion in the second half of 2018, up 4.5% year-over-year, according to its own release. Worldwide services revenues topped the \$1 trillion mark in 2018, with the U.S. accounting for \$459 billion of it. Annual growth edged higher to 4.3%, outpacing worldwide GDP growth by more than half a percentage point.

### Wednesday, April 17, 2019

DataTrek Research reported that investors funneled \$4.7 billion into U.S. equity mutual funds and exchange-traded funds during February and March, while liquidating nearly \$7.0 billion from international equity funds traded in the U.S., according to Bloomberg. It's the first time since the trade war heated up in the middle of 2018 that international equity funds have reported outflows in consecutive months. Nicholas Colas, co-founder of DataTrek Research, believes the shift to U.S. equities is based on their continued outperformance of foreign stocks.

### Thursday, April 18, 2019

Data from Renaissance Capital shows that a total of 34 equity IPOs (market caps above \$50 million) have been priced in the U.S. so far this year (as of 4/18), down 29.2% from the same period a year ago, according to its own release. The 34 companies raised a combined \$9.5 billion, down 42.2% from the same period a year ago. Heath Care and Technology accounted for 53% and 24%, respectively, of the IPOs launched.

## Friday, April 19, 2019

No Factoid, Holiday - Good Friday

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