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Market Watch

Week of December 21st

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (30,179)	0.46%	8.19%	9.34%	25.34%	14.69%
S&P 500 (3,709)	1.29%	16.87%	18.37%	31.48%	15.34%
NASDAQ 100 (12,738)	2.95%	47.13%	49.78%	39.46%	24.38%
S&P 500 Growth	2.11%	31.71%	33.88%	31.13%	19.04%
S&P 500 Value	0.06%	0.09%	0.97%	31.92%	10.71%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.84%	21.79%	23.38%	26.29%	14.01%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	1.33%	2.70%	3.18%	26.01%	10.54%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	3.32%	18.84%	19.43%	21.08%	14.32%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.65%	0.97%	1.05%	24.50%	10.30%
MSCI EAFE	2.01%	6.98%	7.83%	22.01%	7.65%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.53%	9.48%	10.36%	21.51%	9.00%
MSCI World	1.72%	14.84%	16.13%	27.67%	12.38%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.89%	16.06%	16.90%	18.42%	12.53%
S&P GSCI	3.63%	-24.00%	-23.41%	17.63%	-1.65%

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 12/18/20. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance				
Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
-0.45%	22.65%	23.32%	32.69%	12.10%
2.33%	31.92%	33.76%	27.94%	17.49%
0.77%	10.48%	11.69%	27.61%	9.58%
-4.25%	-32.02%	-30.86%	11.81%	-4.30%
0.15%	-5.45%	-5.11%	32.09%	10.71%
1.15%	12.40%	13.54%	20.82%	11.90%
0.08%	10.87%	11.80%	29.32%	12.86%
3.22%	41.43%	44.54%	50.29%	27.72%
1.96%	19.85%	22.08%	24.58%	13.57%
0.48%	-3.85%	-0.92%	29.01%	6.83%
0.13%	-1.02%	-0.17%	26.40%	11.57%
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Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

Bond Index Performance				
Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
-0.09%	5.66%	5.94%	5.22%	2.87%
0.31%	3.63%	3.90%	5.86%	2.81%
-0.08%	7.12%	7.37%	8.72%	4.36%
0.33%	6.50%	6.77%	14.32%	8.67%
-0.02%	9.10%	9.47%	14.54%	6.60%
0.17%	6.06%	6.10%	10.26%	5.11%
0.32%	8.80%	9.38%	6.84%	4.67%
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Source: Bloomberg Barclays. Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual*. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 12/18/20. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Key Rates				
Fed Funds	0.00% - 0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.12%	
LIBOR (1-month)	0.15%	5-yr T-Note	0.38%	
CPI - Headline	1.20%	10-yr T-Note	0.95%	
CPI - Core	1.60%	30-yr T-Bond	1.69%	
Money Market Accts.	0.32%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	2.86%	
1-yr CD	0.52%	Prime Rate	3.25%	
3-yr CD	0.55%	Bond Buyer 40	3.46%	
5-yr CD	0.69%		-	

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. LIBOR as of 12/16/20 and Prime Rate as of 12/15/20, all other data as of 12/18/20.

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	17 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	113 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	405 bps
Source: Bloomberg. As of 12/18/20.	<u> </u>

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/9/20						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$5.761	Billion	-\$8.336	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$2.121	Billion	-\$14.708	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$8.601	Billion	\$17.100	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$1.859	Billion	\$1.372	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/16/20						
	Current	Current Week		Previous		
Retail	-\$0.78	Billion	-\$6.88	Billion		
Institutional	-\$53.62	Billion	\$29.78	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute						

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Factoids for the Week of Decembe	r 14, 2020
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Monday, December 14, 2020

A Bloomberg survey of 17 equity strategists found that their average 2021 yearend price target for the S&P 500 Index was 4,035 as of 12/12/20, according to its own release. The highest and lowest estimates were 4,400 and 3,800, respectively. The S&P 500 Index closed at 3,663.46 on 12/11/20. It stood 1.05% below its all-time closing high of 3,702.25 on 12/8/20.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Composite Index stood at 0.46% in November 2020, down from 0.94% in November 2019 and well below its 1.77% average since inception (7/31/04), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. The default rate on first mortgages stood at 0.28%, down from 0.77% a year ago. The bank card default rate stood at 2.56%, down from 2.94% a year ago. The auto loans default rate stood at 0.64%, down from 1.02% a year ago.

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

ETFGI reported that total assets invested in ETFs/ETPs listed globally stood at an all-time high of \$7.62 trillion as of the close of November 2020, according to its own release. In November, net inflows to ETFs/ETPs listed globally totaled \$131.99 billion, pushing year-to-date net inflows to \$670.57 billion – a record high for a calendar year. It marked the 18th consecutive month of positive inflows. Equity, fixed-income and commodity funds have garnered the most capital this year. Equity ETFs/ETPs took in a net \$302.83 billion in the first 11 months of 2020, compared to \$210.49 billion and \$63.40 billion for fixed-income and commodity ETFs/ETPs, respectively.

Thursday, December 17, 2020

An estimated \$2.47 billion was raised in the U.S. during the ninth annual Giving Tuesday on 12/1/20, it represented a 25% increase from the \$1.97 billion raised in 2019, according to *Philanthropy News Digest*. The number of people participating increased by 29% to 34.8 million. The surge in donations is needed as nonprofits across the U.S. continue to struggle with soaring costs and rising demand for services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday, December 18, 2020

S&P 500 Index stock buybacks totaled \$101.79 billion (preliminary) in Q3'20, up 14.8% from the \$88.66 billion executed in Q2'20, but down 42.1% from the \$175.89 billion registered in Q3'19, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. In Q3'20, Information Technology, Communication Services and Financials were the most active sectors accounting for 48.9%, 17.0% and 11.9%, respectively, of all buyback expenditures. S&P 500 Index companies distributed \$115.54 billion in dividend payments in the quarter, down 2.9% from the \$119.04 billion paid out in Q2'20 and down 6.2% from the \$123.12 billion paid out in Q3'19.

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