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Market Watch

Week of December 27th

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2020	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (35,951)	1.65%	19.65%	21.55%	9.72%	15.07%	
S&P 500 (4,726)	2.30%	27.57%	29.89%	18.39%	18.01%	
NASDAQ 100 (16,308)	3.22%	27.41%	29.78%	48.88%	28.21%	
S&P 500 Growth	2.86%	31.52%	33.90%	33.46%	23.73%	
S&P 500 Value	1.67%	23.09%	25.33%	1.35%	11.35%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.65%	17.01%	16.37%	22.77%	14.21%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	2.32%	28.33%	28.58%	3.71%	10.49%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	3.56%	20.86%	19.70%	19.56%	13.93%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	2.74%	29.86%	30.65%	2.48%	9.92%	
MSCI EAFE	1.58%	10.21%	12.03%	7.82%	9.48%	
MSCI World (ex US)	1.27%	6.71%	8.72%	10.65%	9.60%	
MSCI World	2.13%	20.82%	22.62%	15.90%	14.77%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.31%	-3.62%	-0.96%	18.31%	10.19%	
S&P GSCI	3.34%	39.64%	41.34%	-23.72%	3.02%	

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 12/23/21. 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.	2020	5-yr.	
Communication Services	2.55%	22.54%	25.11%	23.61%	11.55%	
Consumer Discretionary	3.82%	23.92%	26.56%	33.30%	20.84%	
Consumer Staples	0.80%	15.73%	17.77%	10.75%	11.08%	
Energy	2.37%	52.74%	51.14%	-33.68%	-1.97%	
Financials	1.11%	34.10%	36.79%	-1.76%	12.78%	
Health Care	1.38%	24.71%	27.38%	13.45%	17.28%	
Industrials	1.78%	18.95%	19.94%	11.05%	12.10%	
Information Technology	3.29%	33.89%	36.12%	43.89%	31.60%	
Materials	1.24%	24.00%	26.25%	20.73%	14.28%	
Real Estate	0.56%	40.78%	44.81%	-2.17%	14.31%	
Utilities	0.30%	14.62%	18.33%	0.52%	11.15%	
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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.	2020	5-yr.	
-0.24%	-1.74%	-1.71%	5.78%	2.43%	
-0.10%	-1.50%	-1.40%	3.68%	2.35%	
-0.37%	-1.70%	-1.50%	7.51%	3.70%	
0.51%	5.05%	5.78%	7.11%	6.29%	
-0.40%	-1.36%	-0.85%	9.89%	5.38%	
0.01%	3.11%	3.22%	6.25%	5.69%	
-0.47%	-4.83%	-4.31%	9.20%	3.52%	
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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	0.00% - 0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.69%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.10%	5-yr T-Note	1.24%		
CPI - Headline	6.80%	10-yr T-Note	1.49%		
CPI - Core	4.90%	30-yr T-Bond	1.91%		
Money Market Accts.	0.28%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.19%		
1-yr CD	0.49%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
3-yr CD	0.62%	Bond Buyer 40	3.45%		
5-yr CD	0.81%		-		

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 12/21/21, LIBOR as of 12/22/21, Fed Funds as of 12/24/21, all other data as of 12/23/21.

 Market Indicators

 TED Spread
 16 bps

 Investment Grade Spread (A2)
 111 bps

 ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread
 313 bps

 Source: Bloomberg. As of 12/23/21.
 313 bps

Weekly Fund Flows					
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/15/21					
	Current	Current Week		ous	
Domestic Equity	-\$17.617	Billion	-\$6.636	Billion	
Foreign Equity	-\$3.718	Billion	\$1.265	Billion	
Taxable Bond	-\$7.072	Billion	-\$5.846	Billion	
Municipal Bond	\$91	Million	\$517	Million	
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/22/21					
	Current	Current Week		Previous	
Retail	\$17.35	Billion	\$4.84	Billion	
Institutional	\$12.71	Billion	-\$4.78	Billion	
Source: Investment Company Institute					

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Factoids for the Week of December 20, 2021

Monday, December 20, 2021

Sales of arms and military services by the 100 largest companies that operate in the sector totaled \$531 billion in 2020, up 1.3% year-over-year, according to a recent release from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Arm sales by the 41 U.S. companies ranked in the top 100 totaled \$285 billion, up 1.9% year-over-year. U.S., Chinese, Russian and European companies accounted for 91.9% of the Top 100's total arms sales in 2020.

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

S&P 500 Index stock buybacks totaled a record high of \$234.64 billion (preliminary) in Q3'21 (previous high was \$222.98 in Q4'18), up 18.0% from the \$198.84 billion executed in Q2'21 and up 130.5% from the \$101.79 billion registered in Q3'20, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. In Q3'21, Information Technology, Financials and Communication Services accounted for 28.15%, 26.39% and 15.01%, respectively, of all buyback expenditures. S&P 500 Index companies distributed \$130.04 billion in dividend payments in the quarter, up 5.4% from the \$123.38 billion paid out in Q2'21 and up 12.5% from the \$115.54 billion paid out in Q3'20.

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Data from Preqin indicates that U.S. private equity funds have raised a recordhigh \$278.8 billion for commercial-property deals in 2021, up 11% over the same period a year ago and up 57% from 2019's total, according to Bloomberg. The surge in capital helped drive up U.S. commercial-property prices by an average of 18% for the 12-month period ended November 2021, according to Real Capital Analytics. These funds are still sitting on roughly \$91 billion in cash waiting for distressed deals to materialize.

Thursday, December 23, 2021

A Bloomberg survey of 19 equity strategists found that their average 2022 yearend price target for the S&P 500 Index was 4,950 as of 12/16/21, up from 4,843 on 11/19/21 (12 strategists surveyed), according to its own release. The highest and lowest estimates were 5,330 (up from 5,300) and 4,400 (unchanged), respectively. On 12/22/21, the S&P 500 Index closed at 4,696.56, which was 0,33% below its all-time closing high of 4,712.02 on 12/10/21.

Friday, December 24, 2021 No Factoid - Holiday

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