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# Market Watch

Week of April 12<sup>th</sup>

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2020	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (33,801)	1.99%	11.02%	45.57%	9.72%	16.66%
S&P 500 (4,129)	2.75%	10.38%	50.48%	18.39%	17.30%
NASDAQ 100 (13,845)	3.89%	7.64%	69.39%	48.88%	26.64%
S&P 500 Growth	4.16%	8.01%	57.51%	33.46%	20.70%
S&P 500 Value	1.28%	13.07%	40.47%	1.35%	12.95%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.79%	11.27%	66.75%	22.77%	16.15%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.94%	21.08%	73.74%	3.71%	13.64%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-0.48%	13.87%	75.33%	19.56%	17.46%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.35%	25.32%	87.72%	2.48%	14.81%
MSCI EAFE	1.80%	6.09%	43.85%	7.82%	9.71%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.04%	5.67%	47.04%	10.65%	10.57%
MSCI World	2.44%	8.64%	49.89%	15.90%	14.34%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.56%	3.40%	52.98%	18.31%	12.83%
S&P GSCI	-0.58%	14.48%	45.10%	-23.72%	1.10%

**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 4/9/21. 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	3.37%	14.02%	60.94%	23.61%	11.66%
Consumer Discretionary	4.24%	8.54%	65.93%	33.30%	19.43%
Consumer Staples	1.48%	2.40%	21.90%	10.75%	8.30%
Energy	-4.05%	28.88%	48.44%	-33.68%	-1.20%
Financials	1.99%	19.72%	53.78%	-1.76%	16.82%
Health Care	1.34%	4.34%	26.54%	13.45%	13.36%
Industrials	1.77%	13.83%	61.88%	11.05%	14.47%
Information Technology	4.69%	9.00%	67.93%	43.89%	29.58%
Materials	0.67%	10.83%	58.75%	20.73%	14.75%
Real Estate	0.57%	11.38%	17.79%	-2.17%	8.26%
Utilities	1.32%	4.18%	10.29%	0.52%	9.56%

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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					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2020	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.33%	-1.54%	-1.03%	5.78%	2.05%
GNMA 30 Year	0.31%	-0.71%	-0.52%	3.68%	2.25%
U.S. Aggregate	0.40%	-2.90%	0.37%	7.51%	3.13%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.53%	1.57%	20.77%	7.11%	8.08%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.42%	-3.91%	6.67%	9.89%	4.95%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.62%	0.29%	8.70%	6.25%	4.53%
Global Aggregate	0.60%	-3.80%	4.89%	9.20%	2.57%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	0.00% - 0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.16%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.11%	5-yr T-Note	0.86%		
CPI - Headline	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	1.66%		
CPI - Core	1.30%	30-yr T-Bond	2.33%		
Money Market Accts.	0.28%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.21%		
1-yr CD	0.50%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
3-yr CD	0.54%	Bond Buyer 40	3.49%		
5-yr CD	0.68%	-			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 4/6/21, LIBOR as of 4/7/21, all other data as of 4/9/21.

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	17 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	102 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	325 bps
Source: Bloomberg. As of 4/9/21.	

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/31/21						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$3.212	Billion	-\$2.224	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$1.696	Billion	\$3.435	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$5.321	Billion	\$6.735	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$814	Million	\$1.033	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 4/7/21						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Retail	-\$5.09	Billion	-\$5.86	Billion		
Institutional	-\$7.56	Billion	\$55.02	Billion		
Source: Investment Cor	1	DIIIOII	\$JJ.02	DIIIOII		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

## Factoids for the Week of April 5, 2021

## Monday, April 5, 2021

Data from Refinitiv indicates that global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deal value (announcements) totaled \$1.3 trillion in Q1'21, up 94% from Q1'20, according to Axios. That is an all-time high for the first quarter of a calendar year and the second-most for any quarter on record. The U.S. accounted for 50% of that total. Cross-border M&A hit an all-time Q1 high of \$458 billion.

#### Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Worldwide sales of semiconductors totaled \$39.6 billion in February 2021, down 1.0% from the prior month, but up 14.7% from a year ago, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA). On a year-over-year basis, the percent change in region/country semiconductor sales in February were as follows: China (18.9%); Asia Pacific/All Other (18.2%); the Americas (9.7%); Japan (7.6%); and Europe (6.8%). Year-to-date through 4/5/21, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index posted a total return of 18.59%, compared to 6.24% for the S&P 500 Information Technology Index and 9.00% for the S&P 500 Index, according to Bloomberg.

#### Wednesday, April 7, 2021

S&P Dow Jones Indices announced that total dividend distributions for U.S. common stocks increased by a net (increases less decreases) \$18.0 billion in Q1'21, up from an increase of \$9.4 billion in Q4'20 and up from the \$5.5 billion decrease in Q1'20, according to its own release. There were 906 dividend increases in Q1'21, up from 728 in Q1'20. The number of dividends cut or suspended in Q1'21 totaled 64, down from 134 in Q1'20. Currently, 76.2% of the companies in the S&P 500 Index pay a dividend, compared to 62.5% of S&P MidCap 400 companies and 49.4% of S&P SmallCap 600 companies.

#### Thursday, April 8, 2021

Data from the Identity Theft Resource Center indicates there were 351 publicly reported data breaches globally in Q1'21, up 12% from Q4'20, according to 24/7 Wall St. The number of individuals affected by the compromised data surged from 7.6 million in Q4'20 to 50.6 million in Q1'21. That represents an increase of 565%. Phishing and ransomware are the two most common causes of data compromises.

#### Friday, April 9, 2021

Hurricane season officially runs from June 1 through November 30. The Colorado State University Tropical Meteorology Project is forecasting a total of 17 named storms, eight hurricanes and four major hurricanes for the upcoming season, according to The Weather Channel. From 1990-2020, the U.S. endured 15 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes on average. Major hurricanes are Category 3 or higher, which entails wind speeds of 115-plus-mph. A record 11 storms made landfall in the U.S. in 2020, including six hurricanes.

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