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Stock Index Performance Index Week YTD 12-mo. 2021 5-vr. Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (34,755) 5.53% -3.89% 7.74% 20.95% 13.16% S&P 500 (4,463) 6.19% -6.05% 15.58% 28.68% 15.46% NASDAQ 100 (14,420) 8.42% -11.49% 13.54% 27.51% 22.80% S&P 500 Growth 8.18% -10.41% 18.87% 32.00% 19.36% S&P 500 Value 4 25% -1 21% 11.75% 24 86% 10.63% S&P MidCap 400 Growth 6.56% -8.06% 1.76% 18.89% 11.49% S&P MidCap 400 Value 4.16% -0.86% 8.11% 30.61% 10.12% S&P SmallCap 600 Growth 5.65% -7.63% -0.58% 22.56% 11.83% 2.97% S&P SmallCap 600 Value -0.81% 1.40% 30.85% 9.98% MSCI EAFE 5.60% -7.26% -1.74% 11.26% 6.39% MSCI World (ex US) 4.73% -6.88% -4.63% 7.82% 6.40% 21.82% 11.99% MSCI World 6.05% -6.57% 8.95% MSCI Emerging Markets 3.50% -8.59% -14.84% -2.54% 5.46% -2.05% S&P GSCI 33.36% 64.19% 40.35% 10.31%

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 3/18/22. 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.	2021	5-yr.
Communication Services	5.80%	-12.96%	-1.91%	21.57%	8.71%
Consumer Discretionary	9.28%	-10.60%	9.80%	24.43%	16.88%
Consumer Staples	3.94%	-3.50%	17.44%	18.63%	9.43%
Energy	-3.58%	33.70%	57.67%	54.39%	5.95%
Financials	7.18%	-0.06%	14.76%	34.87%	11.93%
Health Care	6.30%	-2.71%	21.48%	26.13%	14.79%
Industrials	5.04%	-2.72%	7.34%	21.10%	10.96%
Information Technology	7.88%	-10.72%	20.51%	34.52%	26.17%
Materials	5.23%	-4.99%	11.87%	27.28%	12.64%
Real Estate	2.94%	-8.91%	24.37%	46.14%	12.31%
Utilities	0.56%	-0.99%	17.78%	17.67%	10.18%

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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.	2021	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.75%	-3.23%	-3.27%	-1.72%	1.64%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.53%	-3.23%	-3.61%	-1.46%	1.57%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.39%	-5.16%	-3.08%	-1.54%	2.45%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.51%	-5.06%	-0.04%	5.28%	4.77%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.59%	-7.44%	-3.11%	-1.04%	3.56%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.67%	-6.82%	-2.79%	3.17%	3.97%
Global Aggregate	-0.29%	-5.53%	-6.26%	-4.71%	1.98%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	0.25% - 0.50%	2-yr T-Note	1.94%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.44%	5-yr T-Note	2.14%		
CPI - Headline	7.90%	10-yr T-Note	2.15%		
CPI - Core	6.40%	30-yr T-Bond	2.42%		
Money Market Accts.	0.30%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	4.47%		
1-yr CD	0.73%	Prime Rate	3.50%		
3-yr CD	0.87%	Bond Buyer 40	3.80%		
5-yr CD	1.08%	•			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. LIBOR as of 3/16/22 and all other data as of 3/18/22.

Market Watch

Week of March 21st

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	54 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	152 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	381 bps
Source: Bloomberg. As of 3/18/22.	

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/9/22						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$6.618	Billion	-\$3.527	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$158	Million	-\$2.087	Billion		
Taxable Bond	-\$11.383	Billion	-\$17.639	Billion		
Municipal Bond	-\$2.258	Billion	-\$3.502	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 3/16/22						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Retail	-\$45.40	Billion	\$1.44	Billion		
Institutional	\$28.52	Billion	-\$31.92	Billion		
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Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of March 14, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022

The price of gold bullion is trading at around \$1,955 per ounce this morning, up about 6.9% since the start of 2022. Data from the World Gold Council indicates that demand for gold bars and coins reached 1,124 tons in 2021, the highest in nearly a decade, according to Bloomberg. Demand is so strong that some buyers are having to pay as much as a \$100 premium over the spot price for a one-ounce bar of gold.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The Federal Reserve reported that U.S. household net worth (total assets minus total liabilities) stood at an all-time high of \$150.3 trillion at the end of 2021, according to CNBC. That total was up 8.2% from the end of September 2021 and up 14.4% from the end of 2020. Household net worth was largely boosted by gains from the stock and real estate markets. Total nonfinancial debt hit \$65 trillion. All debt categories were up substantially. Household, business and government debt totaled \$17.9 trillion, \$18.5 trillion and \$28.6 trillion, respectively.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

ETFGI reported that total assets invested in ETFs/ETPs listed in the U.S. stood at \$6.84 trillion on 2/28/22, down from the all-time high of \$7.21 trillion at the close of 2021, according to its own release. Capital inflows have remained strong. Net inflows to ETFs/ETPs listed in the U.S. totaled \$99.04 billion over the first two months of 2022. February marked the 30th consecutive month of net inflows. Equity ETFs/ETPs have accounted for more than two-thirds (\$68.51 billion) of the net inflows so far this year.

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.0% in February, according to its own release. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at 4.1%. Its baseline scenario sees the default rate increasing to 2.7% by December 2022. Moody's recorded 16 defaults over the first two months of 2022, up from nine defaults a year ago. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate rising to 2.5% by December 2022. The default rate on senior loans stood at 0.27% at the close of February, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Friday, March 18, 2022

The 2022 *Pensions & Investments* annual survey of pension plans found that REIT assets in the largest 200 U.S. retirement plans jumped 22% to \$34.2 billion for the 12-month period ended 9/30/21, according to Nareit. Assets invested in private real estate grew 13.4% to \$418.3 billion over the same period. Over a five-year period, REIT assets rose 47.4%, compared to 40.5% for private real estate assets. Data from Preqin indicates that the share of defined benefit pension plans including REITs in their real estate holdings stood at 67% on 9/30/21.

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