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Market Watch

Week of April 25

| Stock Index Performance | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Index | Week | YTD | 12-mo. | 2021 | 5-yr. |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (33,811) | -1.82% | -6.42% | 1.89% | 20.95% | 12.93% |
| S&P 500 (4,272) | -2.74% | -9.99% | 4.75% | 28.68% | 14.73% |
| NASDAQ 100 (13,357) | -3.86% | -17.98% | -2.27% | 27.51% | 20.78% |
| S&P 500 Growth | -3.62% | -17.14% | 1.15% | 32.00% | 17.54% |
| S&P 500 Value | -1.89% | -2.01% | 7.93% | 24.86% | 10.96% |
| S&P MidCap 400 Growth | -1.82% | -13.23% | -8.70% | 18.89% | 10.25% |
| S&P MidCap 400 Value | -1.63% | -4.13% | 2.61% | 30.61% | 9.66% |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Growth | -2.34% | -15.04% | -8.19% | 22.56% | 10.19% |
| S&P SmallCap 600 Value | -1.41% | -4.37% | 0.70% | 30.85% | 9.44% |
| MSCI EAFE | -1.53% | -10.02% | -6.82% | 11.26% | 5.87% |
| MSCI World (ex US) | -2.23% | -9.96% | -9.06% | 7.82% | 5.78% |
| MSCI World | -2.58% | -10.37% | -0.02% | 21.82% | 11.26% |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | -3.33% | -12.22% | -18.00% | -2.54% | 4.65% |
| S&P GSCI | -2.58% | 37.74% | 62.32% | 40.35% | 11.19% |

Source: Bloomberg, Returns are total returns, 5-vr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 4/22/22. 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 | -7.74% | -22.50% | -15.93% | 21.57% | 7.20% |
| Consumer Discretionary | -1.77% | -14.08% | -1.27% | 24.43% | 15.72% |
| Consumer Staples | 0.49% | 3.65% | 18.71% | 18.63% | 11.01% |
| Energy | -4.56% | 38.55% | 70.06% | 54.39% | 7.26% |
| Financials | -1.97% | -7.00% | 5.95% | 34.87% | 11.55% |
| Health Care | -3.59% | -4.78% | 10.54% | 26.13% | 14.76% |
| Industrials | -1.54% | -6.62% | -0.62% | 21.10% | 10.14% |
| Information Technology | -2.53% | -17.66% | 2.47% | 34.52% | 24.11% |
| Materials | -3.72% | -5.02% | 7.02% | 27.28% | 12.72% |
| Real Estate | 1.24% | -4.25% | 20.59% | 46.14% | 12.57% |
| Utilities | -2.36% | 4.56% | 14.86% | 17.67% | 11.17% |

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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 | -0.58% | -5.80% | -6.25% | -1.72% | 4.55% |
| GNMA 30 Year | -1.31% | -7.63% | -8.43% | -1.46% | 2.08% |
| U.S. Aggregate | -1.04% | -9.49% | -8.71% | -1.54% | 6.16% |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield | -0.88% | -7.37% | -4.07% | 5.28% | 21.52% |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | -1.43% | -12.38% | -10.31% | -1.04% | 10.76% |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | -1.94% | -12.40% | -10.58% | 3.17% | 11.68% |
| Global Aggregate | -1.36% | -10.44% | -12.12% | -4.71% | 2.48% |

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| Key Rates | | | | | |
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| Fed Funds | 0.25% - 0.50% | 2-yr T-Note | 2.67% | | |
| LIBOR (1-month) | 0.62% | 5-yr T-Note | 2.93% | | |
| CPI - Headline | 8.50% | 10-yr T-Note | 2.90% | | |
| CPI - Core | 6.50% | 30-yr T-Bond | 2.94% | | |
| Money Market Accts. | 0.32% | 30-yr Fixed Mortgage | 5.28% | | |
| 1-yr CD | 0.77% | Prime Rate | 3.50% | | |
| 3-yr CD | 1.00% | Bond Buyer 40 | 4.18% | | |
| 5-yr CD | 1.26% | - | | | |

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 4/19/22, LIBOR as of 4/20/22, all other data as of 4/22/22.

| Market Indicators | |
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| TED Spread | 41 bps |
| Investment Grade Spread (A2) | 157 bps |
| ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread | 365 bps |
| Source: Bloomberg. As of 4/22/22. | i |

| Weekly Fund Flows | | | | | | |
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| Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 4/13/22 | | | | | | |
| | Current | Current Week | | ous | | |
| Domestic Equity | -\$7.939 | Billion | -\$8.817 | Billion | | |
| Foreign Equity | -\$7.039 | Billion | \$3.316 | Billion | | |
| Taxable Bond | -\$8.807 | Billion | \$2.418 | Billion | | |
| Municipal Bond | -\$7.227 | Billion | -\$4.786 | Billion | | |
| Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 4/20/22 | | | | | | |
| | Current | Current Week | | ous | | |
| Retail | -\$19.48 | Billion | -\$4.71 | Billion | | |
| Institutional | -\$41.80 | Billion | -\$25.16 | Billion | | |
| Source: Investment Company Institute. | | | | | | |

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Factoids for the Week of April 18, 2022

Monday, April 18, 2022

The number of active U.S. crude oil rigs stood at 548 on 4/15/22, up 14.2% from the 480 rigs operating on 12/31/21, according to Baker Hughes. The price of WTI crude oil rose by 42.2% to \$106.95 per barrel over the same period, according to Bloomberg. The number of active U.S. natural gas rigs stood at 143 on 4/15/22, up 34.9% from the 106 rigs operating on 12/31/21. The price of natural gas rose by 95.7% to \$7.30 per million British thermal units over the same period.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.0% in March, 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 23 defaults over the first three months of 2022, up from 13 defaults a year ago. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 1.2% in March. Its baseline scenario sees the U.S. default rate rising to 2.4% by December 2022. The default rate on senior loans stood at 0.27% at the close of March, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

A survey conducted in April by PYMNTS found that 30% of cryptocurrency (crypto) holders had purchased something online with their digital assets over the past month, according to eMarketer. A little more than one-fifth (21%) of crypto holders used it to make an in-store purchase. One-quarter of crypto holders said they prefer merchants that accept it. Crypto transaction value worldwide is expected to total \$10.40 billion this year and \$16.16 billion in 2023. In the U.S., 33.7 million people, or 12.8% of the population, are expected to hold crypto at some point this year.

Thursday, April 21, 2022

The number of billionaires on Forbes' 36th annual list of the world's wealthiest (2022) declined by 87 to 2,668, according to its own release. Their combined worth is \$12.7 trillion, down from \$13.1 trillion a year ago. The top 20 richest people are worth a combined \$2 trillion, up from \$1.8 trillion in 2021. The Asia-Pacific region has the most billionaires at 1.088, followed by the U.S.'s 735 and Europe's 592. Forbes noted that 1,891 of the 2,668 are self-made billionaires, while the rest inherited their fortunes.

Friday, April 22, 2022

The Congressional Budget Office's most recent budget review indicated that U.S. corporate tax revenue was up 22% in the first six months of the current fiscal year (October-March) compared to last year's record haul over the same period, according to Fox Business. Corporate tax revenue is on pace to reach \$454 billion this fiscal year, which would easily top last year's all-time high of \$372 billion.

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