| STOCK INDEX |  |  |  |  |  |
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Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual.
One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 10/26/07.

| S \&P SECTOR PERFORMANCE |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Index | Week | YTD | 12-mo. | 2006 | 5-yr. |
| Consumer Discretionary | $1.36 \%$ | $-4.23 \%$ | $-1.37 \%$ | $18.64 \%$ | $8.83 \%$ |
| Consumer Staples | $2.33 \%$ | $11.81 \%$ | $12.89 \%$ | $14.58 \%$ | $9.04 \%$ |
| Energy | $2.36 \%$ | $30.68 \%$ | $37.15 \%$ | $24.21 \%$ | $28.93 \%$ |
| Financials | $2.73 \%$ | $-6.86 \%$ | $-3.38 \%$ | $19.23 \%$ | $10.85 \%$ |
| Health Care | $1.36 \%$ | $8.17 \%$ | $7.78 \%$ | $7.53 \%$ | $7.06 \%$ |
| Industrials | $1.36 \%$ | $15.41 \%$ | $18.61 \%$ | $13.29 \%$ | $15.63 \%$ |
| Information Technology | $3.28 \%$ | $21.21 \%$ | $23.00 \%$ | $8.42 \%$ | $15.23 \%$ |
| Materials | $3.64 \%$ | $25.60 \%$ | $32.79 \%$ | $18.98 \%$ | $20.87 \%$ |
| Telecom Services | $0.74 \%$ | $16.86 \%$ | $19.54 \%$ | $36.74 \%$ | $15.48 \%$ |
| Utilities | $4.76 \%$ | $15.86 \%$ | $19.56 \%$ | $20.99 \%$ | $23.11 \%$ |

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 10/26/07.

| BOND INDEX PERFORMANCE |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Index | Week | YTD | 12-mo. | 2006 | 5-yr. |
| U.S. Treasury: Intermediate | $0.15 \%$ | $6.13 \%$ | $6.97 \%$ | $3.51 \%$ | $3.41 \%$ |
| GNMA 30 Year | $0.25 \%$ | $5.01 \%$ | $6.36 \%$ | $4.62 \%$ | $4.33 \%$ |
| U.S. Aggregate | $0.13 \%$ | $5.14 \%$ | $6.35 \%$ | $4.33 \%$ | $4.67 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield | $0.10 \%$ | $3.77 \%$ | $7.05 \%$ | $11.85 \%$ | $13.22 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | $-0.07 \%$ | $4.16 \%$ | $5.54 \%$ | $4.30 \%$ | $6.00 \%$ |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | $-0.23 \%$ | $1.18 \%$ | $2.80 \%$ | $6.82 \%$ | $6.12 \%$ |
| Global Aggregate | $0.68 \%$ | $7.83 \%$ | $10.23 \%$ | $6.64 \%$ | $7.38 \%$ |

Source: Lehman Bros. Returns include reinvested interest. The 5-yrreturn is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 10/26/07.

| KEY RATES |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| As of |  |  | 10/26 |
| Fed Funds | $4.75 \%$ | 5-YR CD | $4.63 \%$ |
| LIBOR (1-month) | $4.87 \%$ | 2-YR Note | $3.77 \%$ |
| CPI - Headline | $2.80 \%$ | 5-YR Note | $4.04 \%$ |
| CPI - Core | $2.10 \%$ | 10-YR Note | $4.39 \%$ |
| Money Market Accts. | $3.60 \%$ | 30-YR T-Bond | $4.69 \%$ |
| Money Market Funds | $4.48 \%$ | 30-YR Mortgage | $6.19 \%$ |
| 6-mo. CD | $4.52 \%$ | Prime Rate | $7.75 \%$ |
| 1-YR CD | $4.63 \%$ | Bond Buyer 40 | $4.77 \%$ |


| WEEKLY FUND FLOWS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week of 10/24 | Previous |
| Equity Funds Including ETF activity, and Non-domestic funds | -\$2.2 B <br> mestic funds reportin reporting net inflows | $\$ 302 \mathrm{M}$ <br> outflows of -\$2.504B 1 M . |
| Bond Funds | \$1 B | \$2.1 B |
| Municipal Bond Funds | \$212 M | -\$142 M |
| Money Markets | \$35.910 B | \$20.100 B |
| This brings the asset level of the sector to a record \$2.922T. |  |  |

Source: AMG Data Services

## FACTOIDS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 ${ }^{\mathrm{ND}}-26^{\mathrm{TH}}$

## Monday, October 22, 2007 - Oil Prices

The price of a barrel of oil closed Friday's trading session at $\$ 88.60$. OPEC does not favor oil prices at this inflated level, according to Rigzone.com. There have been no interruptions in crude supplies and commercial inventory levels are comfortable. OPEC recently decided to increase production by 500,000 barrels per day beginning November 1, which creates a new ceiling of 27.2 million barrels per day. In 2006, the average cost of a barrel of oil was $\$ 24.73$, while the average revenue per barrel was $\$ 43.62$, according to John S. Herold Inc. At current production levels, OPEC has enough proven oil reserves to last 72.5 years, compared to just 11.9 years for U.S. reserves, according to the $B P$ Statistical Review of World Energy.
Tuesday, October 23, 2007 - Home Prices
The surge in U.S. home prices over the past decade pales in comparison to what has happened to housing costs overseas, according to data from Economist.com. The following countries posted the biggest gains from 19972007: South Africa (+380\%); Ireland (+251\%); Britain (+211\%); Spain (+189\%); Australia (+149\%); France (+139\%); Sweden (+138\%); and the United States (+103\%). Home prices in Hong Kong and Japan declined 38\% and $32 \%$, respectively.

## Wednesday, October 24, 2007 - College Tuition

In-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools averaged \$6,185 this school year, up 6.6\% over last year, according to the College Board. Tuition and fees increased an average of $5.5 \%$ to $\$ 16,640$ at private four-year schools. When you include room and board the cost jumps to an average of $\$ 13,589$ for a public four-year schools and $\$ 32,307$ for four-year private schools. Tuition and fees at public two-year schools rose $4.2 \%$ to $\$ 2,361$.

## Thursday, October 25, 2007 — Earnings Estimates

The percentage of U.S. companies issuing upside guidance with their earnings has been shrinking since the second quarter of 2006, according to SeekingAlpha.com. After peeking at $32 \%$ in the first quarter of 2006, the quarterly numbers have largely fluctuated between $15 \%$, which is the percentage so far for Q3'07, and 20\%. The average since the end of 2001 is $22 \%$. The good news is that $65 \%$ of companies have exceeded their earnings estimates over the past three quarters, including Q3'07. The percentage of firms topping their estimates since the end of 2001 has fluctuated between 59\% (Q3'02) and 73\% (Q3'06).

## Friday, October 26, 2007 - Worldwide IT Spending

Worldwide IT spending is on pace to total $\$ 3.1$ trillion in 2007 , up $8 \%$ from 2006, according to tech researcher Gartner, Inc. One-third of IT spending now occurs outside of North America, Western Europe, and Japan. Gartner sees spending gravitating towards software, services, and mobility. It predicts that $63 \%$ of all IT spending will target those three areas by the end of 2011.

Sources: Bankrate.com, iMoneyNet.com and Bloomberg

