

Market Watch

Week of December 29th

STOCK INDEX PERFORMANCE					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2007	5-yr.
DOW JONES 30 (8516)	-0.69%	-33.95%	-35.35%	8.88%	-1.46%
S&P 500 (873)	-1.62%	-39.16%	-40.33%	5.49%	-2.57%
NASDAQ 100 (1185)	-2.61%	-42.84%	-44.23%	19.24%	-3.45%
S&P 500/Citigroup Growth	-1.42%	-36.97%	-38.16%	9.25%	-3.07%
S&P 500/Citigroup Value	-1.83%	-41.46%	-42.62%	2.03%	-2.14%
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Growth	-1.79%	-40.43%	-41.66%	13.55%	-1.38%
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Value	-1.43%	-37.52%	-38.89%	2.84%	-0.28%
S&P SmallCap600/Citigroup Growth	-1.82%	-35.97%	-37.91%	5.66%	0.05%
S&P SmallCap600/Citigroup Value	-1.41%	-32.80%	-35.21%	-5.19%	-0.01%
MSCI EAFE	-1.15%	-44.32%	-43.95%	13.04%	2.17%
MSCI World (ex US)	-1.30%	-44.68%	-44.32%	13.04%	2.35%
MSCI World	-1.44%	-42.14%	-42.47%	9.69%	-0.21%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-5.23%	-54.77%	-54.60%	39.23%	7.23%

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 12/26/08.

S&P SECTOR PERFORMANCE					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2007	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-2.95%	-35.81%	-36.90%	-13.21%	-6.57%
Consumer Staples	0.11%	-17.12%	-18.49%	14.36%	4.27%
Energy	-0.67%	-38.00%	-38.82%	34.41%	12.68%
Financials	-4.04%	-57.88%	-58.68%	-18.52%	-13.24%
Health Care	-0.84%	-24.81%	-26.29%	7.32%	-0.95%
Industrials	-0.90%	-42.06%	-43.13%	12.04%	-2.14%
Information Technology	-2.65%	-44.59%	-46.10%	16.30%	-5.98%
Materials	-2.37%	-46.91%	-48.20%	22.53%	-1.49%
Telecom Services	-0.59%	-32.06%	-33.56%	11.88%	4.09%
Utilities	-0.83%	-31.31%	-31.97%	19.38%	7.77%

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BOND INDEX PERFORMANCE					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2007	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.15%	11.56%	12.60%	8.83%	5.38%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.07%	7.54%	8.66%	6.97%	5.34%
U.S. Aggregate	0.06%	5.16%	6.41%	6.97%	4.57%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	3.01%	-29.25%	-29.07%	1.88%	-1.64%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.66%	-5.19%	-3.81%	4.56%	1.98%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.83%	-15.89%	-15.31%	0.46%	0.52%
Global Aggregate	0.01%	4.93%	6.54%	9.48%	5.10%

Source: Lehman Bros. Returns include reinvested interest. The 5-yr:return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 12/26/08.

KEY RATES			
As of 12/26			
Fed Funds	0.25%	5-YR CD	3.16%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.47%	2-YR Note	0.88%
CPI - Headline	1.10%	5-YR Note	1.50%
CPI - Core	2.00%	10-YR T-Bond	2.13%
Money Market Accts.	2.12%	30-YR T-Bond	2.60%
Money Market Funds	0.93%	30-YR Mortgage	5.32%
6-mo. CD	2.23%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-YR CD	2.68%	Bond Buyer 40	6.02%

Sources: Bankrate.com, iMoneyNet.com and Bloomberg

MARKET INDICATORS			
	As of 12/26		
TED Spread: 138 bps	Investment Grade Spread (A2): 599 bps	ML High Yield Master II Index Spread: 1941 bps	

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

WEEKLY FUND FLOWS					
	Week of 12/23	Previous			
Equity Funds \$6.3 B \$8.4 B Including ETF activity, Domestic funds reported net inflows of \$4.596 B and Non-domestic funds reported net inflows of \$1.738 B.					
Bond Funds	-\$393 M	-\$1.1 B			
Municipal Bond Funds	-\$272 M	-\$993 M			
Money Markets	\$28.693 B	-\$2.246 B			

Source: AMG Data Services

FACTOIDS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22^{ND} - DECEMBER 26^{TH}

Monday, December 22, 2008
The S&P 500 posted an average total return of -0.93% for the 10-year period ended November 2008. Steve Leuthold, CIO for the Leuthold Group and market historian, did some research and found that this return would rank in the bottom 4% of 10-year (calendar) periods dating back to 1926, according to BusinessWeek. He also found that after each of the worst 10-year periods the market returned no less than a 7.21% compound annual gain the following decade. The best was 15.58% (1974-1984).

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

The VIX Volatility Index reached an all-time high of 80.86 on November 20, 2008. As of yesterday's close, the VIX stood at 41.83, down almost 50% from a month ago. It has declined six days in a row. So far this decade, the average reading for the VIX has been 21.02, according to Bloomberg. If the VIX can manage to work its way down into the 30s we should see higher stock prices, according to Bespoke Investment Group.

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

The Barclays Capital "Original E&P Spending Survey" predicts that worldwide E&P expenditures will contract by 12% in 2009, according to Barclays Capital. Spending is expected to decline from \$454 billion in 2008 to \$400 billion in 2009. The report cites the decline in the price of oil and tighter credit markets for the pullback. Expenditures had grown for six consecutive years through 2008. Here are the 2009 vs. 2008 estimates: U.S. (\$78.0 billion vs. \$106.0 billion); Canada (\$22.0 billion vs. \$29.0 billion); and International (\$300.0 billion vs. \$319.0 billion).

Thursday, December 25, 2008

No factoid - Christmas Day.

Friday, December 26, 2008

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) is forecasting that global semiconductor sales will total \$261.2 billion in 2008, up 2.2% from last year's take of \$255.6 billion. The SIA estimates that sales will drop by 5.6% to \$246.7 billion in 2009, the first decline since 2001. The financial strain on consumers is the primary reason for the anticipated dip in sales. Consumer purchases now drive more than half of worldwide semiconductor sales. It sees sales rebounding 7.4% in 2010 to \$264.9 billion and 7.5% in 2011 to \$284.7 billion.