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# Market Watch

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (10,520)	1.86%	23.74%	28.93%	-31.92%	2.03%	
S&P 500 (1,126)	2.20%	27.70%	33.66%	-36.99%	0.65%	
NASDAQ 100 (1,870)	3.47%	55.42%	58.96%	-41.57%	3.52%	
S&P 500/Citigroup Growth	2.62%	32.80%	38.46%	-34.91%	1.71%	
S&P 500/Citigroup Value	1.79%	22.43%	28.69%	-39.19%	-0.50%	
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Growth	3.41%	43.38%	52.67%	-37.58%	4.23%	
S&P MidCap 400/Citigroup Value	3.57%	36.41%	44.78%	-34.78%	3.40%	
S&P SmallCap 600/Citigroup Growth	4.29%	30.08%	38.46%	-32.84%	2.30%	
S&P SmallCap 600/Citigroup Value	3.64%	24.64%	33.44%	-29.50%	1.24%	
MSCI EAFE	2.55%	31.23%	34.32%	-43.07%	3.75%	
MSCI World (ex US)	2.68%	40.53%	44.12%	-43.26%	6.04%	
MSCI World	2.47%	30.36%	35.12%	-40.39%	2.24%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.52%	75.66%	79.39%	-53.49%	15.67%	

**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 12/24/09.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr	
Consumer Discretionary	1.95%	43.05%	50.19%	-33.49%	-1.45%	
Consumer Staples	1.74%	15.88%	19.48%	-15.44%	5.94%	
Energy	2.50%	15.24%	23.49%	-34.89%	10.31%	
Financials	2.34%	18.41%	28.14%	-55.23%	-11.31%	
Health Care	1.35%	20.88%	24.31%	-22.80%	2.94%	
Industrials	1.37%	22.73%	28.65%	-39.92%	-0.97%	
Information Technology	3.27%	62.57%	67.26%	-43.14%	3.32%	
Materials	4.17%	50.06%	56.36%	-45.64%	4.42%	
Telecom Services	2.45%	9.47%	13.27%	-30.47%	1.84%	
Utilities	0.58%	13.41%	18.65%	-28.99%	6.24%	

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Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2008	5-yr	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.89%	-1.16%	-1.17%	11.35%	4.71%	
GNMA 30 Year	-0.90%	5.45%	5.90%	7.87%	5.65%	
U.S. Aggregate	-0.95%	5.95%	6.23%	5.24%	4.99%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.33%	57.55%	66.08%	-26.16%	6.40%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-1.15%	18.35%	18.96%	-4.94%	4.53%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.05%	23.64%	25.43%	-14.68%	3.96%	
Global Aggregate	-0.68%	7.22%	7.15%	4.79%	4.70%	

**Source: Barclays Capital.** Returns are total returns. The *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 12/24/09.

Key Rates						
As of 12/24						
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	2.92%			
LIBOR (1-month)	0.23%	2-yr T-Note	0.96%			
CPI - Headline	1.80%	5-yr T-Note	2.53%			
CPI - Core	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	3.80%			
Money Market Accts.	0.90%	30-yr T-Bond	4.68%			
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	5.28%			
6-mo. CD	1.17%	Prime Rate	3.25%			
1-yr CD	1.64%	Bond Buyer 40	5.40%			

Sources: Bankrate.com, iMoneyNet.com and Bloomberg.

Market Indicators					
As of 12/24					
TED Spread	19 bps				
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	199 bps				
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	656 bps				

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Week of December 28th

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 12/16/09							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds							
	Current	Week	Previo	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$1.169	Billion	-\$372	Million			
Foreign Equity	\$1.458	Billion	-\$1.159	Billion			
Taxable Bond	\$8.936	Billion	\$4.286	Billion			
Municipal Bond	\$1.070	Billion	\$1.402	Billion			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets							
	Current	Week	Previo	ous			
Retail	-\$1.91	Billion	-\$3.76	Billion			
Institutional	\$4.49	Billion	-\$47.37	Billion			

Source: Investment Company Institute

## Factoids for the week of December 21st - 25th

## Monday, December 21, 2009

The International Monetary Fund sees developing economies expanding 5.1% in 2010, vs. 1.3% for advanced nations, according to Bloomberg. Foreign direct investment in China jumped 32% (y-o-y) to \$7.02 billion in November, the best showing in 16 months, according to China's Ministry of Commerce. It is expected to remain within the \$7 billion to \$8 billion monthly range over the next few months. Thomas Deng, head of China strategy at Goldman Sachs Group in Hong Kong, believes fast-growing developing nations will lure capital away from advanced economies over the next 10-20 years.

#### Tuesday, December 22, 2009

Despite the loss of 8 million jobs since the start of the recession, more than 60% of businesses claim it is difficult to find qualified workers, according to *Kiplinger*. About 31% of all jobs now require a post secondary degree. From 2004 to 2014, occupations in science and engineering are expected to grow at nearly double the rate for all occupations. In 2005, over 50% of the U.S. doctorates awarded in science and math went to students with temporary visas. This problem could worsen when the baby boomers (born between 1946-1964) retire in greater numbers. They represent close to 40% of the labor force. Nearly 58% of boomers have some college education, vs. 55% for those born between 1965 and 1988.

#### Wednesday, December 23, 2009

While the securities markets have enjoyed a great run since the lows registered in early March, hedge funds and private equity funds have struggled to grow their assets, according to *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*. In the first nine months of this year, total hedge fund assets shrank by \$300 billion to \$1.5 trillion, according to Hedge Fund Research. A total of 2,329 hedge funds have folded since the start of 2008. Private equity funds have raised just \$187 billion over the first three-quarters of 2009, well below the \$478 billion collected over the same span in 2008.

#### Thursday, December 24, 2009

Morningstar reported that net inflows to bond ETFs totaled over \$32 billion in the first 11 months of 2009, the most among the major asset classes, according to MarketWatch.com. Overall, investors favored ETFs owning corporate bonds, emerging markets and those with a bearish bias. As of November 30, there were 802 ETFs trading in the U.S. holding a record \$739 billion in assets. Seventy-nine were fixed-income ETFs holding close to \$100 billion in assets.

#### Friday, December 25, 2009

Christmas Day, Markets Closed.