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Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (11,092)	-0.96%	9.04%	8.90%	22.68%	3.00%
S&P 500 (1,189)	-0.82%	8.63%	9.27%	26.47%	0.84%
NASDAQ 100 (2,154)	0.90%	16.63%	21.01%	54.63%	5.45%
S&P 500 Growth	-0.29%	10.31%	11.06%	31.58%	2.43%
S&P 500 Value	-1.37%	6.94%	7.55%	21.17%	-0.84%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.76%	24.48%	28.74%	41.23%	5.59%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.38%	15.25%	21.43%	33.77%	3.38%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.00%	21.40%	29.80%	28.34%	3.65%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.00%	15.49%	22.52%	22.86%	2.18%
MSCI EAFE	-3.45%	1.91%	3.65%	31.78%	2.20%
MSCI World (ex US)	-3.06%	4.79%	7.14%	41.45%	4.50%
MSCI World	-2.00%	5.56%	6.93%	29.99%	1.52%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.78%	11.49%	15.31%	78.51%	12.64%

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 11/26/10.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
Consumer Discretionary	0.49%	23.60%	26.92%	41.33%	3.13%
Consumer Staples	-1.05%	10.19%	8.33%	14.89%	6.70%
Energy	-1.71%	10.26%	6.77%	13.86%	5.88%
Financials	-2.53%	1.39%	-0.20%	17.24%	-12.66%
Health Care	-1.17%	-0.38%	0.37%	19.70%	1.59%
Industrials	-0.21%	18.00%	17.82%	20.93%	1.65%
Information Technology	0.42%	6.79%	11.29%	61.72%	3.60%
Materials	-1.01%	10.20%	9.97%	48.57%	5.92%
Telecom Services	-0.97%	11.30%	15.13%	8.93%	4.38%
Utilities	-0.84%	2.72%	7.54%	11.91%	3.34%

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 11/26/10.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.06%	6.63%	4.50%	-1.41%	5.77%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.10%	7.47%	5.85%	5.37%	6.64%
U.S. Aggregate	0.00%	7.50%	5.90%	5.93%	6.12%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.49%	13.51%	17.02%	58.21%	8.85%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.06%	9.64%	8.78%	18.68%	6.33%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	1.03%	4.41%	5.83%	23.43%	3.62%
Global Aggregate	-1.40%	4.54%	0.89%	6.93%	6.67%

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 11/26/10.

Key Rates						
As of 11/26						
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	2.23%			
LIBOR (1-month)	0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.50%			
CPI - Headline	1.20%	5-yr T-Note	1.52%			
CPI - Core	0.60%	10-yr T-Note	2.86%			
Money Market Accts.	0.66%	30-yr T-Bond	4.20%			
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	4.55%			
6-mo CD	0.76%	Prime Rate	3.25%			
1-yr CD	1.04%	Bond Buyer 40	5.26%			

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

Market Indicators	
As of 11/26	
TED Spread	14 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	191 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	596 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of November 29th

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 11/17/10							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds							
	Current	Week	Previo	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$2.797	Billion	-\$677	Million			
Foreign Equity	\$1.633	Billion	\$2.300	Billion			
Taxable Bond	\$457	Million	\$4.077	Billion			
Municipal Bond	-\$4.781	Billion	-\$115	Million			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets							
	Current	Week	Previo	ous			
Retail	\$2.86	Billion	\$1.83	Billion			
Institutional	\$12.49	Billion	-\$5.93	Billion			
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Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of November 22nd – 26th

Monday, November 22, 2010

In October, 198 companies raised profit estimates above analysts' projections, while 130 companies cut them, according to *Bloomberg Businessweek*. It represented the biggest gap since Bloomberg began tracking the data in 1999. The last time executives were this optimistic stocks rallied 39% over the next 3½ years. From July 2 through November 12, corporations getting at least 50% of their revenue from foreign sources rose about 11 percentage points more than American-focused stocks.

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Moody's Investors Service reported that commercial property prices in the U.S. rose 4.3% from August to September, the biggest gain in the last 10 years, according Bloomberg. Property values had been on the decline throughout the summer months. Demand is beginning to rise for the best office buildings in major markets such as New York. The dollar volume of September's transactions doubled from August to \$3.7 billion. Office prices in the top 10 metropolitan areas rose 22% (y-o-y) in Q3'10. The Moody's/REAL Commercial Property Price Index, however, remains 43% below its October 2007 peak.

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

The best-performing high yield corporate bond fund manager (Mark Notkin at Fidelity Investments) over the past five years now believes that stocks represent a better value than junk bonds, according to Bloomberg. High yield corporate bonds are up around 80% since the start of 2009. Investors poured \$55.1 billion into high yield funds from the start of 2009 through September 2010, while over the same span redeeming \$129.9 billion from U.S. equity funds, according to EPFR Global. The S&P 500 is now trading at 13.9 times forward-looking earnings. That is well below the 16.4 average price-to-earnings ratio since 1960, according to Bespoke Investment Group.

Thursday, November 25, 2010

No Factoid - Holiday.

Friday, November 26, 2010

A recent report from Ladenburg Thalmann noted that closed-end funds that invest in master-limited partnerships (MLPs) are undervalued despite posting strong returns, according to *Barron's*. Eduardo Seda, analyst, is looking for MLP closed-ends to post average annual total returns of 10-13% over the next five years. He sees yields ranging from 3% to 6.5% over that span. Seda believes MLPs will benefit from new discoveries of oil and natural gas as well as the economic recovery underway in the U.S.