

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (10,566)	2.33%	1.85%	64.97%	22.68%	1.93%
S&P 500 (1,139)	3.12%	2.49%	70.53%	26.47%	0.68%
NASDAQ 100 (1,889)	3.85%	1.67%	76.94%	54.63%	4.98%
S&P 500 Growth	3.27%	1.33%	62.39%	31.58%	1.54%
S&P 500 Value	2.97%	3.68%	80.55%	21.17%	-0.28%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	5.10%	6.63%	87.18%	41.23%	4.55%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	3.68%	5.95%	94.24%	33.77%	3.52%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	5.31%	4.83%	88.02%	28.34%	2.22%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	5.60%	7.72%	97.13%	22.86%	2.04%
MSCI EAFE	3.30%	-1.93%	70.22%	31.78%	2.42%
MSCI World (ex US)	3.71%	-1.36%	78.69%	41.45%	4.69%
MSCI World	3.34%	0.46%	70.87%	29.99%	1.65%
MSCI Emerging Markets	4.20%	-1.27%	104.17%	78.51%	13.36%

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 03/05/10.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
Consumer Discretionary	3.97%	6.49%	98.05%	41.33%	-0.10%
Consumer Staples	2.22%	3.94%	45.18%	14.89%	5.87%
Energy	3.39%	1.06%	45.13%	13.86%	5.82%
Financials	3.71%	5.86%	150.79%	17.24%	-10.28%
Health Care	1.87%	2.65%	49.57%	19.70%	2.79%
Industrials	3.38%	7.33%	99.12%	20.93%	0.13%
Information Technology	3.24%	-1.48%	78.21%	61.72%	3.91%
Materials	5.35%	0.54%	87.54%	48.57%	2.90%
Telecom Services	0.80%	-8.63%	18.96%	8.93%	1.06%
Utilities	2.92%	-3.38%	36.36%	11.91%	3.96%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2009	5-yr
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.27%	1.56%	1.31%	-1.41%	5.06%
GNMA 30 Year	0.10%	1.84%	6.38%	5.37%	5.87%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.08%	1.82%	8.75%	5.93%	5.27%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.17%	2.62%	63.04%	58.21%	6.71%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.18%	1.80%	22.91%	18.68%	4.84%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.21%	1.74%	17.20%	23.43%	3.78%
Global Aggregate	-0.36%	0.13%	13.51%	6.93%	4.77%

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 03/05/10.

Key Rates

As of 03/05

Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	2.89%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.23%	2-yr T-Note	0.89%
CPI - Headline	2.60%	5-yr T-Note	2.33%
CPI - Core	1.60%	10-yr T-Note	3.67%
Money Market Accts.	0.82%	30-yr T-Bond	4.63%
Money Market Funds	0.02%	30-yr Mortgage	5.01%
6-mo. CD	0.98%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	1.43%	Bond Buyer 40	5.28%

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

Market Indicators

As of 03/05

TED Spread	10 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	190 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	637 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 02/24/10

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds			
	Current Week	Previous	
Domestic Equity	\$151 Million	\$14	Million
Foreign Equity	\$1.817 Billion	\$1.094	Billion
Taxable Bond	\$6.815 Billion	\$2.761	Billion
Municipal Bond	\$1.073 Billion	\$1.289	Billion
Change in Money Market Fund Assets			
	Current Week	Previous	
Retail	-\$6.04 Billion	-\$7.07	Billion
Institutional	-\$33.66 Billion	\$5.44	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of March 1st – 5th

Monday, March 1, 2010

A record 14 million farmers in 25 countries are using agricultural biotechnology today, according to a report by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA). Ninety percent are resource-poor farmers in developing countries, according to BIO.org. The number of acres dedicated to biotech crops rose from 309 million in 2008 to 330 million in 2009. The number of acres in the U.S. totaled 158 million in 2009. The top crops are corn, cotton, canola and soybeans.

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

In February, the dividend-payers (366) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of 4.15%, vs. 4.74% for the non-payers (134), according to Standard & Poor's. Year-to-date, the payers are up 1.57%, vs. a loss of 0.24% for the non-payers. For the 12-month period ended February '10, payers were up 77.75%, vs. a gain of 95.15% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases year-to-date totaled 58. That topped the 47 increases registered at this point in 2009. One company decreased its dividend, down from 28 at this point a year ago. One company suspended its dividend, down from six a year ago.

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Consumer bankruptcy filings rose 14% (y-o-y) to 111,693 in February, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). February's filings represented a 9% jump from January's total. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts reported that there were 1.47 million bankruptcy filings in 2009, up 32% from 2008, according to USA TODAY. Chapter 7 filings (discharges most unsecured debt) rose 41% in 2009, while Chapter 13 filings (consumer still on the hook for a portion or all of the debt) rose just 12%. In 2005, laws were toughened up in an attempt to influence more people into selecting Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection.

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Worldwide semiconductor sales totaled \$22.5 billion in January, up 47% from the \$15.3 billion sold in January 2009, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA). PCs, cell phones, autos and industrial applications are driving demand, according to SIA President George Scalise. He believes that the strong start to this year could boost 2010 sales above the SIA's current forecast of \$242.1 billion.

Friday, March 5, 2010

Global shipments of PCs are expected to increase by nearly 20% to 366.1 million units in 2010, according to a new forecast from Gartner. That represents a significant bump from its estimate of 13.3% in December. It sees increased demand from both individuals and businesses. Mobile PC sales will account for 90% of the growth in shipments over the next three years. In 2009, mobile PCs accounted for 55% of all shipments and that figure is expected to rise to 70% by 2012.