

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (13,579)	-0.08%	13.38%	25.45%	8.41%	2.49%
S&P 500 (1,460)	-0.36%	17.98%	27.98%	2.12%	1.33%
NASDAQ 100 (2,862)	0.24%	26.68%	28.20%	3.69%	7.76%
S&P 500 Growth	-0.02%	18.64%	26.26%	4.70%	3.95%
S&P 500 Value	-0.77%	17.17%	29.97%	-0.48%	-1.37%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-1.91%	15.72%	21.18%	-0.95%	5.63%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-2.10%	16.01%	30.53%	-2.40%	3.02%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-1.65%	15.51%	30.34%	3.67%	4.46%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-1.43%	17.43%	37.31%	-1.34%	2.80%
MSCI EAFE	-0.87%	13.11%	14.65%	-12.14%	-4.29%
MSCI World (ex US)	-0.93%	12.65%	12.98%	-13.71%	-3.24%
MSCI World	-0.69%	15.16%	20.44%	-5.54%	-1.53%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.71%	12.40%	9.97%	-18.42%	-0.47%

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 9/21/12.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.05%	23.34%	33.27%	6.24%	6.97%
Consumer Staples	1.25%	13.28%	23.22%	14.03%	8.51%
Energy	-1.81%	9.19%	21.88%	4.72%	1.11%
Financials	-2.41%	23.52%	35.78%	-17.07%	-12.46%
Health Care	1.83%	18.08%	28.30%	12.77%	4.81%
Industrials	-1.10%	12.47%	27.06%	-0.59%	-0.19%
Information Technology	-0.13%	24.71%	29.60%	2.43%	5.62%
Materials	-1.71%	13.99%	20.07%	-9.68%	0.58%
Telecom Services	2.40%	27.22%	38.28%	6.33%	2.88%
Utilities	-0.35%	3.20%	11.54%	20.02%	1.90%

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2011	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.21%	1.41%	1.84%	6.57%	5.35%
GNMA 30 Year	0.20%	2.86%	3.62%	7.97%	6.84%
U.S. Aggregate	0.45%	3.63%	4.35%	7.84%	6.52%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.02%	12.78%	16.39%	4.98%	9.55%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.85%	7.89%	8.79%	8.15%	8.01%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.75%	9.34%	12.27%	14.88%	6.26%
Global Aggregate	0.08%	4.68%	3.69%	5.64%	6.35%

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 9/21/12.

Key Rates			
As of 9/21/12			
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.36%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.22%	2-yr T-Note	0.26%
CPI - Headline	1.70%	5-yr T-Note	0.67%
CPI - Core	1.90%	10-yr T-Note	1.75%
Money Market Accts.	0.49%	30-yr T-Bond	2.94%
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	3.48%
6-mo CD	0.47%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.73%	Bond Buyer 40	4.23%

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

Market Indicators	
As of 9/21/12	
TED Spread	26 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	194 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	542 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows			
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 9/12/12			
	Current Week	Previous	
Domestic Equity	-\$2.752 Billion	-\$2.857	Billion
Foreign Equity	-\$548 Million	-\$225	Million
Taxable Bond	\$6.798 Billion	\$4.490	Billion
Municipal Bond	\$1.313 Billion	\$794	Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 9/19/12			
	Current Week	Previous	
Retail	\$1.88 Billion	\$0.67	Billion
Institutional	-\$12.20 Billion	\$7.37	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of September 17th – 21st

Monday, September 17, 2012

Bank loan defaults on commercial real estate declined the most in three years in Q2'12, according to REIT.com. Analysis from Chandan Economics found that the default rate declined 34 basis points to 3.1% from Q1'12 to Q2'12. The default rate stood at 4.0% in Q2'11. The apartment sector's cash flow gains helped drive down its default rate from 2.4% in Q1'12 to 2.0% in Q2'12. Even the default rate on construction loans, which continue to provide a drag on banks, declined from 12.5% in Q1'12 to 10.8% in Q2'12. Net lending to commercial real estate by banks increased by about \$50 billion in Q2'12, with nearly 75% going to the apartment sector.

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Issuers from the four BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) sold \$374.5 billion of debt securities year-to-date through August (record amount), up 40% versus the same period last year, according to *The Economic Times* and Dealogic. Debt issuance from non-BRIC emerging nations totaled \$358 billion, up 20% versus the same period last year. For comparative purposes, G8 countries issued debt valued at \$2.73 trillion so far this year, down 3% from last year's total.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Data from the OECD estimates that the global middle class will grow from roughly 1.8 billion today to approximately five billion by 2030, according to Kiplinger. This group of consumers is expected to spend nearly \$56 trillion a year by 2030, about three times what is spent today. As standards of living rise around the globe, demand for food, housing and a wide range of consumer goods will likely rise. Today, Americans account for 12% of the middle class population and close to 20% of its spending. By 2030, Americans are expected to account for just 4% of the global middle class and only 8% of its spending.

Thursday, September 20, 2012

S&P 500 stock buybacks totaled \$111.7 billion in Q2'12, up 32.5% from the \$84.3 billion executed in Q1'12, according to Standard & Poor's. It was the second-highest total in the past 17 quarters. The lowest amount for that period was the \$24.2 billion repurchased in Q2'09. The \$111.7 billion was up 2.3% from the \$109.2 billion repurchased in Q2'11. The top two sectors for buybacks were Health Care (\$23.8 billion) and Information Technology (\$21.6 billion). Dividend distributions increased from \$64.07 billion in Q1'12 to \$67.3 billion in Q2'12.

Friday, September 21, 2012

Forbes reported that the net worth of the richest Americans grew by 13% over the past year to \$1.7 trillion, according to Reuters. The average net worth of the 400 wealthiest Americans rose 10% to an all-time high of \$4.2 billion. On the flip side, the American Payroll Association reported that more than 67% of Americans are now living paycheck to paycheck, according to Reuters.