

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (16,380)	-0.96%	0.62%	9.02%	29.65%	13.27%
S&P 500 (1,887)	-1.00%	3.73%	11.10%	32.38%	14.00%
NASDAQ 100 (3,815)	-1.42%	7.27%	17.12%	36.94%	18.41%
S&P 500 Growth	-0.97%	4.43%	12.78%	32.75%	14.75%
S&P 500 Value	-1.03%	2.97%	9.31%	31.97%	13.25%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.36%	-2.45%	3.21%	32.68%	14.92%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	1.36%	1.67%	6.46%	34.25%	14.95%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.38%	-6.83%	-0.20%	42.68%	15.63%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	2.17%	-3.77%	2.38%	39.98%	14.93%
MSCI EAFE	-0.65%	-7.16%	-4.28%	22.78%	4.82%
MSCI World (ex US)	-0.78%	-5.16%	-3.50%	15.29%	4.28%
MSCI World	-0.80%	-1.26%	3.70%	26.68%	9.16%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.28%	-0.40%	-3.19%	-2.60%	2.68%

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 10/17/14.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.97%	-3.29%	5.29%	43.08%	19.72%
Consumer Staples	-2.21%	6.15%	10.93%	26.14%	14.35%
Energy	-1.11%	-5.17%	-0.59%	25.05%	8.62%
Financials	-1.13%	3.49%	8.84%	35.59%	9.78%
Health Care	-2.84%	11.67%	17.81%	41.46%	18.27%
Industrials	2.28%	-0.37%	11.02%	40.64%	15.95%
Information Technology	-1.07%	7.33%	19.42%	28.43%	14.09%
Materials	0.68%	2.38%	9.58%	25.60%	11.02%
Telecom Services	-1.08%	4.57%	5.44%	11.47%	14.05%
Utilities	0.15%	16.39%	16.54%	13.21%	12.29%

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.42%	2.79%	2.10%	-1.34%	2.86%
GNMA 30 Year	0.47%	5.44%	4.48%	-2.17%	4.03%
U.S. Aggregate	0.45%	5.61%	4.94%	-2.02%	4.42%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.39%	3.65%	5.87%	7.44%	10.34%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.39%	7.44%	7.49%	-1.53%	6.81%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.54%	14.60%	15.63%	-6.01%	6.78%
Global Aggregate	0.71%	3.16%	1.96%	-2.60%	2.91%

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 10/17/14.

Key Rates			
As of 10/17/14			
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.50%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.15%	2-yr T-Note	0.37%
CPI - Headline	1.70%	5-yr T-Note	1.42%
CPI - Core	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	2.20%
Money Market Accts.	0.48%	30-yr T-Bond	2.97%
Money Market Funds	0.01%	30-yr Mortgage	3.95%
6-mo CD	0.38%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.71%	Bond Buyer 40	4.29%

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

Market Indicators	
As of 10/17/14	
TED Spread	21 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	150 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	468 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows			
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 10/8/14			
	Current Week		Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$533	Million	-\$4.069 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$1.604	Billion	\$2.221 Billion
Taxable Bond	-\$4.623	Billion	-\$21.006 Billion
Municipal Bond	\$895	Million	\$788 Million
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 10/15/14			
	Current Week		Previous
Retail	-\$0.62	Billion	\$6.07 Billion
Institutional	-\$21.33	Billion	\$10.90 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of October 13 - 17, 2014

Monday, October 13, 2014

Moody's reported that the global speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.1% in September, the same as August, according to its own release. Moody's is forecasting a default rate of 2.3% for December 2014 and 2.6% by September 2015. The historical average for the default rate on speculative-grade debt has been approximately 4.7% since 1983. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 1.7% in September, down from 1.8% in August. The rate was 2.8% a year ago. The default rate on senior loans stood at 0.64% in September, down from 0.80% in August, according to Standard & Poor's LCD. The historical average is 3.00%.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

U.S. retirement assets totaled \$24.1 trillion in Q2'14, according to the Investment Company Institute (ICI). Retirement assets accounted for 36% of all household financial assets in the U.S. at the end of June. The following breaks down where the assets were held: \$7.2 trillion (IRAs); \$6.6 trillion (Employer-Based Defined Contribution Plans); \$5.1 trillion (Government Defined Benefit Plans); \$3.2 trillion (Private-Sector Defined Benefit Plans); and \$2.0 trillion (Annuity Reserves). As of the end of June, U.S. retirement entitlements totaled \$27.1 trillion, including \$24.1 trillion of retirement assets and another \$3.0 trillion of unfunded liabilities. The bulk of the unfunded liabilities belong to state, local and federal government Defined Benefit plans, according to the ICI.

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

The price of crude oil closed yesterday's trading session at \$80.47 per barrel, 25% below its 2014 closing high of \$107.26 on 6/20/14. The International Energy Agency (IEA) commented that the drop in price appears to be a function of more supply, due in large part to increasing U.S. shale output and a reluctance by OPEC members to cut production, and a dip in global demand, according to CNBC. The IEA has trimmed its estimates for global oil demand growth by 250,000 barrels per day for the rest of this year and by 90,000 barrels per day for 2015. From 6/20/14-10/14/14, the S&P 500 Energy Index declined by 19.27%, on a total return basis.

Thursday, October 16, 2014

The default rate on the S&P Municipal Bond Index stood at 0.10% in August, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. The rate has declined steadily over the past three years despite such high profile situations as Detroit, Puerto Rico and tobacco bonds. The default rate stood at 0.227% in 2011, 0.1444% in 2012 and 0.107% in 2013. The Index represents a market value of more than \$1.4 trillion. The default rate on the S&P Municipal Bond High Yield Index stood at 0.78% in August, down from 1.52% in 2011, 1.00% in 2012 and 0.8007% in 2013.

Friday, October 17, 2014

The National Retail Federation's Holiday Consumer Spending Survey found that the average shopper will do 44.4% of their holiday shopping online, the highest percentage in the 13-year history of the survey, according to its own release. Shoppers are planning to spend an average of \$804.42 this holiday season, up 4.8% from the \$767.27 spent a year ago. Forty percent of those polled plan to begin their holiday shopping before Halloween. The average shopper will be stressing such factors as discounts, quality/selection of merchandise, shipping promotions and easy-to-use mobile websites when choosing where to shop. For the eighth year in a row, gift cards are expected to be the most requested gift item.