

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (17,129)	-0.78%	-1.49%	-1.24%	10.04%	11.08%
S&P 500 (2,006)	-0.31%	-0.58%	-0.65%	13.68%	12.37%
NASDAQ 100 (4,515)	-0.49%	7.85%	7.07%	19.49%	16.72%
S&P 500 Growth	-0.48%	3.73%	3.32%	14.89%	13.77%
S&P 500 Value	-0.10%	-5.26%	-4.97%	12.35%	10.85%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-0.64%	0.43%	0.72%	7.57%	10.68%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-1.34%	-8.44%	-7.64%	12.04%	10.00%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-0.57%	1.60%	3.08%	3.85%	12.15%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.41%	-8.32%	-6.81%	7.54%	10.16%
MSCI EAFE	-0.17%	-2.55%	-2.09%	-4.90%	3.71%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.34%	-7.02%	-6.06%	-3.87%	1.30%
MSCI World	-0.23%	-2.65%	-2.42%	4.94%	7.58%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.12%	-15.55%	-13.48%	-2.19%	-4.33%
S&P GSCI	-2.08%	-33.78%	-36.08%	-33.06%	-14.83%

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 12/18/15.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.36%	9.04%	11.47%	9.68%	17.65%
Consumer Staples	0.49%	4.17%	3.67%	15.98%	13.91%
Energy	-1.05%	-22.87%	-21.83%	-7.79%	0.11%
Financials	0.03%	-3.69%	-3.62%	15.18%	10.56%
Health Care	0.70%	4.57%	1.85%	25.34%	19.63%
Industrials	-1.01%	-4.93%	-4.47%	9.80%	11.20%
Information Technology	-1.30%	4.26%	3.61%	20.12%	13.66%
Materials	-3.05%	-10.80%	-10.13%	6.91%	4.98%
Telecom Services	1.34%	1.32%	1.18%	2.99%	8.30%
Utilities	2.77%	-6.63%	-5.85%	28.98%	10.78%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.30%	1.37%	1.48%	2.57%	2.16%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.07%	1.49%	1.69%	6.03%	3.18%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.35%	0.81%	1.13%	5.97%	3.37%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.95%	-5.43%	-4.58%	2.45%	5.00%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.68%	-0.37%	0.17%	7.46%	4.73%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.03%	4.37%	4.83%	15.39%	7.67%
Global Aggregate	-0.69%	-3.06%	-3.19%	0.59%	1.31%

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 12/18/15.

Key Rates

As of 12/18/15

Fed Funds	0.25-0.50%	5-yr CD	1.82%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.35%	2-yr T-Note	0.95%
CPI - Headline	0.50%	5-yr T-Note	1.68%
CPI - Core	2.00%	10-yr T-Note	2.21%
Money Market Accts.	0.47%	30-yr T-Bond	2.92%
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	3.94%
6-mo CD	0.34%	Prime Rate	3.50%
1-yr CD	1.11%	Bond Buyer 40	4.22%

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

Market Indicators

As of 12/18/15

TED Spread	42 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	192 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	720 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/9/15

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$5.213 Billion	-\$7.976 Billion
Foreign Equity	-\$1.216 Billion	-\$890 Million
Taxable Bond	-\$7.275 Billion	-\$1.953 Billion
Municipal Bond	\$825 Million	\$918 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/16/15

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	\$36.04 Billion	-\$1.95 Billion
Institutional	-\$56.36 Billion	\$14.68 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of December 14-18, 2015

Monday, December 14, 2015

LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute estimates that U.S. annuity sales rose 3.6% (y-o-y) in Q3'15, according to its own data release. Annuity sales totaled \$60.6 billion, up from \$58.5 billion in Q3'14. Variable annuity (VA) sales totaled \$32.9 billion, down 7.3% from \$35.5 billion in Q3'14. Fixed annuity (FA) sales totaled \$27.7 billion, up 20.4% from \$23.0 billion in Q3'14. In the first nine months of 2015, annuity sales totaled \$175.3 billion (\$101.3 billion VA vs. \$74.0 billion FA), down 1.8% from the same period in 2014.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

BlackRock Inc. reported that global exchange-traded products took in \$28.2 billion in new assets in November, with \$21.4 billion of that amount going to U.S. equity ETFs, according to Benzinga. November was the best month this year for U.S. equity fund flows. Flows to large-cap funds accounted for roughly half of the total. Small-cap and sector funds took in \$3.4 billion and \$3.9 billion, respectively, with the majority of sector fund flows targeting technology (\$2.1 billion) and financials (\$1.4 billion).

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

In Q3'15, the U.S. airline industry reported the highest quarterly profits since 2006, according to the Los Angeles Times. Data from the U.S. Department of Transportation showed that the airlines reported net income totaling \$9.3 billion, up from \$3.1 billion in Q3'14, but below the \$20.8 billion reported in Q1'06. Profits in Q3'15 were boosted by lower fuel costs, which declined by 35% over the past year, according to the International Air Transport Association. The rate of filled seats per plane ("load factor") stood at 83.88% in Q3'15.

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Year-to-date through November, REITs were able to raise \$58.7 billion via a combination of IPOs, secondary equity offerings and secondary debt offerings, according to data provided by REIT.com. Nearly all of the capital was raised through secondary offerings (\$25.1 billion in equity & \$32.2 billion in debt). Merrie Frankel, vice president and senior credit officer at Moody's Investors Service, notes that low interest rates have allowed REITs to refinance their mortgages and bonds. REITs raised \$63.6 billion last year and \$77.0 billion in 2013.

Friday, December 18, 2015

Solar and wind energy companies stand to benefit from the \$1.1 trillion government spending bill approved by the House this morning. The bill is expected to pass the Senate as early as this afternoon and then get signed into law by President Obama, according to USA TODAY. The bill extends the 30% federal investment tax credits applied to the cost of solar energy systems installed by businesses or homeowners through 2019, according to Zacks. It was due to expire at the end of 2016. After 2019, the 30% credit falls to 10% by 2022. The wind energy sector gets to maintain a production tax credit that pays 2.3 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated. It is being extended through 2020, but will then be gradually decreased over a four-year period before being completely phased out.