

Market Watch

Week of November 27th

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (23,558)	0.89%	21.83%	26.44%	16.50%	15.41%	
S&P 500 (2,602)	0.93%	18.36%	20.44%	11.95%	15.43%	
NASDAQ 100 (6,409)	1.51%	33.19%	33.57%	7.27%	20.92%	
S&P 500 Growth	1.24%	25.54%	26.44%	6.89%	16.73%	
S&P 500 Value	0.53%	10.22%	13.33%	17.39%	13.77%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.21%	18.01%	19.96%	14.76%	15.05%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.83%	8.71%	10.64%	26.52%	15.03%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.22%	14.00%	16.57%	22.07%	17.27%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.84%	9.55%	11.74%	31.21%	16.31%	
MSCI EAFE	1.88%	23.22%	27.79%	1.00%	8.52%	
MSCI World (ex US)	1.79%	25.55%	29.42%	4.50%	7.49%	
MSCI World	1.32%	19.69%	22.51%	7.51%	11.73%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.57%	36.46%	38.52%	11.19%	5.45%	
S&P GSCI	1.41%	2.94%	9.54%	11.37%	-12.73%	

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. 5-yr. return is an average annual.

One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 11/24/17. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.	
Consumer Discretionary	1.10%	17.56%	16.28%	6.03%	16.86%	
Consumer Staples	0.04%	8.55%	11.43%	5.38%	11.97%	
Energy	0.76%	-7.35%	-3.82%	27.36%	1.42%	
Financials	0.21%	14.12%	19.08%	22.75%	17.50%	
Health Care	0.63%	20.34%	20.35%	-2.69%	17.34%	
Industrials	1.25%	13.97%	14.36%	18.85%	16.10%	
Information Technology	1.77%	40.85%	42.07%	13.85%	21.47%	
Materials	0.88%	19.96%	21.38%	16.69%	12.34%	
Real Estate	0.29%	12.12%	17.20%	3.39%	8.06%	
Telecom Services	1.92%	-12.13%	-5.57%	23.49%	5.02%	
Utilities	0.12%	17.88%	24.37%	16.29%	14.57%	

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Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.08%	1.40%	1.22%	1.06%	0.98%	
GNMA 30 Year	0.15%	1.90%	1.88%	1.57%	1.77%	
U.S. Aggregate	0.26%	3.47%	3.52%	2.65%	2.11%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.33%	6.98%	9.28%	17.13%	6.20%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.49%	5.88%	6.58%	6.11%	3.45%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.36%	6.88%	7.21%	0.88%	3.81%	
Global Aggregate	0.42%	6.88%	6.00%	2.09%	0.80%	

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Key Rates						
Fed Funds	1.00-1.25%	5-yr CD	2.19%			
LIBOR (1-month)	1.29%	2-yr T-Note	1.74%			
CPI - Headline	2.00%	5-yr T-Note	2.06%			
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.34%			
Money Market Accts.	0.73%	30-yr T-Bond	2.76%			
Prime Money Funds	0.73%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	3.77%			
6-mo CD	1.09%	Prime Rate	4.25%			
1-yr CD	1.64%	Bond Buyer 40	3.97%			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Barron's and Bloomberg. The rate shown for Prime Money Funds is as of 11/22/17. All other rates are as of 11/24/17.

Market Indicators	
As of 11/24/17	
TED Spread	21 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	115 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	367 bps

Source: Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 11/15/17							
	Current Week		Previ	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$6.547	Billion	-\$4.313	Billion			
Foreign Equity	\$1.946	Billion	\$3.482	Billion			
Taxable Bond	\$620	Million	\$3.932	Billion			
Municipal Bond	\$575	Million	\$825	Million			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Six-Day Period Ended 11/21/17							
	Current Week		Previous				
Retail	\$4.67	Billion	\$2.89	Billion			
Institutional	\$17.23	Billion	-\$4.29	Billion			

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of November 20, 2017

Monday, November 20, 2017

Business Insider reported that mergers and acquisitions (M&A) of real estate companies worldwide just reached an all-time high on a year-to-date basis, according to data from Thomson Reuters. Year-to-date through 11/15/17, more than 3,300 real estate deals valued at \$387 billion have been announced, accounting for 12.1% of total global M&A activity by value.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

The National Retail Federation (NRF) reported that organized retail crime (ORC) continues to grow in the U.S., with 67% of retailers surveyed reporting an increase in the past year, according to its most recent annual study (13th edition). The survey of retail loss found that 96% of responding companies experienced ORC in the past year. The average loss was \$726,351 per \$1 billion in sales, up from \$700,259 a year ago. Return fraud continues to pose a serious challenge to the retail industry. Retailers estimate that 11% of all returns this year are likely to be fraudulent. Since 2012, Los Angeles has been the hardest hit area for ORC.

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Data from the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) indicates there have been 1,171 data breaches recorded (exposing nearly 172 million records) in the U.S. so far in 2017 (as of 11/15), up 21.3% from the same period in 2016, according to 24/7 Wall St. This year's total already eclipsed last year's record high (full-year) of 1,093 breaches. Year-to-date, the highest number of breaches occurred in the business sector (606), medical/health care sector (325), educational sector (107) and banking/credit/financial sector (74). Since it began tracking breaches in 2005, the ITRC has recorded 8,069 breaches involving nearly 1.06 billion records.

Thursday, November 23, 2017

No Factoid, Holiday - Thanksgiving Day.

Friday, November 24, 2017

Global sales of battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids topped 287,000 units (record high) in Q3'17, up 63% year-over-year and up 23% from Q2'17, according to a report from Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF). China accounted for more than half of all sales as its market for electric cars doubled amid government efforts to curb pollution. In 2017, BNEF expects global electric vehicle sales to surpass the one million mark for the first time.

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