

US Economy and Credit Markets			
Yields and Weekly Changes:			
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.01 (-01 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	112-28/32 (1.29%)
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.06 (+01 bps)	Duration:	3.66 years
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.15 (+05 bps)	30-Year Insured Revs:	173.11% of 30 Yr. T-Bond
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.51 (+01 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	4.39 (unch.)
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.96 (+03 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	75.82 (-2.83)
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.61 (+03 bps)	Gold Futures:	1,186.7 (+1.1)
10 Yr. T-Note:	2.32 (+02 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:	
30 Yr. T-Bond:	3.05 (+02bps)	U.S. High Yield:	6.41% (+06 bps)
		BB:	4.91% (+04 bps)
		B:	6.58% (+07 bps)

U.S. Treasury yields increased slightly as data showed signs of an accelerating economic recovery, leading investors to sell Treasuries in anticipation of higher interest rates. On Wednesday, MBA mortgage applications declined for the third straight week, as fewer Americans refinanced their homes. On Thursday, applications for U.S. unemployment benefits rose more than forecasted, reaching the highest level since September. Oil continued its decline as gold saw a slight increase. Cheaper oil prices and an overall improving job market have helped consumer confidence increase to a seven year high, as the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index beat expectations on Friday. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for the upcoming week include: Monday: November Empire Manufacturing (12), October Industrial Production (0.2% MoM); Tuesday: October PPI Final Demand (-0.1%); Wednesday: November 14th MBA Mortgage Applications, October Housing Starts (1025K); Thursday: October CPI (0.1% MoM), November 15th Initial Jobless Claims (282K), November Markit US Manufacturing PMI (56.3), October Existing Homes Sales (5.15M), October Leading Index (0.6%).

US Equities			
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:	
DJIA:	17,634.74 (0.44%)	Strong Sectors:	Telecom Services, Cons
S&P 500:	2,039.82 (0.44%)		Discretionary, Info Tech
S&P Midcap:	1,430.85 (0.10%)	Weak Sectors:	Utilities, Energy,
S&P Smallcap:	679.36 (0.09%)		Financials
NASDAQ Comp:	4,688.54 (1.23%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	1,534 / 1,726
Russell 2000:	1,173.81 (0.08%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	458 / 116
		AAII Bulls/Bears:	57.9% / 19.3%

Last week the S&P 500 Index closed in positive territory for the fourth straight week with a 0.44% return. The index increased 0.32% on Monday, giving the S&P 500 a new all-time closing high at 2,038.26. Most sectors were up for the day and were led by the health care sector while the energy sector lagged with weakness in oil. With no economic data released on Tuesday, the index increased 0.07% to another all-time high of 2,039.68. Stocks closed lower on Wednesday with a -0.04% return. Sectors were mixed for the day, but were tilted negative by the utilities and energy sectors. Stocks closed just above even on Thursday with a 0.06% return. US initial jobless claims came in at 290K, which was an increase from the previous week's 278K and was higher than the consensus estimate of 280K. While jobless claims increased, this still marked the ninth straight week with claims below 300K. Friday brought positive economic news with the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index increasing to 89.4, the highest level since July 31, 2007. The S&P 500 closed up with a 0.04% return and gave us our current all-time high of 2,039.82. The S&P 500 Index has increased 9.72% since October 15, the low for the second half of 2014. Seven of the ten economic sectors had positive performance for the week. The telecommunication services sector was the best performing sector with a 2.26% return. The consumer discretionary and information technology sectors followed with 1.84% and 1.83% returns, respectively. The utilities sector's -2.83% return was the worst performance of all the sectors and was followed by energy and financials which returned -1.83% and -0.36%, respectively. **Baker Hughes Inc.**, a supplier of products and services to the oil and gas industry, turned in the best performance in the S&P 500 Index with a 14.51% gain. The stock jumped 15.24% on Thursday as news broke that Halliburton Co. is in talks to buy Baker Hughes, Inc. The next two best performers were **Genworth Financial Inc.** and **Amazon.com Inc.** with returns of 11.89% and 9.32%, respectively. This week will bring earnings news from **The Home Depot Inc.**, **Medtronic Inc.**, **Lowe's Company Inc.**, **The TJX Companies Inc.**, **Target Corp.**, **Intuit Inc.**, **The Gap Inc.** and many others.