First Trust

Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (12,130) -2.03%

Index

S&P 500 (1,320)

S&P 500 Growth

S&P 500 Value

MSCI EAFE

MSCI World

NASDAQ 100 (2,346)

S&P MidCap 400 Growth

S&P MidCap 400 Value

S&P SmallCap 600 Growth

S&P SmallCap 600 Value

MSCI World (ex US)

Week of February 28th

		Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 2/16/11				
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds						
Current Week		Previous				
\$5.181	Billion	\$4.921	Billion			
\$1.239	Billion	\$928	Million			
\$1.549	Billion	\$3.027	Billion			
-\$1.454	Billion	-\$1.466	Billion			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets						
Current Week		Previous				
-\$2.27	Billion	-\$3.07	Billion			
-\$2.87	Billion	\$8.62	Billion			
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Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of February 21st - 25th

Monday, February 21, 2011

No Factoid - Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

LIMRA International reported that variable-annuity sales totaled \$38.5 billion in Q4'10, up 16.7% from the \$33.0 billion posted in Q4'09, according to Bloomberg. Sales growth was strongest at MetLife (+38%) and Prudential (+27%). In 2010, variable-annuity sales totaled \$141.0 billion, up 10.2% from the \$128.0 billion posted in 2009.

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Total M&A deal volume in 2011 was up 62% to \$377 billion as of February 14, according to Reuters. There have been 44 deals announced with a valuation of \$1 billion or more, up from 33 at this point a year ago, according to the Valuation and Risk Strategies research group at Standard & Poor's. Transactions (\$1 billion or more) of late are only taking an average of 115 days to close, which is at the low end of the 114 to 150 day range since 2006, according to S&P's Capital IQ.

Thursday, February 24, 2011

A recent report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that U.S. carbon dioxide emissions declined by 6% in 2009, and are now 8% below 2000 levels, according to Forbes. Global emissions, however, have risen more than 25% since 2000. While the data has yet to be released, it is expected to show that China now accounts for approximately 26% of global emissions, vs. around 15% for the U.S. China's share may have surpassed that of the entire Western Hemisphere in 2010. Its emissions have been rising by nearly 10% per year.

Friday, February 25, 2011

The global IPO market is off to its best start on record, according to Reuters. New issuance has already reached \$24.3 billion, up 20% from this point a year ago. Chinese IPOs accounted for 41% of total issuance. Energy has been the most active sector with a 30% share. Secondary stock offerings are up 23% to \$67.7 billion globally.

MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.00%	-4.34%	21.71%	18.88%	9.3
Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total r week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performa					One-

Stock Index Performance

YTD

5.27%

5.29%

5.91%

4.34%

6.28%

6.37%

6.60%

4.94%

3.89%

4.67%

2.65%

5.02%

12-mo.

20.70%

22.07%

30.39%

22.57%

21.70%

37.32%

27.95%

35.14%

26.83%

20.69%

21.75%

2010

14.06%

15.06%

20.15%

15.09%

15.13%

30.65%

22.80%

28.43%

25.01%

7.75%

11.15%

21.74% 11.76%

5-vr

4.63%

2.62%

7.60% 3.99%

1.17%

7.03%

4.69%

4.88%

3.02%

2.24%

4.03%

2.51%

9.35%

Week

-1.67%

-1.91%

-1.62%

-1.72%

-1.66%

-1.93%

-1.68%

-1.79%

-1.49%

-1.48%

-1.52%

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr
Consumer Discretionary	-2.22%	4.58%	30.85%	27.85%	4.79%
Consumer Staples	-0.89%	0.47%	12.17%	14.12%	7.45%
Energy	1.07%	14.37%	41.17%	20.46%	9.68%
Financials	-2.33%	5.27%	16.52%	12.18%	-10.33%
Health Care	-1.36%	2.73%	5.05%	2.90%	1.79%
Industrials	-3.14%	6.26%	30.21%	26.74%	3.80%
Information Technology	-2.26%	6.09%	22.61%	10.22%	5.81%
Materials	-3.00%	1.56%	30.24%	22.34%	6.85%
Telecom Services	-1.88%	-1.87%	29.01%	18.97%	3.97%
Utilities	-0.42%	1.43%	13.10%	5.46%	3.49%

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. The 5-yr. return is an average annual. Oneweek, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 02/25/11.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.56%	-0.08%	3.50%	5.29%	5.46%
GNMA 30 Year	0.68%	0.25%	5.37%	6.71%	6.26%
U.S. Aggregate	0.70%	0.21%	5.02%	6.54%	5.80%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.10%	3.41%	17.63%	15.12%	9.16%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.81%	0.70%	8.02%	9.00%	6.19%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.99%	0.12%	-0.11%	1.12%	2.45%
Global Aggregate	1.07%	0.53%	6.10%	5.55%	6.67%

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 02/25/11.

Key Rates				
As of 02/25				
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.99%	
LIBOR (1-month)	0.26%	2-yr T-Note	0.71%	
CPI - Headline	1.60%	5-yr T-Note	2.16%	
CPI - Core	1.00%	10-yr T-Note	3.41%	
Money Market Accts.	0.61%	30-yr T-Bond	4.49%	
Money Market Funds	0.03%	30-yr Mortgage	4.87%	
6-mo CD	0.56%	Prime Rate	3.25%	
1-yr CD	0.89%	Bond Buyer 40	5.59%	

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

Market Indicators				
As of 02/25				
TED Spread	17 bps			
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	163 bps			
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	473 bps			

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.