

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (10,818)	-3.88%	-4.95%	8.11%	14.06%	1.71%
S&P 500 (1,124)	-4.63%	-9.53%	6.55%	15.06%	-0.82%
NASDAQ 100 (2,038)	-6.52%	-7.58%	12.78%	20.15%	5.96%
S&P 500 Growth	-5.45%	-7.28%	10.35%	15.09%	1.65%
S&P 500 Value	-3.72%	-11.85%	2.81%	15.13%	-3.36%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-7.75%	-10.52%	12.76%	30.65%	4.55%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-5.23%	-14.31%	3.98%	22.80%	0.47%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-6.91%	-10.82%	14.73%	28.43%	2.30%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-5.89%	-16.45%	6.19%	25.01%	-1.08%
MSCI EAFE	-3.42%	-10.86%	1.88%	7.75%	-2.44%
MSCI World (ex US)	-3.11%	-11.56%	1.89%	11.15%	-0.29%
MSCI World	-4.10%	-10.27%	4.40%	11.76%	-1.50%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.93%	-14.18%	-0.09%	18.88%	6.92%

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 08/19/11.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-5.58%	-8.30%	12.11%	27.85%	2.26%
Consumer Staples	-0.03%	2.26%	14.06%	14.12%	6.34%
Energy	-5.17%	-6.18%	21.03%	20.46%	3.40%
Financials	-5.04%	-23.41%	-11.24%	12.18%	-16.38%
Health Care	-2.01%	-0.48%	9.76%	2.90%	1.19%
Industrials	-6.99%	-15.42%	1.23%	26.74%	-0.95%
Information Technology	-7.96%	-10.95%	5.92%	10.22%	3.29%
Materials	-6.88%	-15.12%	7.24%	22.34%	2.89%
Telecom Services	-0.22%	-4.13%	11.07%	18.97%	2.21%
Utilities	1.95%	5.38%	11.15%	5.46%	2.82%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2010	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.32%	5.66%	4.37%	5.29%	6.26%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.23%	6.60%	6.82%	6.71%	7.25%
U.S. Aggregate	0.36%	6.42%	5.46%	6.54%	6.78%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.42%	1.59%	7.85%	15.12%	8.12%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.25%	6.78%	5.71%	9.00%	7.23%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.57%	10.18%	3.43%	1.12%	4.01%
Global Aggregate	1.23%	8.63%	9.84%	5.55%	7.61%

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 08/19/11.

Key Rates

As of 08/19/11			
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	2.04%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.21%	2-yr T-Note	0.19%
CPI - Headline	3.60%	5-yr T-Note	0.89%
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.06%
Money Market Accts.	0.57%	30-yr T-Bond	3.39%
Money Market Funds	0.02%	30-yr Mortgage	4.21%
6-mo CD	0.58%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.86%	Bond Buyer 40	5.04%

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

Market Indicators

As of 08/19/11	
TED Spread	30 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	229 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	730 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows for the Week Ended 8/10/11

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds				
	Current Week		Previous	
Domestic Equity	-\$23.493	Billion	-\$10.435	Billion
Foreign Equity	-\$6.511	Billion	-\$2.549	Billion
Taxable Bond	-\$3.244	Billion	-\$2.199	Billion
Municipal Bond	-\$1.135	Billion	-\$661	Million

  

Change in Money Market Fund Assets				
	Current Week		Previous	
Retail	\$9.06	Billion	\$11.74	Billion
Institutional	\$1.15	Billion	\$41.04	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute

Factoids for the week of August 15th – 19th

Monday, August 15, 2011

The steep plunge in the stock market has inspired many corporate executives to purchase shares of their company's stock and to increase corporate buybacks. TrimTabs reported that insiders had already purchased \$861 million of stock in August (as of the 11th), according to CNNMoney.com. That is the most for a single month since insiders bought a little more than \$1 billion in stock in March 2009 (end of bear market). Thirty-five insiders have purchased stock valued in excess of \$1 million, according to Ben Silverman, director of research at InsiderScore.com. As of August 11, U.S. companies had bought back \$305.2 billion in shares this year, topping the \$300.7 billion total for all of 2010, according to Reuters.

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

European nonfinancial companies valued at \$1 billion or more and publicly traded are currently holding \$1.08 trillion in cash and equivalents, according to S&P's Valuation and Risk Strategies research group. That is a 33% increase from 2008 levels. French and German companies collectively have the largest cash holdings at \$272.3 billion and \$225.4 billion, respectively.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

There have been 27 "all or nothing" trading days in the stock market so far in 2011, according to Bespoke Investment Group. All or nothing days essentially occur when all of the major groups (Bespoke breaks it down to 24) in the S&P 500 are either up or down for a trading session. Since 1990, the peak in all or nothing days was the 52 posted in 2008. Prior to 2007, the high was 20 in 2003. In the 1990s, the average was just under three per year. We are on pace for 43 this year, down from the 48 posted last year.

Thursday, August 18, 2011

M&A activity for venture-backed biotechnology companies totaled \$51.6 billion in the first half of 2011, according to a report from private equity group HBM Partners. The pace is up from the \$67 billion in deal volume for full-year 2010. VCs garnered 2.9x returns (ratio of upfront proceeds to invested capital), on average, from the 18 deals made, up from 1.6x in 2010.

Friday, August 19, 2011

A Fidelity Investments study found that 401(k) participants who sold stocks from 10/1/08 through 3/31/09, when the S&P 500 posted a loss of 31%, and failed to return to equities as of 6/30/11, saw their account balances rise by only 2%, on average, according to Bloomberg. Those who maintained equity exposure over that period saw their balances rise by 50%, on average. Fidelity, which tracks 7.1 million worker accounts, noted that around 117,000 participants sold all their equities between 10/1/08 and 3/31/09, but only about half returned by 6/30/11.