

US Economy and Credit Markets			
Yields and Weekly Changes:			
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.06 (-01 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	110-26/32 (2.26%)
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.10 (+01 bps)	Duration:	3.62 years
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.12 (unch.)	30-Year Insured Revs:	139.6% of 30 Yr. T-Bond
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.28 (unch.)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	5.07 (-02 bps)
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.55 (-01 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	92.81 (-2.03)
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.37 (+02 bps)	Gold Futures:	1,251.60 (+7.50)
10 Yr. T-Note:	2.75 (unch.)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:	
30 Yr. T-Bond:	3.81 (-02 bps)	U.S. High Yield:	6.32% (-06 bps)
		BB:	4.99% (-07 bps)
		B:	6.35% (-05 bps)

Treasuries ended the holiday-shortened week flat with a slight yield curve twist as the Federal Reserve tried to shift attention away from the bond buying program and toward keeping short-term policy rates low. This is because long-term yields rose much faster short-term yields in November. Monday and Tuesday saw very good demand for Treasury auctions on poor economic data. On Monday, sales of previously sold homes were lower than expected, while Tuesday showed the Confidence Board consumer confidence index fell again to its lowest point since April. However, demand for the Treasury auction slipped considerably on Wednesday as Unemployment claims were much lower than forecasted. After a quiet day on Friday Treasury prices finished the week about where they started. There was not much movement throughout the week as investors wait on a slew of economic data next week which may give insight on the future of the Fed's bond buying program. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for the next week include: Monday: November ISM Manufacturing (55.0); Wednesday: ADP Employment Change (168,000), October New Home Sales (430,000), November 30 Initial Jobless Claims (325,000), 3Q GDP (3.1% annualized), 3Q Personal Consumption (1.5%), October Factory Orders (-1.0%); Thursday: November Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (183,000), November Unemployment Rate (7.2%); Friday: October Personal Income (0.3%), October Personal Spending (0.2%), December U. of Michigan Confidence (76.0).

US Stocks			
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:	
DJIA:	16086.41 (0.2%)	Strong Sectors:	Info Tech, Cons. Discretionary, Industrials
S&P 500:	1805.81 (0.1%)	Weak Sectors:	Energy, Utilities, Materials
S&P MidCap:	1304.18 (-0.31%)		
S&P Small Cap:	656.85 (1.39%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	1,844 / 1,329
NASDAQ Comp:	4059.886 (1.73%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	424 / 126
Russell 2000:	1142.89 (1.64%)	AAll Bulls/Bears:	47.3% / 28.3%

Last week was Thanksgiving, which meant a largely quiet period for investors. Markets mostly continued to climb in the holiday shortened trading week. Year to date, the Dow is up 25.6%, the S&P 500 is up 29.1% while the Russell 2000 has outperformed each index returning 36.13%. There was very little to move stocks last week, however, investors will have significantly more information this week. Last Friday, marked the start of the holiday shopping season. However, there were two retailers that did not need Black Friday to make headlines. Men's suit retailer, **Jos. A. Bank**, which recently had tried to make a hostile acquisition for archival **Men's Wearhouse** found themselves on the opposite end of the table, when Men's Wearhouse announced a hostile bid for Jos. A. Bank. This sent shares in Bank's up more than 12%. Year to date, shares of Men's Wearhouse and Jos. A. Bank are up 60.95% and 33.44%, respectively. Also in the news was **Time Warner Cable**. The cable TV provider had been subject to speculation that it may be the target of an acquisition by **Comcast**. However, **Charter Communications** may have beaten them to the punch. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Charter is arranging a \$25 billion bid for Time Warner Cable. **Qualcomm** announced that China was probing a potential violation of anti-monopoly laws. Looking ahead, most investors will be focused on results from retailers on Black Friday and the holiday shopping season. This year, **Macy's**, **Wal-Mart** and **Target** all opted to open stores on Thanksgiving night in an effort to get a jump on their competition. It remains to be seen whether opening on Thanksgiving or the shorter than normal holiday shopping season will impact retailers.