

Weekly Market Commentary & Developments

Week Ended April 5, 2013

		US Economy and Credit Markets	
		Yields and Weekly Changes:	
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.06 (-01 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	112-22/32 (1.65%)
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.09 (-01 bps)	Duration:	3.72 years
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.13 (+01 bps)	30-Year Insured Revs:	150.8% of 30 Yr. T-Bond
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.22 (-02 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	4.07 (-08 bps)
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.32 (-03 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	92.98 (-4.25)
5 Yr. T-Note:	0.68 (-08 bps)	Gold Futures:	1577.30 (-17.50)
10 Yr. T-Note:	1.71 (-14 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:	
30 Yr. T-Bond:	2.87 (-23 bps)	U.S. High Yield:	6.41% (+03 bps)
		BB:	4.93% (+05 bps)
		B:	6.49% (+01 bps)

Treasury prices were higher this week as downbeat economic and employment data drove demand for the safety of U.S. debt. Treasury prices were higher Monday as the March ISM manufacturing index was reported at 51.3, down from 54.2 last month and also lower than consensus estimates of 54.0. Tuesday, Treasury prices reversed course and ended lower as factory orders increased 3.0% in February, ahead of expectations of 2.9% while domestic and total vehicle sales in March came in slightly below estimates. Treasury prices returned higher Wednesday following weak March ADP employment gains showing 158,000 jobs added vs. expectations of 200,000. Also Wednesday, the ISM non-manufacturing composite index was reported at 54.4 vs. estimates of 55.5. Treasuries continued higher Thursday on higher jobless claims last week than projected and the Bank of Japan increased bond purchases. For the third day in a row, Treasury prices increased on Friday with March gains in nonfarm payrolls coming in at 88,000, substantially below estimates of 190,000 while the unemployment rate declined to 7.6% from 7.7%. The trade deficit came in at \$43.0 billion vs. estimates of \$44.6 billion. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for next week include: Tuesday: February Wholesale Inventories (0.5%); Wednesday: Monthly Budget Statement (-\$165.00B), March 19-20 Fed Minutes; Thursday: March Import Price Index (-0.5% MoM, -1.2% YoY); Friday: March Advance Retail Sales (0.0%), March Producer Price Index (-0.2% MoM, 1.3% YoY), April U of M Consumer Confidence (78.5).

Weekly Inc	lex Total Return:	Market Indicators:		
DJIA:	14,565.25 (-0.06%)	Strong Sectors:	Telecom, Utilities, Health Care	
S&P 500:	1553.28 (-0.98%)	Weak Sectors:	Info. Tech., Materials	
S&P MidCap:	1123.97 (-2.56%)	Weak Occiois.	Energy	
S&P Small Cap:	517.47 (-2.61%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	1,080 / 2,091	
NASDAQ Comp:	3203.86 (-1.92%)		•	
Russell 2000:	923.28 (-2.96%)	AAII Bulls/Bears:	35.5% / 28.2%	

Equity markets had a seesaw week as economic announcements drove returns. For the week the S&P 500 was down nearly 16 points or -0.98%. Monday, stocks fell as American manufacturing expanded less than economists forecasted for March. Tuesday, the S&P 500 closed at an all-time high (1570.25) as European factory orders topped forecasts. Wednesday, stocks fell the most in more than a month, as ADP employment and ISM Non-Manufacturing supply were worse than economists' forecasts. Thursday, stocks rebounded as Japan announced a stimulus program that will see the central bank buy 7 trillion Yen worth of bonds a month. European Central Bank (ECB) also stated that they will keep monetary policy loose for an extended period of time. On Friday, the S&P 500 opened down nearly -20 points as job growth in America continues to be slow. However, equity markets rallied as the U.S. Fed said it will continue their \$85b a month stimulus until the jobs outlook has "improved substantially." Hertz Global Holdings Inc. gained 6.9% on Tuesday after giving a 2015 earnings outlook above analyst estimates. Urban Outfitters Inc. added 3.8% on Tuesday as comp. retail sales were announced in the high single-digit pace for 1Q. F5 Networks Inc. announced preliminary 2Q earnings well below analyst estimates which drove the stock to a -19% return on Friday. Looking forward to next week, the unofficial start of earnings season will begin with Alcoa Inc. expected to announce 1Q results Monday.