

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2012	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (15,543)	0.57%	20.27%	23.32%	10.24%	9.26%
S&P 500 (1,692)	0.73%	20.04%	25.82%	16.00%	8.49%
NASDAQ 100 (3,045)	-1.11%	15.28%	16.60%	18.35%	11.95%
S&P 500 Growth	0.18%	17.88%	20.68%	14.71%	9.34%
S&P 500 Value	1.32%	22.36%	31.92%	17.77%	7.62%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.75%	20.34%	29.87%	17.62%	10.95%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	1.40%	23.57%	34.70%	19.10%	10.79%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.74%	23.74%	30.33%	15.27%	11.83%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.45%	25.58%	37.04%	18.88%	11.69%
MSCI EAFE	1.31%	10.14%	24.45%	17.32%	1.21%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.23%	4.83%	18.13%	16.83%	0.99%
MSCI World	1.03%	14.54%	23.97%	15.83%	4.41%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.62%	-8.39%	3.50%	18.22%	1.01%

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 7/19/13.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2012	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.31%	26.52%	37.23%	24.14%	18.04%
Consumer Staples	0.84%	21.34%	22.24%	11.08%	12.64%
Energy	2.18%	17.19%	21.96%	4.64%	3.69%
Financials	1.81%	27.48%	45.06%	28.92%	1.90%
Health Care	1.33%	27.89%	33.24%	17.89%	12.24%
Industrials	2.20%	21.13%	30.51%	15.42%	8.05%
Information Technology	-1.80%	9.50%	9.73%	14.82%	8.74%
Materials	0.88%	8.81%	16.52%	15.24%	3.24%
Telecom Services	-0.37%	12.51%	12.48%	18.31%	9.62%
Utilities	1.88%	14.95%	9.23%	1.31%	4.83%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2012	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.40%	-1.02%	-0.90%	1.71%	3.92%
GNMA 30 Year	0.63%	-2.82%	-2.86%	2.44%	5.32%
U.S. Aggregate	0.69%	-2.04%	-1.40%	4.21%	5.47%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.30%	4.01%	10.86%	15.81%	11.75%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	1.04%	-2.16%	0.25%	9.82%	7.91%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.89%	-5.85%	-3.39%	11.26%	5.65%
Global Aggregate	0.54%	-4.01%	-2.13%	4.32%	3.84%

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 7/19/13.

Key Rates

As of 7/19/13

Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.27%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.19%	2-yr T-Note	0.30%
CPI - Headline	1.80%	5-yr T-Note	1.30%
CPI - Core	1.60%	10-yr T-Note	2.49%
Money Market Accts.	0.46%	30-yr T-Bond	3.56%
Money Market Funds	0.01%	30-yr Mortgage	4.35%
6-mo CD	0.39%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.58%	Bond Buyer 40	5.02%

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

Market Indicators

As of 7/19/13

TED Spread	24 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	180 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	456 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 7/10/13

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	\$4.547 Billion	-\$2.078 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$3.049 Billion	\$2.307 Billion
Taxable Bond	-\$5.727 Billion	-\$5.051 Billion
Municipal Bond	-\$2.378 Billion	-\$920 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 7/17/13

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	-\$1.51 Billion	-\$0.94 Billion
Institutional	\$10.04 Billion	\$24.76 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of July 15 - 19, 2013

Monday, July 15, 2013

The biotechnology sector posted a strong showing in the IPO market in the first half of 2013. Companies raised close to \$1.4 billion, according to FierceBiotech. The 21 IPOs launched nearly doubled the 11 brought to market throughout all of 2012, and there are another 10 that could potentially come in the second half of 2013. IPOs provide biotechnology companies with much needed capital for research projects. Year-to-date through 7/12, the NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index posted a total return of 40.89%, compared to gains of 26.21% and 19.17% for the S&P 500 Health Care Index and S&P 500, respectively.

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

A recent global survey of chief executives from PwC revealed that 97% of the 246 CEOs polled see innovation as the top priority for their companies today, according to its own release. Thirty-seven percent of CEOs think that they need to be directly involved in driving innovation within their businesses, while 34% think their role also includes being a "visionary." The findings from this survey are vastly different than three years ago when only 12% of CEOs were spearheading an innovation strategy.

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

A monthly survey of fund managers by Bank of America Merrill Lynch found that 83% of those polled expect the U.S. dollar to strengthen in the next 12 months, a record high, according to CNBC.com. The survey revealed that equity managers were favoring strong-dollar plays, such as the U.S. and Japan, in July. Managers had cut exposure to weak-dollar plays, such as commodities and emerging markets, both of which are also being impacted by the tempering of growth in China. A net 55% of fund managers said they were underweight bonds. The average cash levels stood at 4.6%, the highest level in a year, and a contrarian "buy" signal for equities, according to Michael Hartnett, chief investment strategist at BofA's global research division.

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Data compiled by the Rockefeller Institute shows that total state tax collections rose 9.3% (y-o-y) in Q1'13, the 13th consecutive quarter in which revenues were up, according to its own release. Thirty-nine of the 47 states that have reported results experienced gains in tax revenues. Personal income, sales and corporate tax revenues were up 17.6%, 6.0% and 3.5%, respectively. Personal income tax revenues were likely boosted in Q1'13 by taxpayers' efforts to shift income from 2013 to 2012 due to the American Taxpayer Relief Act (tax rates raised on those in the top marginal bracket), which would have boosted estimated payments of income taxes and withholding on bonuses in Q1'13, according to the Institute. Seven states posted double-digit gains in collections. They were as follows: North Dakota (+74.6%); California (+34.9%); Montana (+19.8%); South Carolina (+13.4%); Colorado (+12.9%); Oregon (+12.6%); and Ohio (+10.8%).

Friday, July 19, 2013

The S&P 500 is up 149.7% (price-only) from its closing low on 3/9/09 (1,592 days). The current bull market now ranks as the fifth strongest of all-time, according to Bespoke Investment Group. The strongest bull market for the S&P 500 was the 582.1% gain posted from 12/4/87 to 3/24/00 (4,494 days). The S&P 500 closed yesterday's trading session at an all-time high of 1689.37. The index level would need to rise from 1689.37 to 1743.30 without a 20% decline (closing basis) to move from fifth to fourth in the strongest bull rankings, according to Bespoke.