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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (17,959)	0.78%	10.77%	16.17%	29.65%	14.47%	
S&P 500 (2,075)	0.42%	14.45%	18.66%	32.38%	15.80%	
NASDAQ 100 (4,312)	-0.60%	21.57%	25.63%	36.94%	20.64%	
S&P 500 Growth	0.07%	16.09%	20.27%	32.75%	16.61%	
S&P 500 Value	0.81%	12.65%	16.88%	31.97%	14.98%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.03%	7.34%	11.33%	32.68%	17.46%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.27%	10.75%	14.30%	34.25%	16.90%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.95%	1.76%	5.10%	42.68%	18.44%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.85%	5.58%	9.20%	39.98%	17.41%	
MSCI EAFE	-0.40%	-1.88%	2.38%	22.78%	5.74%	
MSCI World (ex US)	-0.84%	-1.11%	2.33%	15.29%	4.91%	
MSCI World	-0.03%	6.62%	10.86%	26.68%	10.55%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.88%	0.61%	1.12%	-2.60%	2.50%	

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 12/5/14.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.36%	8.24%	12.52%	43.08%	21.70%
Consumer Staples	-0.88%	16.16%	18.30%	26.14%	15.79%
Energy	1.26%	-7.10%	-3.78%	25.05%	9.03%
Financials	1.81%	15.20%	19.80%	35.59%	13.05%
Health Care	1.73%	29.21%	32.10%	41.46%	20.32%
Industrials	0.49%	10.51%	16.96%	40.64%	17.48%
Information Technology	-0.45%	21.64%	26.73%	28.43%	15.94%
Materials	1.24%	8.96%	15.97%	25.60%	12.02%
Telecom Services	-3.87%	5.48%	7.22%	11.47%	12.32%
Utilities	-0.35%	24.16%	25.62%	13.21%	13.01%

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 12/5/14.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.54%	2.29%	1.80%	-1.34%	2.63%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.28%	5.64%	5.90%	-2.17%	3.86%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.53%	5.30%	5.26%	-2.02%	4.17%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.97%	2.95%	3.54%	7.44%	9.67%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.77%	6.58%	7.04%	-1.53%	6.36%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.17%	14.41%	14.65%	-6.01%	6.94%
Global Aggregate	-1.17%	0.10%	-0.09%	-2.60%	2.06%

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 12/5/14.

Key Rates						
As of 12/5/14						
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.55%			
LIBOR (1-month)	0.16%	2-yr T-Note	0.64%			
CPI - Headline	1.70%	5-yr T-Note	1.68%			
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.31%			
Money Market Accts.	0.48%	30-yr T-Bond	2.97%			
Money Market Funds	0.01%	30-yr Mortgage	4.19%			
6-mo CD	0.39%	Prime Rate	3.25%			
1-yr CD	0.70%	Bond Buyer 40	4.34%			

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

Market Indicators				
As of 12/5/14				
TED Spread	22 bps			
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	155 bps			
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	477 bps			

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of December 8th

Weekly Fund Flows							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 11/25/14							
	Current	Week	Previo	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$2.044	Billion	-\$3.622	Billion			
Foreign Equity	\$869	Million	\$597	Million			
Taxable Bond	\$1.821	Billion	\$1.420	Billion			
Municipal Bond	\$769	Million	\$771	Million			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/3/14							
	Current	Current Week		ous			
Retail	\$3.20	Billion	-\$2.70	Billion			
Institutional	\$22.38	Billion	\$11.13	Billion			
Source: Investment Company Institute.							

Factoids for the week of December 1 - 5, 2014

Monday, December 1, 2014

Despite a global glut in crude oil, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which supplies about 40% of the world's oil, announced that its 12 members decided to maintain current production levels at its November 27th meeting in Vienna, Austria. OPEC's current production target is 30 million barrels per day. Production levels, however, exceeded that target for the sixth consecutive month in November, as output averaged 30.56 million barrels per day, according to Bloomberg data cited by *The Washington Post*. Due to increased shale output, U.S. production topped 9 million barrels per day in the first three weeks of November, the highest level based on weekly records since January 1983, according to data from the Energy Information Administration. The International Energy Agency reported that only around 4% of U.S. shale oil production needs \$80 per barrel or more to be profitable, according to The Washington Post. It noted that most of the production in the Bakken formation remains viable at or below \$42. The price of crude oil stood at \$66.15 per barrel on 11/28, down from this year's peak of \$107.26 on 6/20.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

In November, the dividend-payers (423) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of 2.43%, vs. 1.43% for the non-payers (79), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. There are currently 502 stocks in the index. Year-to-date, the payers were up 14.57%, vs. a gain of 15.58% for the non-payers. For the 12-month period ended November 2014, payers were up 17.78%, vs. a gain of 19.46% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases in November totaled 24, down from 30 a year ago. Year-to-date, there were 346 increases, up from 340 a year ago. There was one decrease in November, up from zero a year ago. Year-to-date, there were eight decreases, down from 12 a year ago. Year-to-date through October, Equity Income mutual funds reported net cash outflows totaling approximately \$3.5 billion (\$300 million of net inflows in October), while Equity Income ETFs experienced net cash inflows totaling approximately \$5.3 billion (\$1.8 billion of net inflows in October), according to data from Lipper.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Auto sales in the U.S. reached an annualized pace of 17.1 million in November, according to Reuters. Sales bottomed in the last recession at 9.0 million (annualized) in February 2009. In November, the average buyer paid about \$33,750, the highest average transaction price on record, according to KBB.com. Despite the rise in sales since 2009, the average car on the road is more than 11 years old, according to IHS Automotive. New car buyers are taking advantage of easy credit, lengthier loan terms (average is 5.5 years) and low interest rates.

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Worldwide sales of semiconductors rose 9.6% (y-o-y) to \$29.7 billion in October, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association. It marked the 18th consecutive month in which sales were higher on a y-o-y basis. The \$29.7 billion in sales was up from the \$29.2 billion (revised up) registered last month. Sales growth in October was strongest in the Americas, with volume up 12.2% (y-o-y). Sales rose 12.1% in the Asia Pacific region and 5.2% in Europe, but fell 3.0% in Japan. From 12/31/13-12/3/14, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index posted a total return of 33.02%, compared to 21.71% for the S&P 500 Information Technology Index and 14.39% for the S&P 500.

Friday, December 5, 2014

Data from ETF.com shows that total assets held by U.S.-listed ETFs reached an estimated \$1.987 trillion at the close of November, according to MarketWatch.com. Some of the growth in ETFs has come from capital shifting over from mutual funds. Over the past five years, mutual fund investors redeemed \$411.1 billion from U.S. stock mutual funds, while U.S. equity ETFs reported inflows totaling \$301.5 billion, according to Nick Colas at Convergex. It took ETFs in the U.S. around 18 years to reach \$1 trillion in total assets, but only four years to transition from \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion, according to ETF.com. Exchange-traded products worldwide had \$2.68 trillion in total assets at the close of October, according to the lows at the lose of October, according to the Investment Company Institute.