

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (16,361)	-0.26%	-0.62%	13.99%	29.65%	18.25%
S&P 500 (1,863)	-0.06%	1.43%	20.04%	32.38%	19.03%
NASDAQ 100 (3,533)	-0.04%	-1.30%	25.82%	36.94%	22.17%
S&P 500 Growth	-0.10%	0.42%	20.47%	32.75%	19.14%
S&P 500 Value	-0.02%	2.52%	19.60%	31.97%	18.97%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-0.78%	-1.43%	16.35%	32.68%	21.49%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.18%	3.04%	22.19%	34.25%	21.19%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-1.79%	-3.90%	24.03%	42.68%	22.48%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.67%	-0.31%	25.65%	39.98%	21.35%
MSCI EAFE	0.29%	1.18%	14.09%	22.78%	13.79%
MSCI World (ex US)	-0.17%	0.99%	10.57%	15.29%	13.11%
MSCI World	0.05%	1.23%	16.80%	26.68%	16.06%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.79%	-0.35%	-0.86%	-2.60%	11.53%

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 4/25/14.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	-0.50%	-4.73%	18.20%	43.08%	24.74%
Consumer Staples	0.31%	2.39%	9.53%	26.14%	18.65%
Energy	0.37%	5.23%	22.24%	25.05%	16.15%
Financials	-0.03%	0.41%	19.27%	35.59%	16.70%
Health Care	0.81%	3.87%	22.70%	41.46%	21.69%
Industrials	-0.42%	0.67%	29.43%	40.64%	21.86%
Information Technology	-0.37%	0.56%	25.87%	28.43%	18.45%
Materials	-0.69%	2.64%	22.51%	25.60%	17.11%
Telecom Services	-3.58%	-0.47%	-4.77%	11.47%	13.57%
Utilities	1.79%	14.45%	9.45%	13.21%	16.11%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.13%	0.87%	-0.96%	-1.34%	2.54%
GNMA 30 Year	0.48%	2.55%	-0.03%	-2.17%	4.02%
U.S. Aggregate	0.36%	2.58%	-0.22%	-2.02%	4.88%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.16%	3.48%	6.69%	7.44%	16.48%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.48%	4.09%	0.98%	-1.53%	9.41%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.33%	7.48%	-0.43%	-6.01%	7.57%
Global Aggregate	0.20%	3.37%	2.55%	-2.60%	5.14%

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 4/25/14.

Key Rates

As of 4/25/14

Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.38%
LIBOR (1-month)	0.15%	2-yr T-Note	0.43%
CPI - Headline	1.50%	5-yr T-Note	1.72%
CPI - Core	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	2.67%
Money Market Accts.	0.44%	30-yr T-Bond	3.44%
Money Market Funds	0.01%	30-yr Mortgage	4.25%
6-mo CD	0.37%	Prime Rate	3.25%
1-yr CD	0.70%	Bond Buyer 40	4.63%

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

Market Indicators

As of 4/25/14

TED Spread	21 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	133 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	369 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 4/16/14

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	\$636 Million	\$2.076 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$1.652 Billion	\$3.647 Billion
Taxable Bond	\$630 Million	\$1.415 Billion
Municipal Bond	\$29 Million	\$162 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 4/23/14

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	-\$5.60 Billion	-\$5.33 Billion
Institutional	\$12.92 Billion	-\$29.69 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of April 21 - 25, 2014

Monday, April 21, 2014

A recent Gallup poll found that a majority of Americans think real estate (owning a home) is the "best" long-term investment, followed by gold, stocks and mutual funds, savings accounts/CDs and bonds, according to *Fortune*. Robert Shiller, the economist who helped create the Case-Shiller housing index, points out that home prices look "remarkably" stable after being adjusted for inflation. For the 100-year period ended 1990, real home prices rose only 0.2% a year, on average. Even after factoring in the bubble in residential real estate values and the popping of said bubble in 2006, when adjusted for inflation, the average house has appreciated little since 1987. Since 1929, the inflation-adjusted annual return on the S&P 500 was 6.32%, while the return on government debt was approximately half that figure, according to *Fortune*. Gold, on an inflation-adjusted basis, has returned 4.12% per year, on average, since the end of the Bretton-Woods monetary order in 1971, according to *Fortune*.

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Venture capitalists invested \$9.5 billion (951 deals) in Q1'14, up from \$8.4 billion (1,112 deals) in Q4'13, according to the MoneyTree™ Report from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) and the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA), based on data provided by Thomson Reuters. Venture capital (VC) investments into the Software industry totaled \$4.0 billion in Q1. Software companies accounted for 44% of all deals. Biotechnology was the second most active industry in terms of VC funding taking in \$1.1 billion (112 deals) in Q1. The IT Services industry captured the third largest total at \$816 million (59 deals).

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

A study of single family housing from Zillow found that U.S. homeowners paid around \$2,800 in property taxes, on average, in 2012, according to MSN.com. The county with the highest property taxes, on average, was Westchester County (New York) at \$14,829, while the lowest was Randolph County (Arkansas) at \$149. The county with the highest property tax as a percentage of home value went to Allegany County (New York) at 3.76%, while the lowest went to Caroline County (Virginia) at 0.17%.

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Worldwide sales of semiconductors rose 11.4% (y-o-y) to \$25.87 billion in February, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association. It marked the highest increase (y-o-y) in more than three years. Like January, sales growth was strongest in the Americas, with volume up 18.0% (y-o-y). Sales rose 12.0% in the Asia Pacific region and 9.6% in Europe. From 4/23/13-4/23/14, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index posted a total return of 39.33%, compared to 27.27% for the S&P 500 Information Technology Index and 21.33% for the S&P 500.

Friday, April 25, 2014

Bloomberg data shows that global M&A deal volume (either completed or announced) has totaled \$939 billion so far in 2014, according to *Businessweek*. More than 5,400 deals, valued at \$157 billion, have already been completed. M&A activity has been especially strong in Europe, where deal volume is running 60% higher than at this point a year ago. Volume is up 41% in Asia and 18% in North America. Companies have an incentive to make acquisitions now, while interest rates are low and financing is cheap.