## Eirst Trust

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.						
(16,606)	0.76%	1.18%	11.18%	29.65%	17.99%	
S&P 500 (1,901)	1.25%	3.68%	17.58%	32.38%	18.93%	
NASDAQ 100 (3,677)	2.52%	2.96%	24.69%	36.94%	23.36%	
S&P 500 Growth	1.78%	3.68%	19.13%	32.75%	19.41%	
S&P 500 Value	0.67%	3.68%	15.94%	31.97%	18.46%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.86%	0.77%	14.14%	32.68%	21.67%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.71%	4.42%	18.84%	34.25%	21.72%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	2.06%	-3.76%	18.07%	42.68%	22.49%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.43%	-0.17%	19.62%	39.98%	21.84%	
MSCI EAFE	1.37%	9.15%	19.80%	22.78%	11.68%	
MSCI World (ex US)	0.38%	2.78%	14.83%	15.29%	11.02%	
MSCI World	0.61%	3.43%	12.32%	26.68%	14.94%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.91%	3.23%	16.00%	-2.60%	9.47%	

**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 5/23/14.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.	
Consumer Discretionary	2.11%	-2.27%	16.10%	43.08%	25.80%	
Consumer Staples	-0.03%	3.57%	9.74%	26.14%	17.42%	
Energy	0.92%	6.50%	16.85%	25.05%	15.36%	
Financials	1.29%	1.27%	13.78%	35.59%	15.53%	
Health Care	1.49%	6.82%	21.85%	41.46%	21.02%	
Industrials	0.85%	2.63%	24.34%	40.64%	22.14%	
Information Technology	2.25%	4.98%	22.81%	28.43%	19.84%	
Materials	1.41%	5.72%	22.43%	25.60%	16.59%	
Telecom Services	-1.22%	4.97%	2.22%	11.47%	15.77%	
Utilities	-0.91%	10.93%	10.74%	13.21%	14.90%	

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Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2013	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.05%	1.55%	0.26%	-1.34%	2.82%	
GNMA 30 Year	0.16%	3.53%	2.30%	-2.17%	4.16%	
U.S. Aggregate	0.00%	3.49%	1.66%	-2.02%	4.92%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.05%	4.25%	6.67%	7.44%	14.65%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.15%	5.03%	3.13%	-1.53%	8.92%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.18%	9.43%	1.66%	-6.01%	7.30%	
Global Aggregate	-0.29%	3.79%	4.66%	-2.60%	4.53%	

**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 5/23/14.

Key Rates					
As of 5/23/14					
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.37%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.15%	2-yr T-Note	0.36%		
CPI - Headline	2.00%	5-yr T-Note	1.56%		
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.52%		
Money Market Accts.	0.46%	30-yr T-Bond	3.35%		
Money Market Funds	0.01%	30-yr Mortgage	4.16%		
6-mo CD	0.36%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
1-yr CD	0.69%	Bond Buyer 40	4.51%		

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

Market Indicators			
As of 5/23/14			
TED Spread	19 bps		
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	133 bps		
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	378 bps		

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

# Market Watch

Week of May 26th

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 5/14/14						
	Current	Current Week		ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$2.322	Billion	-\$1.963	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$1.242	Billion	\$2.717	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$3.094	Billion	\$4.418	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$0.897	Billion	\$1.076	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 5/21/14						
	Current Week		Previo	Previous		
Retail	\$0.66	Billion	-\$2.74	Billion		
Institutional	-\$4.55	Billion	-\$0.36	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the week of May 19 – May 23, 2014

#### Monday, May 19, 2014

The average 2014 return (as of midday 5/16) of the 75 major stock market indices (countries) tracked by Bespoke Investment Group was 4.76% (price-only). The U.S. (S&P 500) posted a gain of 1.17% (#46). The top five were as follows: Dubai UAE (+53.75%); Qatar (+26.25%); Argentina (+25.85%); Bulgaria (+20.21%); and Bermuda (+18.54%). The bottom five were as follows: Latvia (-6.16%); Malta (-7.16%); Jamaica (-9.24%); Russia (-13.08%); and Japan (-13.47%). Two of the BRIC countries posted solid gains. India and Brazil were up 13.94% and 4.47%, respectively. China was down 4.23%

### Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Composite Index stood at 1.11% in April 2014, down from 1.20% in March 2014 and down from 1.42% in April 2013, according to the S&P Dow Jones Indices. The 1.11% default rate is a post-recession low and the lowest reading since June 2006. The 10-year low for the index was 1.03% in May 2006. The high for that period was 5.51% in May 2009. The default rate on first mortgages stood at 1.01% in April, down from 1.13% in March and down from 1.31% in April 2013. The bank card default rate stood at 2.84% in April, up from 2.73% in March, but down from 3.61% in April 2013. The auto loan component stood at 0.92% in April, down from 0.99% in March and down from 1.07% in April 2013.

### Wednesday, May 21, 2014

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) reported that pharmaceutical companies announced 16 M&A deals in Q1'14, a 33.3% increase over Q4'13, according to FierceBiotech. Biotech companies announced 8 acquisitions in Q1'14, 50.0% more than in Q4'13. PwC expects the momentum to continue throughout 2014 due in part to the healthy appetite that pharmaceutical companies have for promising biotech companies. Year-to-date through 5/20, the NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index posted a total return of 7.61%, compared to 2.14% for the S&P 500. The NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index is up despite a 19.41% correction from 2/25/14 through 4/11/14. From 3/9/09 through 5/20/14 (current bull market), the NYSE Arca Biotechnology Index posted a cumulative total return of 364.08%, compared to 209.26% for the S&P 500.

#### Thursday, May 22, 2014

A survey of corporate hiring managers by Millennial Branding found that only 2% of those polled (281 managers) are actively recruiting college graduates with liberal-arts degrees, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Managers are recruiting engineering, computer science and businesses majors the most. Ironically, 80% of those managers polled cited communication skills as one of the top traits they are looking for in candidates, a skill normally associated with liberal-arts majors. More than 7 in 10 HR managers claimed that referral candidates receive a closer look than other candidates. Nearly one out of every two companies claimed that they find candidates on job boards.

### Friday, May 23, 2014

Tom Kozlik, director of municipal credit analysis at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, is forecasting around \$250 billion to \$275 billion of municipal bond issuance in 2014, according to ETF Trends. So far this year, new issuance of long-term, fixed-rate debt has totaled \$95.2 billion, down approximately 23% from this point a year ago. Kozlik believes that municipal bond issuance will continue to decline on a yearly basis through 2017, where he estimates it will stand at \$175 billion. New issuance has not been that low since 1996 (\$185.2 billion), according to data from the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. Less supply moving forward could help support price levels, providing demand holds steady.