

US Economy and Credit Markets			
Yields and Weekly Changes:			
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.04 (+04 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	113-30/32 (1.26%)
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.13 (+04 bps)	Duration:	3.70 years
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.24 (+03 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	4.22 (+02 bps)
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.60 (+01 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	48.87 (+3.15)
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.93 (-01 bps)	Gold Futures:	1184.60 (+15.2)
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.44 (+02 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:	
10 Yr. T-Note:	1.96 (+03 bps)	U.S. High Yield:	
30 Yr. T-Bond:	2.54 (+04 bps)	BB:	4.95% (-02 bps)
		B:	6.98% (-03 bps)
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Treasury prices rose during the week ending a two-week rally. On Monday, February existing home sales rose from January's nine-month low. New home sales unexpectedly climbed to a seven-year high on Tuesday with an improving economy and labor market. On Wednesday, Treasury prices rose after the February Durable Goods Orders report was below expectations. On Thursday, jobless claims fell to the lowest level in five weeks. On Friday, the fourth quarter annualized GDP showed the U.S economy expanded by a 2.2% pace, with consumer spending seeing the largest gain in eight years. Oil prices rose, despite rising tensions in the middle east, helping high yield bonds post positive returns last week. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for the upcoming week include: Monday: February Personal Income (0.3%), February Personal Spending (0.2%); Tuesday: March Consumer Confidence Index (96.5); Wednesday: March 27 MBA Mortgage Applications, March ADP Employment Change (225k), March Markit US Manufacturing PMI (55.2), March ISM Manufacturing (52.5); Thursday: Prior Week Initial Jobless Claims (285k), February Trade Balance (-\$41.0B), February Factory Orders (-0.3%); Friday: March Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (250k), March Unemployment Rate (5.5%).

US Equities			
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:	
DJIA:	17,712.66 (-2.29%)	Strong Sectors:	Cons. Staples, Energy, Materials
S&P 500:	2,061.02 (-2.20%)	Weak Sectors:	Info. Tech., Financials, Industrials
S&P Midcap:	1,508.51 (-1.99%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	1,212 / 2,014
S&P Smallcap:	714.63 (-1.69%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	367 / 77
NASDAQ Comp:	4,891.22 (-2.67%)	AAll Bulls/Bears:	38.4% / 24.4%
Russell 2000:	1,240.41 (-1.99%)		

Equity markets moved lower this week as the S&P 500 returned -2.2%, the second worst week of 2015 for the index. The S&P 500 has now gone 28 consecutive trading sessions without back to back gains, the longest streak since 1994. Federal Reserve Chair, Janet Yellen, toned down last week's hawkish talk as she indicated once the Fed Funds rate is lifted, subsequent raises should be slow. Growth in Gross Domestic Product was announced on Friday at 2.2% for 4Q2014, which was in line with the Commerce Department's previous estimates. The announcement was led by the largest gain in consumer spending in over eight years. The Nasdaq Biotechnology Index was down over 5% this week, the index's worst return in a year. Leading the Biotech fall was **Biogen Inc.**, down nearly 10%, **Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.** down over 8% and **Celgene Corp.** down over 7% for the week. The Philadelphia Stock Exchange Semiconductor Index dropped over 5% for the week, the largest weekly drop since October. The fall was the result of analyst downgrades on suppliers in the personal computer portion of the market. **Kraft Foods Group Inc.** announced that Warren Buffet's **Berkshire Hathaway Inc.**, which owns **H.J. Heinz**, would be acquiring the packaged food maker for cash and stock, which sent Kraft's stock up nearly 36%. The merger would result in "The Kraft Heinz Company" which would be the third largest food and beverage company in North America. **SanDisk Corp.** fell nearly 26% for the week after the flash memory producer preannounced weaker than expected revenue from the enterprise market. **Tenet Healthcare Corp.** soared nearly 5% on Monday, as the company announced a joint venture with **United Surgical Partners International** to combine outpatient surgery centers as they continue to grow in popularity among patients. **Altera Corp.** jumped over 28% Friday on rumors that chip giant **Intel Corp.** was interested in acquiring the company.