

## Weekly Market Commentary

Week Ended April 27, 2015

US Economy and Credit Markets  Yields and Weekly Changes:					
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.09 (+02 bps)	Duration:	3.72 years		
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.21 (unch.)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	4.27 (+03 bps)		
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.51 (unch.)	Crude Oil Futures:	57.15 (+1.41)		
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.83 (-01 bps)	Gold Futures:	1175.20 (-27.7)		
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.32 (+01 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices	S:		
10 Yr. T-Note:	1.91 (+02 bps)	U.S. High Yield:			
30 Yr. T-Bond:	2.61 (+05 bps)	BB:	4.76% (-05 bps)		
		B:	6.03% (-07 bps)		

U.S. 30 year bonds fell the most in more than two months last week. U.S Treasury yields rose on Monday after China's new easing policy encouraged investors to seek riskier investments. Concerns over Greece defaulting on its sovereign bonds and the expectation of the Federal Reserve not to raise interest rates caused yields to fall on Tuesday. Sales of previously owned homes in the U.S. rose to the highest level in 18 months on Wednesday. Yields fell on Thursday as manufacturing activity in China and Germany declined. On Friday, US Durable Goods fell for a seventh consecutive month as U.S. Machinery makers have suffered from slumping energy exploration and a strengthening dollar. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for the upcoming week include: Monday: March Durable Goods Orders (0.6%); Tuesday: April Consumer Confidence Index (102.5); Wednesday: April 24<sup>th</sup> MBA Mortgage Applications, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter GDP Annualized QoQ (1.0%), April 29 FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound) (0.25%); Thursday: March Personal Income (0.2%), March Personal Spending (0.5%), April 25 Initial Jobless Claims (290K), April Chicago Purchasing Manager (50.0); Friday: April Markit US Manufacturing PMI (54.2), March Construction Spending (0.5% MoM), April ISM Manfucaturing (52.0), Aril University of Michigan Sentiment (96.0).

US Equities					
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:			
DJIA:	18080.14 (1.45%)	Strong Sectors:	Telecom, Info Tech,		
S&P 500:	2117.69 (1.77%)		Cons. Discretionary		
S&P MidCap:	1533.84 (1.2%)	Weak Sectors:	Energy, Cons. Staples,		
S&P Small Cap:	725.08 (1.48%)		Financials		
NASDAQ Comp:	5092.085 (3.25%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	2,215 / 1009		
Russell 2000:	1267.535 (1.26%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	266 / 42		
		AAII Bulls/Bears:	31.5% / 23.2%		

The S&P 500 finished the week up 1.45%. Currently, the index trades at a P/E multiple of 18.60 and a dividend yield of 1.96%. This week's announcement that a British trader named Navinder Singh Sarao caused the Flash Crash of 2010 was met with skepticism by many. The trader that operated out of his parents' home and is accused of entering false trades before cancelling them to indicate nonexistent interest in a practice known as "spoofing". Many have suggested that while the trader's conduct may indeed be illegal, the likelihood of him causing a 6% drop in the S&P 500 is doubtful. Google announced its intentions of creating a wireless cellular network in partnership with T-Mobile and Sprint. Google's service plan would cost subscribers \$20 per month and \$10 per gigabyte of data. Shares in T-Mobile and Sprint responded favorably, up 6.91% and 3.13% for the week, respectively. It appears Comcast has ended its pursuit of rival Time Warner Cable. Comcast announced its intentions to acquire the company in February of 2014 and had been in difficult negotiations with regulators since then. Ultimately, it appears those negotiations proved too large an obstacle for the two cable operators. Meanwhile, generic drug maker, **Teva Pharmaceuticals** made an unsolicited \$82/share offer for rival, **Mylan**. In earnings news, shares in **Amazon** rose sharply after the company announced large profits within its Amazon Web Services unit. In the first quarter of this year, AWS generated \$1.57 billion in revenue with \$265 million in profits. According to CEO, Jeff Bezos, "Amazon Web Services is a \$5 billion and still growing fast." Shares in Amazon rose 18.51% for the week. Looking ahead to this week, multiple companies will announce earnings including Apple, UPS, Ford, Berkshire Hathaway, Barrick Gold and Merck.