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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (17,947)	-0.38%	1.88%	9.06%	10.04%	14.96%	
S&P 500 (2,101)	-0.37%	3.10%	9.57%	13.68%	16.73%	
NASDAQ 100 (4,484)	-0.64%	6.48%	18.57%	19.49%	21.00%	
S&P 500 Growth	-0.39%	4.70%	12.40%	14.89%	18.00%	
S&P 500 Value	-0.34%	1.38%	6.54%	12.35%	15.43%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-0.63%	8.34%	11.98%	7.57%	17.67%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-0.36%	4.00%	6.96%	12.04%	16.65%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-0.67%	9.46%	12.65%	3.85%	18.76%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.27%	3.21%	7.50%	7.54%	16.80%	
MSCI EAFE	0.90%	8.75%	-0.85%	-4.90%	9.65%	
MSCI World (ex US)	0.85%	6.65%	-2.38%	-3.87%	7.66%	
MSCI World	0.11%	5.03%	4.17%	4.94%	12.79%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.83%	3.65%	-4.09%	-2.19%	3.18%	

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 6/26/15.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	0.47%	8.74%	18.82%	9.68%	22.47%
Consumer Staples	-0.53%	0.89%	11.35%	15.98%	16.68%
Energy	-0.12%	-3.61%	-21.35%	-7.79%	9.69%
Financials	-0.03%	1.68%	11.85%	15.18%	13.20%
Health Care	0.33%	11.72%	25.91%	25.34%	23.64%
Industrials	-1.16%	-1.30%	4.09%	9.80%	16.23%
Information Technology	-1.02%	2.84%	14.25%	20.12%	16.86%
Materials	-1.74%	2.58%	1.06%	6.91%	13.56%
Telecom Services	1.16%	5.15%	3.76%	2.99%	14.09%
Utilities	-2.32%	-9.96%	-0.96%	28.98%	12.18%

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 6/26/15.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2014	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.53%	0.36%	1.41%	2.57%	2.14%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.77%	-0.45%	1.42%	6.03%	2.99%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.90%	-0.73%	1.29%	5.97%	3.31%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.24%	2.94%	0.01%	2.45%	8.63%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-1.18%	-1.58%	0.06%	7.46%	5.14%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.34%	-0.36%	4.45%	15.39%	6.02%
Global Aggregate	-1.32%	-3.68%	-7.35%	0.59%	2.01%

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 6/26/15.

Key Rates					
As of 6/26/15					
Fed Funds	0.00-0.25%	5-yr CD	1.44%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.19%	2-yr T-Note	0.71%		
CPI - Headline	0.00%	5-yr T-Note	1.76%		
CPI - Core	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	2.47%		
Money Market Accts.	0.47%	30-yr T-Bond	3.24%		
Money Market Funds	0.02%	30-yr Mortgage	4.29%		
6-mo CD	0.36%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
1-yr CD	0.60%	Bond Buyer 40	4.48%		

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

Market Indicators			
As of 6/26/15			
TED Spread	28 bps		
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	160 bps		
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	465 bps		

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of June 29th

Weekly Fund Flows							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 6/17/15							
	Current	Current Week		ous			
Domestic Equity	-\$3.450	Billion	-\$3.879	Billion			
Foreign Equity	\$3.684	Billion	\$3.614	Billion			
Taxable Bond	-\$3.553	Billion	-\$2.291	Billion			
Municipal Bond	-\$536	Million	-\$653	Million			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 6/24/15							
	Current	Current Week		ous			
Retail	-\$0.01	Billion	\$3.04	Billion			
Institutional	\$2.69	Billion	-\$14.09	Billion			
Source: Investment Company Institute.							

Factoids for the week of June 22-26, 2015

Monday, June 22, 2015

Year-to-date through 6/22, 86 equity IPOs were priced in the U.S., down 35.8% from the 134 priced at this point in 2014, according to data from Renaissance Capital. Companies raised \$15.8 billion, down 45.3% from the \$28.9 billion raised at this point a year ago. The four most active sectors, by proceeds, were as follows: Energy (8 IPOs/\$4.3 billion); Health Care (38 IPOs/\$3.2 billion); Technology (11 IPOs/\$2.2 billion); and Financials (13 IPOs/\$1.8 billion).

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

As of 6/22/15, the price of an ounce of gold bullion stood at \$1,183.70, down 37.3% from its all-time closing high of \$1,888.70 on 8/22/11. From 8/19/11 through 6/19/15, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange Gold & Silver Index, comprised of leading companies involved in the mining of gold and silver, declined 66.3%, on a total return basis, according to Bloomberg. The weakness in the mining industry has boosted mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity in 2015, according to Reuters. Year-to-date through May, M&A deal volume totaled \$3 billion, twice what it was at this point a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters GFMS, a metals research consultancy. In the first five months of 2015, non-gold focused mutual funds nearly doubled the number of shares they hold in 11 of the world's largest gold miners, according to Thomson Reuters' Lipper service.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Since interest rates have remained low, the anticipated "great rotation" of investment capital from bonds to stocks has yet to occur. *The Financial Times*, however, reported that a survey of 705 institutional investors by asset management consultancy firm Create found that nearly 33% of respondents expect investors to significantly raise their exposure to equities over the next three years, according to ETF Trends. Sixteen percent of respondents disagreed with that view. In 2015, ETF investors have funneled more money into equity funds than bond funds. Year-to-date through May, BlackRock reported that stock ETFs had net inflows totaling \$51.0 billion, versus net inflows totaling \$23.2 billion for bond ETFs, according to ETF Trends. Over the same period a year ago, stock ETFs took in a net \$22.4 billion, versus \$26.0 billion for bond ETFs.

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Bespoke Investment Group broke down the S&P 500 into deciles (10 groups of 50 stocks) based on dividend yield to see how each has reacted to the rise in Treasury yields in 2015, according to its own release on 6/23/15. While the yield on the 10-Year Treasury Note increased modestly from 2.17% on 12/31/14 to 2.41% on 6/23/15, it was up 77 basis points from its 2015-low of 1.64%, established on 1/30/15. Year-to-date through 6/23/15, the best performing decile was the 10th (lowest yielding stocks), up 9.8%. The worst performing decile was the 1st (highest yielding stocks), down 5.3%.

Friday, June 26, 2015

S&P 500 stock buybacks totaled \$144.13 billion in Q1'15, down 9.5% from the \$159.28 billion executed in Q1'14, but up 8.67% from the \$132.63 billion spent in Q4'14, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. For the fifth consecutive quarter, over 20% of the S&P 500 companies reduced their year-over-year diluted share count by at least 4%, therefore boosting their EPS by at least 4%. Information Technology accounted for 24.27% of all buyback expenditures in Q1'15. Financials and Health Care were the second and third most active sectors at 15.63% and 14.50%, respectively. In Q1'15, S&P 500 companies distributed \$93.55 billion in dividends, up 14.14% from the \$81.96 billion paid out in Q1'14.