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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2015	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (16,466)	2.32%	-5.39%	-1.67%	0.21%	9.47%	
S&P 500 (1,940)	1.77%	-4.96%	-0.67%	1.37%	10.90%	
NASDAQ 100 (4,279)	0.47%	-6.79%	4.41%	9.75%	14.86%	
S&P 500 Growth	1.16%	-5.04%	1.90%	5.51%	12.54%	
S&P 500 Value	2.41%	-4.88%	-3.59%	-3.14%	9.15%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.36%	-5.83%	-4.48%	2.01%	9.46%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	3.40%	-5.55%	-9.12%	-6.66%	8.34%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	1.78%	-6.44%	-2.12%	2.74%	10.99%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	3.20%	-5.88%	-7.34%	-6.70%	9.05%	
MSCI EAFE	1.50%	-7.23%	-8.43%	-0.81%	1.59%	
MSCI World (ex US)	2.26%	-6.80%	-11.95%	-5.66%	-0.55%	
MSCI World	1.67%	-5.98%	-5.08%	-0.87%	5.80%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	4.48%	-6.49%	-20.91%	-14.92%	-5.56%	
S&P GSCI	3.61%	-5.17%	-31.17%	-32.86%	-16.59%	

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 1/29/16.

S&P Sector Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2015	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	1.23%	-5.11%	7.77%	10.11%	16.78%
Consumer Staples	3.19%	0.65%	8.48%	6.60%	15.03%
Energy	4.26%	-3.02%	-19.64%	-21.12%	-2.09%
Financials	2.03%	-8.85%	-3.63%	-1.56%	7.79%
Health Care	-1.86%	-7.59%	-2.42%	6.89%	18.30%
Industrials	2.83%	-5.74%	-4.69%	-2.56%	9.29%
Information Technology	2.07%	-4.83%	4.84%	5.92%	11.90%
Materials	0.70%	-10.57%	-16.49%	-8.38%	2.70%
Telecom Services	4.32%	6.77%	11.64%	3.40%	10.39%
Utilities	3.69%	4.93%	-2.47%	-4.84%	11.86%

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 1/29/16.

Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2015	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.54%	1.63%	1.16%	1.18%	2.35%
GNMA 30 Year	0.46%	1.16%	2.12%	1.41%	3.29%
U.S. Aggregate	0.52%	1.38%	-0.16%	0.55%	3.47%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.14%	-1.61%	-6.62%	-4.47%	4.24%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.36%	0.35%	-3.27%	-0.68%	4.50%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.22%	1.16%	3.12%	4.52%	8.27%
Global Aggregate	0.35%	0.87%	-2.16%	-3.15%	1.09%

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 1/29/16.

Key Rates					
As of 1/29/16					
Fed Funds	0.25-0.50%	5-yr CD	1.88%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.43%	2-yr T-Note	0.78%		
CPI - Headline	0.70%	5-yr T-Note	1.33%		
CPI - Core	2.10%	10-yr T-Note	1.92%		
Money Market Accts.	0.53%	30-yr T-Bond	2.75%		
Money Market Funds	0.08%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	3.76%		
6-mo CD	0.34%	Prime Rate	3.50%		
1-yr CD	1.11%	Bond Buyer 40	4.14%		

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

31 bps
223 bps
777 bps

Sources: Bloomberg and Merrill Lynch via Bloomberg.

Market Watch

Week of February 1st

Weekly Fund Flows							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 1/20/16							
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$4.895	Billion	-\$4.755	Billion			
Foreign Equity	\$1.115	Billion	\$3.196	Billion			
Taxable Bond	-\$2.933	Billion	-\$1.845	Billion			
Municipal Bond	\$1.003	Billion	\$1.319	Billion			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 1/27/16							
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous			
Retail	\$2.93	Billion	\$2.28	Billion			
Institutional	\$10.86	Billion	-\$1.74	Billion			
Source: Investment Company Institute							

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Factoids for the week of January 25-29, 2016

Monday, January 25, 2016

Many states are forecasting slower personal income and sales tax revenue growth for 2016 and 2017, according to the Rockefeller Institute. Tax collection forecasting is used by governors to help make spending decisions and formulate budgets. Slower economic growth and long-term demographic changes were cited as contributing factors for the expected dip in revenue growth. As of December 2015, the median forecast for personal income tax revenue growth for 2016 and 2017 was 4.4% and 4.6%, respectively, down from 6.7% in 2015, which was a strong year for income tax collections due to a good run in the stock market in both 2013 and 2014. The median forecast for sales tax revenue growth for 2016 and 2017 was 4.2% and 3.9%, respectively, down from 4.7% in 2015.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

International Data Corporation (IDC) estimates that worldwide spending on public cloud services will grow from \$70 billion in 2015 to more than \$141 billion in 2019, according to its own release. IDC notes that the 19.4% compound annual growth rate anticipated will be close to six times the rate of overall IT spending growth.

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Money management tracker Pregin reported that total assets held by alternative investment managers reached \$7.4 trillion globally in 2015, up 10.1% from the prior year, according to Pensions & Investments. Hedge fund industry assets rose 6.7% to \$3.2 trillion in the first eleven months of 2015. Hedge funds reported net inflows totaling \$71.5 billion in the first six months of 2015, but experienced net outflows totaling \$4.8 billion for the five-month period ended November 2015. A Preqin survey found that 44% of hedge fund managers failed to meet their performance expectations.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

RealtyTrac reported that the percentage of mortgaged homes considered seriously underwater (the combined loan amount secured by the property is at least 25% higher than the property's estimated market value) declined from 12.7% in Q4'14 to 11.5% in Q4'15, according to MarketWatch. It reached as high as 28.6% in Q2'12. CoreLogic reported that distressed home sales constituted 11.9% of all U.S. home sales in November, down from 13.8% in November 2014. Prior to the housing crisis, distressed sales tended to represent only about 2% of all home sales. The share of U.S. homes considered equity rich (at least 50% equity in the home) increased from 20.3% in Q4'14 to 22.5% in Q4'15.

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The S&P 500 Index closed at 1,893.36 on 1/28/16, 11.14% below its all-time closing high of 2,130.82 (5/21/15), according to Bloomberg. Only 18% of the stocks in the S&P 500 were trading above their 50-day moving averages on 1/28/16, according to a release from Bespoke Investment Group. The following reflects the percentage of stocks in each of the S&P 500 sectors that were trading above their 50-day moving averages on 1/28/16: 90% (Utilities); 42% (Consumer Staples); 40% (Telecom. Services); 18% (Consumer Discretionary); 13% (Energy); 11% (Information Technology); 10% (Financials); 7% (Materials); 7% (Health Care); and 5% (Industrials).

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