

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (24,652)	1.34%	27.75%	27.19%	16.50%	16.24%
S&P 500 (2,676)	0.95%	21.86%	20.69%	11.95%	15.99%
NASDAQ 100 (6,466)	1.93%	34.42%	32.55%	7.27%	21.22%
S&P 500 Growth	1.20%	28.16%	26.78%	6.89%	17.30%
S&P 500 Value	0.63%	14.73%	13.78%	17.39%	14.34%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.12%	19.62%	19.23%	14.76%	15.20%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-0.49%	10.75%	9.90%	26.52%	15.00%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.92%	14.53%	13.98%	22.07%	17.09%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.15%	10.57%	9.07%	31.21%	16.00%
MSCI EAFE	0.14%	22.34%	23.87%	1.00%	7.67%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.26%	23.89%	25.18%	4.50%	6.48%
MSCI World	0.60%	21.29%	21.14%	7.51%	11.65%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.71%	32.29%	33.19%	11.19%	3.84%
S&P GSCI	-0.08%	0.28%	2.61%	11.37%	-12.82%

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 12/15/17. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	1.16%	22.25%	19.71%	6.03%	17.92%
Consumer Staples	1.26%	13.47%	13.34%	5.38%	12.80%
Energy	-0.09%	-5.49%	-6.43%	27.36%	1.90%
Financials	-0.12%	21.80%	20.10%	22.75%	18.82%
Health Care	1.30%	23.73%	22.63%	-2.69%	17.71%
Industrials	0.34%	19.43%	18.64%	18.85%	16.66%
Information Technology	1.77%	40.59%	38.23%	13.85%	21.60%
Materials	-0.17%	20.97%	18.81%	16.69%	12.40%
Real Estate	1.06%	11.72%	14.31%	3.39%	7.83%
Telecom Services	4.01%	-2.23%	0.21%	23.49%	7.22%
Utilities	-0.58%	17.19%	19.09%	16.29%	13.68%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2016	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.03%	1.21%	1.89%	1.06%	0.93%
GNMA 30 Year	0.10%	1.91%	2.87%	1.57%	1.75%
U.S. Aggregate	0.29%	3.64%	4.69%	2.65%	2.12%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.03%	7.27%	7.86%	17.13%	5.77%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.55%	6.47%	7.87%	6.11%	3.51%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.23%	7.85%	9.20%	0.88%	4.11%
Global Aggregate	0.35%	6.91%	8.45%	2.09%	0.63%

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Key Rates

Fed Funds	1.25-1.50%	5-yr CD	2.21%
LIBOR (1-month)	1.47%	2-yr T-Note	1.84%
CPI - Headline	2.20%	5-yr T-Note	2.15%
CPI - Core	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	2.35%
Money Market Accts.	0.84%	30-yr T-Bond	2.69%
Prime Money Funds	0.76%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	3.79%
6-mo CD	1.10%	Prime Rate	4.25%
1-yr CD	1.68%	Bond Buyer 40	3.90%

Sources: Bankrate.com, Barron's and Bloomberg. The rate shown for Prime Money Funds is as of 12/13/17. All other rates are as of 12/15/17.

Market Indicators

As of 12/15/17

TED Spread	29 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	110 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	364 bps

Source: Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/6/17

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$9.284 Billion	-\$4.507 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$1.858 Billion	\$868 Million
Taxable Bond	\$4.900 Billion	\$4.289 Billion
Municipal Bond	-\$553 Million	\$60 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/13/17

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	\$4.58 Billion	\$7.52 Billion
Institutional	\$29.17 Billion	\$0.87 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of December 11, 2017

Monday, December 11, 2017

Jeffrey Kleintop, chief global investment strategist at Charles Schwab, noted that world stocks have risen every month so far this year, as measured by the MSCI AC World Index, according to MarketWatch. If they close December in positive territory, it would mark the first calendar year ever without a single monthly decline. The returns have ranged from a low of 0.2% in August to a high of 2.7% in January and July.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 3.0% in November 2017, according to its own release. Moody's sees the rate falling to 1.8% by November 2018. Year-to-date, a total of 82 Moody's-rated issuers defaulted, down from 131 defaults over the same period a year ago. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at around 4.3% since 1983. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 3.4% in November. It sees the U.S. rate falling to 2.3% by November 2018. The default rate on senior loans stood at 1.72% in November, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) reported that its Small Business Optimism Index hit 107.5 in November, the second-highest reading in its 44-year history, according to its own release. The index commenced in October 1974. The all-time high was 108.0, set in September 1983. Eight of the 10 components that comprise the index posted gains in November. The NFIB noted that small business owners are "exuberant" about the economy and are ready to lead the U.S. economy in a period of robust growth.

Thursday, December 14, 2017

S&P 500 Index stock buybacks totaled \$129.17 billion (preliminary) in Q3'17, up 15.12% from the \$112.20 billion executed in Q3'16 and up 7.54% from the \$120.11 billion spent on buybacks in Q2'17, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. For the 12-month period ended September 2017, buybacks totaled \$517.72 billion, down 5.35% from the \$546.97 billion repurchased over the same period through September 2016. In Q3'17, Financials, Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the most active sectors accounting for 26.52%, 21.62% and 18.77%, respectively, of all buyback expenditures. In Q3'17, S&P 500 Industrials (Old), defined as the S&P 500 minus Financials, Utilities and Transportation companies, had cash and equivalent holdings totaling an all-time high of \$1.63 trillion.

Friday, December 15, 2017

Data compiled by the Rockefeller Institute shows that total state tax collections (personal income, corporate, general sales and motor fuel) increased by 2.7% year-over-year in Q2'17, according to its own release. After seven consecutive quarterly declines, corporate income tax revenue grew by 10.9%. Tax collections were higher in 28 of the past 30 quarters. Over the past 30 quarters (thru Q2'17), the average quarterly gain in total tax collections was 4.3%. In Q2'17, tax collections grew the most in the Rocky Mountain region (6.7%), while the region with the worst showing was New England (-1.5%).

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