

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2017	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (25,310)	0.36%	2.74%	24.49%	28.11%	15.34%
S&P 500 (2,747)	0.58%	3.04%	18.53%	21.82%	14.97%
NASDAQ 100 (6,897)	1.87%	8.02%	30.76%	32.99%	21.78%
S&P 500 Growth	1.18%	5.97%	26.16%	27.43%	17.13%
S&P 500 Value	-0.09%	-0.03%	10.21%	15.35%	12.44%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.25%	2.19%	16.38%	19.91%	13.83%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.10%	-1.56%	6.43%	12.30%	12.34%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.87%	2.43%	14.33%	14.71%	15.21%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.10%	-0.03%	10.24%	11.43%	13.72%
MSCI EAFE	-0.44%	0.91%	20.15%	25.03%	7.30%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.08%	1.63%	21.58%	27.19%	6.61%
MSCI World	0.18%	1.98%	18.20%	22.40%	10.98%
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.42%	5.16%	30.62%	37.28%	5.41%
S&P GSCI	1.82%	1.78%	8.54%	5.77%	-12.07%

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 2/23/18. 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.	2017	5-yr.
Consumer Discretionary	1.01%	7.38%	24.10%	22.98%	17.94%
Consumer Staples	-2.24%	-4.63%	1.56%	13.49%	10.14%
Energy	1.03%	-4.61%	-0.11%	-1.01%	0.23%
Financials	0.40%	4.26%	20.21%	22.14%	17.29%
Health Care	-0.10%	3.32%	16.67%	22.08%	16.40%
Industrials	0.42%	2.48%	18.20%	21.01%	15.46%
Information Technology	1.91%	7.81%	36.00%	38.83%	22.12%
Materials	1.29%	1.35%	19.06%	23.84%	12.12%
Real Estate	0.04%	-6.78%	-0.56%	10.85%	4.79%
Telecom Services	-2.41%	-5.40%	-4.74%	-1.25%	5.51%
Utilities	0.50%	-4.36%	2.44%	12.11%	10.20%

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Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2017	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.08%	-1.24%	-0.59%	1.14%	0.71%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.04%	-1.96%	-0.40%	1.87%	1.44%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.01%	-2.13%	0.66%	3.54%	1.77%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.07%	-0.55%	4.12%	7.51%	5.34%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.10%	-2.60%	2.55%	6.42%	3.05%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.00%	-2.23%	4.72%	8.19%	3.69%
Global Aggregate	-0.43%	0.57%	6.75%	7.40%	1.35%

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Key Rates

Fed Funds	1.25-1.50%	5-yr CD	2.39%
LIBOR (1-month)	1.60%	2-yr T-Note	2.24%
CPI - Headline	2.10%	5-yr T-Note	2.62%
CPI - Core	1.80%	10-yr T-Note	2.87%
Money Market Accts.	0.85%	30-yr T-Bond	3.16%
Prime Money Funds	1.02%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	4.29%
1-yr CD	1.92%	Prime Rate	4.50%
3-yr CD	2.04%	Bond Buyer 40	4.00%

Sources: Bankrate.com, Barron's and Bloomberg. The rate shown for Prime Money Funds is as of 2/21/18. All other rates are as of 2/23/18.

Market Indicators

As of 2/23/18

TED Spread	35 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	109 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	358 bps

Source: Bloomberg.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/14/18

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$1.249 Billion	-\$15.176 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$5.568 Billion	\$307 Million
Taxable Bond	-\$8.708 Billion	\$6.460 Billion
Municipal Bond	-\$599 Million	-\$687 Million

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/21/18

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	\$2.22 Billion	\$2.86 Billion
Institutional	\$13.41 Billion	-\$0.87 Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of February 19, 2018

Monday, February 19, 2018

No Factoid. Holiday – President's Day.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Due to an uptick in global growth and some weakness in the U.S. dollar, companies in the S&P 500 Index with significant global exposure are posting higher earnings and revenue growth in the Q4'17 reporting season than companies with lesser global exposure, according to FactSet. With over 65% of S&P 500 companies having reported Q4'17 results, companies who garner more than 50% of their sales from outside the U.S. have increased earnings by an average of 17.4%, compared to 14.0% for all S&P 500 companies and 12.0% for those companies that get more than 50% of their sales from the U.S. With respect to revenue growth, companies who garner more than 50% of their sales from outside the U.S. have increased their revenue by an average of 10.5%, compared to 8.0% for all S&P 500 companies and 7.0% for those companies that get more than 50% of their sales from the U.S.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Composite Index stood at 0.95% in January 2018, up from 0.92% in January 2017, according to the S&P Dow Jones Indices. The default rate on first mortgages stood at 0.72%, no change from a year ago. The bank card default rate stood at 3.57%, up from 3.21% a year ago. That is the highest the bank card default rate has been since May 2013. The auto loans default rate stood at 1.07%, up from 1.06% a year ago. Overall, consumer credit defaults are up modestly, with the exception of bank cards, because consumer spending is also rising, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Thursday, February 22, 2018

From 1928 through 2017, the S&P 500 Index posted a median return of about 16% in the years in which inflation was below 3.0%, according to Bloomberg. When inflation was above 3.0%, the median return was around 6.5%.

Friday, February 23, 2018

With 1,456 listed companies having reported Q4'17 earnings results, 69.0% of said companies beat their consensus earnings per share (EPS) estimates, while 73.2% topped their consensus revenue estimates, according to Bespoke Investment Group. The 69.0% EPS beat rate is the highest since Q3'06 and the sixth highest over the last 20 years. The 73.2% revenue beat rate is the highest since Q4'04 and the fourth highest over the last 20 years. While earnings season isn't officially over, the vast majority of companies have reported results.

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