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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2018	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (23,996)	2.42%	2.93%	-4.02%	-3.48%	10.49%	
S&P 500 (2,596)	2.58%	3.63%	-4.35%	-4.39%	9.31%	
NASDAQ 100 (6,601)	2.78%	4.31%	-0.53%	0.04%	14.45%	
S&P 500 Growth	2.67%	3.55%	-0.48%	-0.01%	11.35%	
S&P 500 Value	2.47%	3.72%	-8.42%	-8.97%	6.89%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	4.63%	4.94%	-9.32%	-10.34%	7.18%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	4.82%	7.28%	-7.86%	-11.90%	6.89%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	4.66%	5.83%	-1.52%	-4.09%	8.83%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	4.57%	7.83%	-8.82%	-12.68%	6.87%	
MSCI EAFE	2.89%	3.90%	-13.08%	-13.79%	1.36%	
MSCI World (ex US)	3.23%	4.08%	-13.28%	-14.20%	1.68%	
MSCI World	2.81%	3.93%	-8.13%	-8.71%	5.43%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	3.76%	3.70%	-14.29%	-14.58%	3.06%	
S&P GSCI	4.04%	7.54%	-9.23%	-13.82%	-12.64%	

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 1/11/19. 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.	2018	5-yr.
Communication Services	2.33%	6.26%	-4.65%	-12.53%	4.34%
Consumer Discretionary	3.74%	6.00%	1.61%	0.82%	11.11%
Consumer Staples	0.65%	1.64%	-6.51%	-8.39%	6.86%
Energy	3.35%	8.07%	-16.67%	-18.10%	-3.79%
Financials	1.04%	2.85%	-13.79%	-13.04%	8.54%
Health Care	2.26%	1.63%	3.71%	6.47%	10.96%
Industrials	4.09%	5.38%	-13.19%	-13.32%	7.19%
Information Technology	3.37%	2.55%	-2.19%	-0.29%	15.74%
Materials	1.90%	3.42%	-15.72%	-14.70%	4.77%
Real Estate	3.98%	3.16%	5.73%	-2.23%	7.09%
Utilities	0.84%	0.61%	9.11%	4.11%	10.73%

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2018	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.12%	0.00%	1.76%	1.41%	1.40%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.01%	0.19%	1.56%	1.03%	2.21%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.04%	0.18%	0.66%	0.01%	2.41%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.89%	3.13%	0.30%	-2.08%	4.33%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.33%	0.50%	-1.60%	-2.51%	3.17%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.28%	0.20%	1.28%	0.34%	5.42%
Global Aggregate	0.17%	0.59%	-0.52%	-1.20%	1.11%

Source: Bloomberg Barclays. Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 1/11/19. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Key Rates							
Fed Funds	2.25-2.50%	2-yr T-Note	2.54%				
LIBOR (1-month)	2.52%	5-yr T-Note	2.53%				
CPI - Headline	1.90%	10-yr T-Note	2.70%				
CPI - Core	2.20%	30-yr T-Bond	3.03%				
Money Market Accts.	1.26%	30-yr Mortgage Refinance	4.43%				
1-yr CD	2.73%	Prime Rate	5.50%				
3-yr CD	2.92%	Bond Buyer 40	4.09%				
5-vr CD	3.09%	-					

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. All data as of 1/11/19.

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	35 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	175 bps
ML High Yield Master II Index Spread	456 bps

Source: Bloomberg as of 1/11/19.

Market Watch

Week of January 14th

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 1/2/19						
Current Week		Previ	Previous			
202	Billion	-\$13.515	Billion			
268	Billion	-\$11.600	Billion			
260	Billion	-\$13.036	Billion			
235	Million	\$268	Million			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 1/9/19						
Current Week		Previ	Previous			
1.11	Billion	\$20.01	Billion			
.97	Billion	-\$11.50	Billion			
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Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the week of January 7, 2019

Monday, January 7, 2019

Baker Hughes reported that 877 crude oil rigs were active in the U.S. on 1/4/19, up 135 rigs from 1/5/18, according to Bloomberg. The price of crude oil (WTI) closed at \$47.96 per barrel on 1/4/19, down from \$61.44 per barrel on 1/5/18. Baker Hughes also reported that 198 natural gas rigs were active in the U.S. on 1/4/19, up 16 rigs from 1/5/18. The price of natural gas closed at \$3.04 per million British thermal units (BTUs) on 1/4/19, up from \$2.80 per million BTUs on 1/5/18.

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deal activity totaled \$3.5 trillion in 2018, the third-largest year on record by value, according to Mergermarket. While the number of deals struck in 2018 declined year-over-year for the first time since 2010, the average deal size was the second-highest on record. China's M&A buys in the U.S. plunged 94.6% to \$3 billion. Its most active year was 2016, when it spent \$55.3 billion on U.S. companies. China boosted its M&A activity in Europe in 2018 by 81.7% to \$60.4 billion.

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

The 34rd annual Barclays E&P Spending Survey (released on 1/8/19) estimates that global E&P expenditures will increase by 8% in 2018, matching the 8% increase in 2018, according to its own release. The expected rise in global spending in 2019 assumes average crude oil prices of around \$50 per barrel for WTI and \$59 for Brent. Spending in North America is expected to increase by 9% in 2019, half the 18% pop registered in 2018. International spending is expected to increase by 8% in 2019, double the 4% spent in 2018. Offshore spending is expected to fall for the fifth consecutive year.

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.3% in December, according to its own release. It sees the rate rising to 3.0% in December 2019. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at around 4.2% since 1983. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 2.8% in December. It sees the rate rising to 3.4% in December 2019. There were 77 defaults registered in 2018, down from 104 a year ago and 144 in 2016. The default rate on senior loans stood at 1.56% in December, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Friday, January 11, 2019

International Data Corporation's (IDC) Worldwide Quarterly Cloud IT Infrastructure Tracker reported that vendor revenue from sales of infrastructure products (server, storage and Ethernet switch) for cloud IT grew 47.2% yearover-year to \$16.8 billion in Q3'18, according to its own release. Public and private cloud IT infrastructure revenue totaled \$12.1 billion and \$4.7 billion, respectively. IDC notes that Q3'18 marked the first time that vendor revenues from infrastructure product sales into cloud environments topped revenues from sales into traditional IT environments.

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