## LFirst Trust

| Stock Index Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Index | Week | YTD | 12-mo. | 2019 | 5-yr. |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg. $(30,179)$ | 0.46\% | 8.19\% | 9.34\% | 25.34\% | 14.69\% |
| S\&P $500(3,709)$ | 1.29\% | 16.87\% | 18.37\% | 31.48\% | 15.34\% |
| NASDAQ $100(12,738)$ | 2.95\% | 47.13\% | 49.78\% | 39.46\% | 24.38\% |
| S\&P 500 Growth | 2.11\% | 31.71\% | 33.88\% | 31.13\% | 19.04\% |
| S\&P 500 Value | 0.06\% | 0.09\% | 0.97\% | 31.92\% | 10.71\% |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Growth | 2.84\% | 21.79\% | 23.38\% | 26.29\% | 14.01\% |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Value | 1.33\% | 2.70\% | 3.18\% | 26.01\% | 10.54\% |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Growth | 3.32\% | 18.84\% | 19.43\% | 21.08\% | 14.32\% |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Value | 0.65\% | 0.97\% | 1.05\% | 24.50\% | 10.30\% |
| MSCI EAFE | 2.01\% | 6.98\% | 7.83\% | 22.01\% | 7.65\% |
| MSCI World (ex US) | 1.53\% | 9.48\% | 10.36\% | 21.51\% | 9.00\% |
| MSCI World | 1.72\% | 14.84\% | 16.13\% | 27.67\% | 12.38\% |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | 0.89\% | 16.06\% | 16.90\% | 18.42\% | 12.53\% |
| S\&P GSCI | 3.63\% | -24.00\% | -23.41\% | 17.63\% | -1.65\% |

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 12/18/20.
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| S\&P Sector Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Week | YTD | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2019 | $5-\mathrm{yr}$. |
| Index | $-0.45 \%$ | $22.65 \%$ | $23.32 \%$ | $32.69 \%$ | $12.10 \%$ |
| Communication Services | $2.33 \%$ | $31.92 \%$ | $33.76 \%$ | $27.94 \%$ | $17.49 \%$ |
| Consumer Discretionary | $0.77 \%$ | $10.48 \%$ | $11.69 \%$ | $27.61 \%$ | $9.58 \%$ |
| Consumer Staples | $-4.25 \%$ | $-32.02 \%$ | $-30.86 \%$ | $11.81 \%$ | $-4.30 \%$ |
| Energy | $0.15 \%$ | $-5.45 \%$ | $-5.11 \%$ | $32.09 \%$ | $10.71 \%$ |
| Financials | $1.15 \%$ | $12.40 \%$ | $13.54 \%$ | $20.82 \%$ | $11.90 \%$ |
| Health Care | $0.08 \%$ | $10.87 \%$ | $11.80 \%$ | $29.32 \%$ | $12.86 \%$ |
| Industrials | $3.22 \%$ | $41.43 \%$ | $44.54 \%$ | $50.29 \%$ | $27.72 \%$ |
| Information Technology | $1.96 \%$ | $19.85 \%$ | $22.08 \%$ | $24.58 \%$ | $13.57 \%$ |
| Materials | $0.48 \%$ | $-3.85 \%$ | $-0.92 \%$ | $29.01 \%$ | $6.83 \%$ |
| Real Estate | $0.13 \%$ | $-1.02 \%$ | $-0.17 \%$ | $26.40 \%$ | $11.57 \%$ |
| Utilities |  |  |  |  |  |

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Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

| Bond Index Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Index | Week | YTD | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2019 | $5-\mathrm{yr}$. |
| U.S. Treasury: Intermediate | $-0.09 \%$ | $5.66 \%$ | $5.94 \%$ | $5.22 \%$ | $2.87 \%$ |
| GNMA 30 Year | $0.31 \%$ | $3.63 \%$ | $3.90 \%$ | $5.86 \%$ | $2.81 \%$ |
| U.S. Aggregate | $-0.08 \%$ | $7.12 \%$ | $7.37 \%$ | $8.72 \%$ | $4.36 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield | $0.33 \%$ | $6.50 \%$ | $6.77 \%$ | $14.32 \%$ | $8.67 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | $-0.02 \%$ | $9.10 \%$ | $9.47 \%$ | $14.54 \%$ | $6.60 \%$ |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | $0.17 \%$ | $6.06 \%$ | $6.10 \%$ | $10.26 \%$ | $5.11 \%$ |
| Global Aggregate | $0.32 \%$ | $8.80 \%$ | $9.38 \%$ | $6.84 \%$ | $4.67 \%$ |

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 $12 / 18 / 20$. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

| Key Rates |  |  |  |
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| Fed Funds | $0.00 \%-0.25 \%$ | 2-yr T-Note | $0.12 \%$ |
| LIBOR (1-month) | $0.15 \%$ | 5-yr T-Note | $0.38 \%$ |
| CPI - Headline | $1.20 \%$ | 10-yr T-Note | $0.95 \%$ |
| CPI - Core | $1.60 \%$ | 30-yr T-Bond | $1.69 \%$ |
| Money Market Accts. | $0.32 \%$ | 30-yr Fixed Mortgage | $2.86 \%$ |
| 1-yr CD | $0.52 \%$ | Prime Rate | $3.25 \%$ |
| 3-yr CD | $0.55 \%$ | Bond Buyer 40 | $3.46 \%$ |
| 5-yr CD | $0.69 \%$ |  |  |

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, \& US Bureau of Labor
Statistics. LIBOR as of $12 / 16 / 20$ and Prime Rate as of $12 / 15 / 20$, all other data as of 12/18/20.

| Market Indicators |  |  |  |  |
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| TED Spread Investment Grade Spread (A2) ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread |  |  |  | 17 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 113 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 405 bps |
| Source: Bloomberg. As of 12/18/20. |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly Fund Flows |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 12/9/20 |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic Equity Foreign Equity Taxable Bond Municipal Bond | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
|  | -\$5.761 | Billion | -\$8.336 | Billion |
|  | -\$2.121 | Billion | -\$14.708 | Billion |
|  | \$8.601 | Billion | \$17.100 | Billion |
|  | \$1.859 | Billion | \$1.372 | Billion |
| Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 12/16/20 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
| Retail | -\$0.78 | Billion | -\$6.88 | Billion |
| Institutional | -\$53.62 | Billion | \$29.78 | Billion |

Source: Investment Company Institute.

## Factoids for the Week of December 14, 2020

## Monday, December 14, 2020

A Bloomberg survey of 17 equity strategists found that their average 2021 yearend price target for the S\&P 500 Index was 4,035 as of $12 / 12 / 20$, according to its own release. The highest and lowest estimates were 4,400 and 3,800, respectively. The S\&P 500 Index closed at $3,663.46$ on 12/11/20. It stood 1.05\% below its all-time closing high of $3,702.25$ on 12/8/20.

## Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The S\&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Composite Index stood at $0.46 \%$ in November 2020, down from 0.94\% in November 2019 and well below its 1.77\% average since inception (7/31/04), according to S\&P Dow Jones Indices. The default rate on first mortgages stood at $0.28 \%$, down from $0.77 \%$ a year ago. The bank card default rate stood at $2.56 \%$, down from $2.94 \%$ a year ago. The auto loans default rate stood at $0.64 \%$, down from 1.02\% a year ago.

## Wednesday, December 16, 2020

ETFGI reported that total assets invested in ETFs/ETPs listed globally stood at an all-time high of $\$ 7.62$ trillion as of the close of November 2020, according to its own release. In November, net inflows to ETFs/ETPs listed globally totaled $\$ 131.99$ billion, pushing year-to-date net inflows to $\$ 670.57$ billion - a record high for a calendar year. It marked the 18th consecutive month of positive inflows. Equity, fixed-income and commodity funds have garnered the most capital this year. Equity ETFs/ETPs took in a net $\$ 302.83$ billion in the first 11 months of 2020, compared to $\$ 210.49$ billion and $\$ 63.40$ billion for fixed-income and commodity ETFs/ETPs, respectively.

## Thursday, December 17, 2020

An estimated $\$ 2.47$ billion was raised in the U.S. during the ninth annual Giving Tuesday on $12 / 1 / 20$, it represented a $25 \%$ increase from the $\$ 1.97$ billion raised in 2019, according to Philanthropy News Digest. The number of people participating increased by $29 \%$ to 34.8 million. The surge in donations is needed as nonprofits across the U.S. continue to struggle with soaring costs and rising demand for services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Friday, December 18, 2020

S\&P 500 Index stock buybacks totaled $\$ 101.79$ billion (preliminary) in Q3'20, up $14.8 \%$ from the $\$ 88.66$ billion executed in Q2'20, but down $42.1 \%$ from the $\$ 175.89$ billion registered in Q3'19, according to S\&P Dow Jones Indices. In Q3'20, Information Technology, Communication Services and Financials were the most active sectors accounting for $48.9 \%, 17.0 \%$ and $11.9 \%$, respectively, of all buyback expenditures. S\&P 500 Index companies distributed $\$ 115.54$ billion in dividend payments in the quarter, down $2.9 \%$ from the $\$ 119.04$ billion paid out in Q2'20 and down 6.2\% from the $\$ 123.12$ billion paid out in Q3'19.

