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# Market Watch

Week of February 18<sup>th</sup>

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (29,398)	1.17%	3.34%	18.34%	25.34%	12.98%
S&P 500 (3,380)	1.65%	4.86%	25.55%	31.48%	12.27%
NASDAQ 100 (9,624)	2.38%	10.32%	38.49%	39.46%	18.36%
S&P 500 Growth	2.19%	8.25%	29.37%	31.13%	14.60%
S&P 500 Value	1.00%	1.06%	21.28%	31.92%	9.50%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	2.84%	3.61%	15.58%	26.29%	9.52%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	1.84%	-0.15%	9.69%	26.01%	7.43%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	1.94%	2.81%	10.69%	21.08%	10.65%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.33%	-3.25%	4.34%	24.50%	7.54%
MSCI EAFE	-0.02%	-0.30%	14.20%	22.01%	4.84%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.45%	-0.22%	13.08%	21.51%	4.80%
MSCI World	1.15%	3.24%	21.05%	27.67%	8.86%
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.37%	-0.70%	9.21%	18.42%	4.78%
S&P GSCI	2.03%	-9.75%	-3.81%	17.63%	-6.19%

**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 2/14/20. 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.	2019	5-yr.	
Communication Services	1.39%	5.70%	27.15%	32.69%	7.88%	
Consumer Discretionary	2.63%	5.80%	22.80%	27.94%	13.54%	
Consumer Staples	0.84%	3.06%	23.75%	27.61%	8.50%	
Energy	1.09%	-9.40%	-10.79%	11.81%	-4.42%	
Financials	0.77%	1.24%	22.94%	32.09%	11.64%	
Health Care	0.91%	2.02%	16.37%	20.82%	10.00%	
Industrials	1.20%	3.88%	15.84%	29.32%	10.06%	
Information Technology	2.28%	11.19%	49.93%	50.29%	22.04%	
Materials	0.77%	-1.46%	15.34%	24.58%	5.52%	
Real Estate	4.94%	8.24%	24.35%	29.01%	8.19%	
Utilities	2.62%	8.85%	31.11%	26.40%	13.15%	

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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					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.02%	1.17%	6.25%	5.22%	2.18%
GNMA 30 Year	0.01%	0.59%	5.90%	5.86%	2.47%
U.S. Aggregate	0.03%	1.88%	9.77%	8.72%	3.37%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.46%	1.11%	9.84%	14.32%	5.95%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.07%	2.51%	14.65%	14.54%	5.00%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.14%	2.44%	12.20%	10.26%	5.12%
Global Aggregate	-0.15%	0.42%	6.68%	6.84%	2.63%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	1.50-1.75%	2-yr T-Note	1.43%		
LIBOR (1-month)	1.65%	5-yr T-Note	1.42%		
CPI - Headline	2.50%	10-yr T-Note	1.59%		
CPI - Core	2.30%	30-yr T-Bond	2.04%		
Money Market Accts.	0.94%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.66%		
1-yr CD	1.84%	Prime Rate	4.75%		
3-yr CD	1.79%	Bond Buyer 40	3.52%		
5-yr CD	1.87%	-			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Money Market Accts., CDs, and 30-yr Fixed Rate Mortgage Rates as of 2/18/20, LIBOR and Prime Rate as of 2/11/20, all other data as of 2/14/20.

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	12 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	112 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	356 bps
Source: Bloomberg. As of 2/14/20.	

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/5/20						
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$6.017	Billion	-\$12.536	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$4.420	Billion	\$2.976	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$5.423	Billion	\$9.129	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$2.726	Billion	\$2.994	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/12/20						
	Current Week		Previ	Previous		
Retail	\$2.04	Billion	-\$7.75	Billion		
Institutional	\$5.88	Billion	-\$11.65	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

#### Factoids for the Week of February 10, 2020

## Monday, February 10, 2020

Membership in the National Association of Realtors (NAR) stood at 1.403 million in December 2019, an all-time high for a calendar year-end, according to its own data. During the last housing downturn in 2007, the number of real estate agents fell below 970,000. The top-producing agents can work 50 or 60 hours per week, according to *Money*. NAR members with 16 or more years of experience had a median gross income of \$71,000 in 2018, compared to \$9,300 for those with less than two years of experience.

#### Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Data from BloombergNEF shows that global renewable energy spending totaled \$282 billion in 2019, up from \$280 billion in 2018, but below the \$315 billion peak set in 2017, according to Windpower Monthly. Wind and solar spending accounted for the lion's share of the spending at \$138.2 billion and 131.0 billion, respectively. A record-high \$55.5 billion was spent on renewables in the U.S. in 2019. China was the biggest spender at \$83.4 billion.

### Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 3.0% in January, according to its own release. It sees the rate rising to 3.6% by the end of January 2021. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at 4.1% since 1983. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 4.2% in January. The default rate on senior loans stood at 1.83% in January, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

#### Thursday, February 13, 2020

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates that there were 25 major work stoppages (strikes) in the U.S. in 2019, up 25% from the 20 stoppages in 2018 and up 257% from the seven stoppages in 2017, according to MarketWatch. The 10-year average was 15. The BLS, which has tracked stoppages since 1947, has the all-time high at 470 in 1952. The BLS notes that organized labor membership hit an all-time low in 2019, with just 10.3% of working Americans belonging to a union.

#### Friday, February 14, 2020

The National Retail Federation (NRF) estimates that Americans will spend a record \$27.4 billion to celebrate Valentine's Day, up 32.4% from last year's alltime high of \$20.7 billion, according to its own release. The average consumer is expected to spend \$196.31. Consumers plan to spend the most on jewelry (\$5.8 billion), an evening out (\$4.3 billion), clothing (\$2.9 billion), candy (\$2.4 billion), flowers (\$2.3 billion), and gift cards (\$2.0 billion). The NRF cites strong employment numbers and higher wages for the projected surge in spending.

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