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Market Watch

Week of March 2nd

Stock Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (25,409)	-12.26%	-10.55%	0.44%	25.34%	9.60%
S&P 500 (2,954)	-11.44%	-8.27%	8.18%	31.48%	9.21%
NASDAQ 100 (8,462)	-10.41%	-2.94%	20.46%	39.46%	15.05%
S&P 500 Growth	-10.77%	-5.05%	11.26%	31.13%	11.40%
S&P 500 Value	-12.25%	-11.90%	4.69%	31.92%	6.59%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-12.18%	-9.56%	-0.04%	26.29%	6.47%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-13.76%	-14.34%	-7.02%	26.01%	4.19%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-12.15%	-10.51%	-4.93%	21.08%	7.47%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-12.53%	-16.01%	-10.64%	24.50%	4.41%
MSCI EAFE	-9.56%	-10.94%	-0.57%	22.01%	1.96%
MSCI World (ex US)	-8.95%	-10.38%	-0.69%	21.51%	2.18%
MSCI World	-10.84%	-9.01%	4.63%	27.67%	5.88%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-7.23%	-9.69%	-1.88%	18.42%	2.73%
S&P GSCI	-10.48%	-18.31%	-15.07%	17.63%	-7.83%

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 2/28/20. 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	-9.45%	-5.48%	12.72%	32.69%	5.58%	
Consumer Discretionary	-11.11%	-6.97%	7.07%	27.94%	10.34%	
Consumer Staples	-10.43%	-7.77%	9.37%	27.61%	5.91%	
Energy	-15.37%	-24.01%	-25.48%	11.81%	-6.91%	
Financials	-13.50%	-13.51%	2.48%	32.09%	8.26%	
Health Care	-10.55%	-9.20%	3.42%	20.82%	7.02%	
Industrials	-12.05%	-9.73%	-1.53%	29.32%	6.85%	
Information Technology	-11.12%	-3.61%	26.70%	50.29%	18.36%	
Materials	-12.55%	-14.05%	-1.72%	24.58%	2.67%	
Real Estate	-12.29%	-5.01%	9.39%	29.01%	5.80%	
Utilities	-11.61%	-3.89%	12.73%	26.40%	10.34%	

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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	1.52%	3.11%	8.06%	5.22%	2.55%
GNMA 30 Year	0.61%	1.39%	6.43%	5.86%	2.61%
U.S. Aggregate	1.26%	3.76%	11.61%	8.72%	3.69%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-2.56%	-1.38%	6.18%	14.32%	5.22%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.54%	3.71%	15.84%	14.54%	5.12%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	1.18%	4.63%	13.89%	10.26%	5.56%
Global Aggregate	1.38%	1.96%	7.78%	6.84%	3.02%

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 2/28/20. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Key Rates					
Fed Funds	1.50-1.75%	2-yr T-Note	0.91%		
LIBOR (1-month)	1.61%	5-yr T-Note	0.94%		
CPI - Headline	2.50%	10-yr T-Note	1.15%		
CPI - Core	2.30%	30-yr T-Bond	1.68%		
Money Market Accts.	0.94%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.62%		
1-yr CD	1.81%	Prime Rate	4.75%		
3-yr CD	1.78%	Bond Buyer 40	3.38%		
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 3/2/20, LIBOR and Prime Rate as of 2/25/20, all other data as of 2/28/20.

Market Indicators				
TED Spread	10 bps			
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	143 bps			
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	507 bps			
Source: Bloomberg As of 2/28/20				

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/19/20						
	Current Week			Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$5.183	Billion	-\$4.930	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$2.469	Billion	\$1.409	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$8.615	Billion	\$7.842	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$2.357	Billion	\$2.887	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/26/20						
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous		
Retail	\$3.49	Billion	\$4.53	Billion		
Institutional	-\$2.85	Billion	\$3.81	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of February 24, 2020

Monday, February 24, 2020

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) estimates that global air traffic will decline by 4.7% due to the coronavirus outbreak, which could more than offset its previous growth target for 2020 and cause the first decline in demand since the 2008-2009 financial crisis, according to its own release. The projected drop in demand would translate into lost passenger revenues of \$29.3 billion.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announced that U.S. commercial banks and savings institutions insured by the FDIC reported aggregate net income totaling \$55.2 billion in Q4'19, down 6.9% from Q4'18 due to "lower net interest income coupled with higher noninterest expenses," according to its own release. Of the 5,177 FDIC-insured institutions that reported, 45.6% reported annual declines in net income. Community banks (4,750) reported net income totaling \$6.4 billion in Q4'19, up 4.4% from Q4'18. The number of institutions on the FDIC's list of "problem banks" stood at 51 in Q4'19, down from 55 the previous quarter. The post-crisis high for the list was 888 in Q1'11.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved 48 new drugs in 2019, down from an all-time high of 59 approvals in 2018, according to its own release. Year-to-date through 2/21/20, the FDA has approved six new drugs, up from three at this point a year ago. Worldwide, the total R&D drug pipeline stood at an all-time high of 16,181, up from the previous all-time high of 15,267 in 2018, according to Pharma Intelligence.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

As of 10:00 AM CST this morning, 13% of the stocks in the S&P 500 Index were trading above their 50-day moving average, compared to 10% for the S&P MidCap 400 Index and 10% for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index, according to Bloomberg. With respect to their 200-day moving average, 37% of the stocks in the S&P 500 Index were above that mark, compared to 29% for the S&P MidCap 400 Index and 27% for the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. At roughly the same time on 1/17/20 (10:00 AM CST), all of these 50-day and 200-day percentages ranged from 69% to 83%.

Friday, February 28, 2020

The S&P 500 Index closed yesterday's trading session at 2,978.76, 12.03% below its all-time closing high of 3,386.15 on 2/19/20. That puts the index in correction territory. A correction entails a price decline of 10.00% to 19.99% from the recent high. Data from Deutsche Bank indicates that the U.S. stock market has endured 27 corrections since World War II with an average S&P 500 Index price decline of 13.7%, according to CNBC. This ranks as the fastest correction (six trading sessions) on record. The average correction lasts around four months.

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