

# **Market Watch**

Week of July 27th

Stock Index Performance							
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2019	5-yr.		
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (26,470)	-0.74%	-6.00%	-0.53%	25.34%	11.21%		
S&P 500 (3,216)	-0.27%	0.61%	8.60%	31.48%	11.34%		
NASDAQ 100 (10,483)	-1.52%	20.67%	32.20%	39.46%	19.45%		
S&P 500 Growth	-0.58%	11.95%	18.81%	31.13%	14.92%		
S&P 500 Value	0.19%	-12.20%	-3.36%	31.92%	6.94%		
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.50%	-1.32%	2.46%	26.29%	8.00%		
S&P MidCap 400 Value	1.02%	-18.29%	-13.50%	26.01%	4.18%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.36%	-9.24%	-4.52%	21.08%	7.26%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.73%	-22.78%	-16.22%	24.50%	3.46%		
MSCI EAFE	0.41%	-7.31%	-1.00%	22.01%	2.75%		
MSCI World (ex US)	0.47%	-6.30%	-0.07%	21.51%	3.52%		
MSCI World	-0.09%	-1.85%	5.16%	27.67%	7.63%		
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.56%	-3.42%	2.96%	18.42%	5.58%		
S&P GSCI	1.35%	-33.47%	-29.99%	17.63%	-9.43%		

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 7/24/20. 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	-1.14%	4.66%	13.78%	32.69%	8.50%
Consumer Discretionary	1.35%	14.50%	15.73%	27.94%	14.00%
Consumer Staples	0.92%	0.02%	6.74%	27.61%	7.55%
Energy	2.10%	-36.03%	-36.52%	11.81%	-7.98%
Financials	1.27%	-20.08%	-12.97%	32.09%	5.72%
Health Care	-0.73%	4.13%	16.95%	20.82%	9.07%
Industrials	-0.19%	-10.79%	-6.74%	29.32%	8.12%
Information Technology	-1.54%	15.64%	29.10%	50.29%	22.87%
Materials	0.54%	1.47%	6.14%	24.58%	8.80%
Real Estate	-0.65%	-8.64%	-2.94%	29.01%	6.19%
Utilities	0.09%	-5.10%	4.16%	26.40%	11.16%

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 7/24/20. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. On 9/28/18, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was reconstituted and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed 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	0.05%	5.87%	7.35%	5.22%	3.01%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.16%	3.48%	5.00%	5.86%	2.98%
U.S. Aggregate	0.23%	6.96%	9.67%	8.72%	4.45%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.14%	-1.66%	2.03%	14.32%	5.35%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.73%	7.18%	11.86%	14.54%	6.26%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.58%	3.09%	5.82%	10.26%	5.33%
Global Aggregate	0.25%	4.11%	5.78%	6.84%	3.92%

**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 7/24/20. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Key Rates					
Fed Funds	0.00% - 0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.15%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.18%	5-yr T-Note	0.28%		
CPI - Headline	0.60%	10-yr T-Note	0.59%		
CPI - Core	1.20%	30-yr T-Bond	1.23%		
Money Market Accts.	0.51%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.14%		
1-yr CD	0.85%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
3-yr CD	0.92%	Bond Buyer 40	3.54%		
5-yr CD	1.06%	•			

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 7/27/20, LIBOR and Prime Rate as of 7/21/20, all other data as of 7/24/20.

Market Indicators	
TED Spread	17 bps
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	151 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	530 bps
Source: Bloomberg. As of 7/24/20.	

Weekly Fund Flows							
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 7/15/20							
	Current Week		Previ	Previous			
Domestic Equity	-\$12.704	Billion	-\$9.062	Billion			
Foreign Equity	-\$4.720	Billion	-\$3.982	Billion			
Taxable Bond	\$8.754	Billion	\$13.055	Billion			
Municipal Bond	\$1.390	Billion	\$1.380	Billion			
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 7/22/20							
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous			
Retail	-\$2.64	Billion	-\$12.85	Billion			
Institutional	\$22.81	Billion	-\$74.53	Billion			
Courses Investment Company Institute							

Source: Investment Company Institute.

## Factoids for the Week of July 20, 2020

#### Monday, July 20, 2020

The National Low Income Coalition reported that full-time minimum wage workers cannot afford a two-bedroom rental anywhere in the U.S. and cannot afford a one-bedroom rental in 95% of U.S. counties, according to CNBC. It defines affordable as spending no more than 30% of monthly income on rent. Currently, full-time workers need to earn \$23.96 per hour for a two-bedroom and \$19.56 per hour for a one-bedroom.

### Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Precious metals miners raised \$2.4 billion in secondary offerings in Q2'20, the most since 2013 and seven times more than what was raised in Q2'19, according to Bloomberg. Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) are up as well. In Q2'20, the number of M&A deals totaled 12 and had a combined worth of \$2.86 billion, nearly double the activity in Q1'20. From 12/31/19-7/20/20, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange Gold & Silver Index, which is comprised of the leading gold and silver mining companies, posted a total return of 35.60%, topping the 19.32% price gain for gold bullion (per ounce), according to Bloomberg.

### Wednesday, July 22, 2020

ATTOM Data Solutions reported there were 165,530 U.S. residential properties with foreclosure filings in the first half of 2020, down 44% from the 296,458 foreclosure filings over the same period a year ago, according to its own release. Following the 2008-2009 financial crisis, foreclosure filings for the January-to-June period peaked at 1,654,634 in 2010. The states with the highest foreclosure activity in the first half of 2020 were Delaware, New Jersey, Illinois, Maryland and Connecticut

#### Thursday, July 23, 2020

A Bloomberg survey of 17 equity strategists found that their average 2020 year-end price target for the S&P 500 Index was 3,108 as of 7/17/20, according to its own release. The highest and lowest estimates were 3,500 and 2,750, respectively. The S&P 500 Index closed at 3,276.02 on 7/22/20. It stood 3.25% below its all-time closing high of 3,386.15 on 2/19/20.

#### Friday, July 24, 2020

Mergermarket reported that global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) deal activity declined by 32% in the first half of 2020, compared to the same period a year ago, according to Reuters. The number of announced deals in the first six months of 2020 totaled 6,938, down from 10,155 a year ago. The dollar value of M&A deals in the first half of this year totaled \$901.6 billion, down 53% from the \$1.907 trillion registered a year ago.

The information presented is not intended to constitute an investment recommendation for, or advice to, any specific person. By providing this information, First Trust is not undertaking to give advice in any fiduciary capacity within the meaning of ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code or any other regulatory framework. Financial professionals are responsible for evaluating investment risks independently and for exercising independent judgment in determining whether investments are appropriate for their clients.