

Market Watch

Week of March 29th

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2020	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (33,073)	1.36%	8.58%	49.85%	9.72%	16.23%	
S&P 500 (3,975)	1.58%	6.19%	53.71%	18.39%	16.54%	
NASDAQ 100 (12,979)	0.87%	0.88%	65.68%	48.88%	25.40%	
S&P 500 Growth	1.53%	1.36%	55.79%	33.46%	19.49%	
S&P 500 Value	1.63%	11.66%	48.69%	1.35%	12.66%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.78%	8.79%	75.35%	22.77%	16.04%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.21%	19.60%	85.98%	3.71%	13.40%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-1.60%	12.68%	83.30%	19.56%	17.66%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-1.86%	25.75%	101.39%	2.48%	14.87%	
MSCI EAFE	-0.55%	3.72%	45.16%	7.82%	9.31%	
MSCI World (ex US)	-1.07%	3.42%	49.29%	10.65%	10.23%	
MSCI World	0.69%	4.96%	52.39%	15.90%	13.71%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.16%	1.55%	56.84%	18.31%	12.56%	
S&P GSCI	-0.23%	15.15%	46.26%	-23.72%	1.19%	

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 3/26/21. 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.	2020	5-yr.	
Communication Services	-1.88%	6.69%	57.00%	23.61%	10.07%	
Consumer Discretionary	-0.21%	1.91%	63.24%	33.30%	18.03%	
Consumer Staples	3.98%	1.71%	30.59%	10.75%	8.61%	
Energy	2.99%	34.82%	72.49%	-33.68%	-0.13%	
Financials	0.96%	17.16%	61.93%	-1.76%	16.04%	
Health Care	2.12%	3.53%	36.86%	13.45%	13.81%	
Industrials	2.17%	11.32%	62.53%	11.05%	13.83%	
Information Technology	2.53%	1.95%	62.50%	43.89%	28.05%	
Materials	2.53%	10.31%	76.65%	20.73%	14.68%	
Real Estate	4.26%	10.17%	32.73%	-2.17%	8.62%	
Utilities	2.86%	2.02%	18.65%	0.52%	9.05%	

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Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2020	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.17%	-1.54%	-0.68%	5.78%	2.21%	
GNMA 30 Year	0.11%	-1.05%	-0.10%	3.68%	2.31%	
U.S. Aggregate	0.35%	-3.28%	1.72%	7.51%	3.23%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.63%	0.58%	27.22%	7.11%	8.10%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	0.51%	-4.81%	11.23%	9.89%	5.00%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.62%	-0.47%	6.89%	6.25%	4.65%	
Global Aggregate	-0.07%	-4.04%	5.80%	9.20%	3.00%	

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	0.00% - 0.25%	2-yr T-Note	0.14%		
LIBOR (1-month)	0.11%	5-yr T-Note	0.87%		
CPI - Headline	1.70%	10-yr T-Note	1.68%		
CPI - Core	1.30%	30-yr T-Bond	2.38%		
Money Market Accts.	0.29%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	3.23%		
1-yr CD	0.49%	Prime Rate	3.25%		
3-yr CD	0.54%	Bond Buyer 40	3.53%		
5-yr CD	0.68%	•			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 3/23/21, LIBOR as of 3/24/21, all other data as of 3/26/21.

Market Indicators				
TED Spread	19 bps			
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	110 bps			
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	350 bps			

Source: Bloomberg. As of 3/26/21.

Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/17/21						
	Current Week Previous					
Domestic Equity	\$2.688	Billion	-\$1.082	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$4.321	Billion	\$2.819	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$8.836	Billion	\$3.526	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$2.234	Billion	\$1.405	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 3/24/21						
	Current	Week	Previ	Previous		
Retail	-\$3.50	Billion	-\$10.01	Billion		
Institutional	\$65.60	Billion	\$3.49	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of March 22, 2021

Monday, March 22, 2021

The Conference Board reported that its Q1'21 survey tracking CEO confidence levels hit its highest reading since Q1'04, when the measure stood at 74, according to its own release. The measure currently stands at 73, up from 64 in Q3'20. A reading above 50 points reflects more positive than negative responses. Eighty-two percent of those CEOs polled expect economic conditions to improve over the next six months, up from 63% in the prior survey.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Data from Renaissance Capital shows that a total of 80 equity IPOs (market caps above \$50 million) have been priced in the U.S. this year (thru 3/23), up 233.3% from the same period in 2020, according to its own release. The 80 companies raised a combined \$32.5 billion, up 381.0% from the same period a year ago. Health Care and Technology accounted for 41% and 21%, respectively, of the IPOs launched so far in 2021.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

S&P 500 Index stock buybacks totaled \$130.52 billion (preliminary) in Q4'20, up 28.22% from the \$101.79 billion executed in Q3'20, but down 28.12% from the \$181.58 billion registered in Q4'19, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. In Q4'20, Information Technology, Communication Services, Health Care and Financials were the most active sectors accounting for 42.95%, 12.70%, 11.50% and 10.41%, respectively, of all buyback expenditures. S&P 500 Index companies distributed \$118.84 billion in dividend payments in the quarter, up 2.86% from the \$115.54 billion paid out in Q3'20, but down 5.94% from the \$126.35 billion paid out in Q4'19.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Aon PLC reported that cyber insurance rates will increase anywhere from 20% to 50% in 2021 due mostly to the ongoing surge in ransomware incidents, according to Business Insurance. Ransomware incidents increased 486% between Q1'18 and Q4'20. In 2019, the size of the U.S. cyber insurance market was \$3.15 billion, according to the New York Department of Financial Services. It estimates that this market will exceed \$20 billion by 2025.

Friday, March 26, 2021

The American Pet Products Association (APPA) reported that calendar-year sales for the industry topped \$100 billion (\$103.6 billion) for the first time ever in 2020, according to its own release. Sales rose 6.7% on a year-over-year basis. The APPA is forecasting 5.8% sales growth for 2021. Pet owners spent \$42 billion on pet food and treats, the most of any category. Forty-seven percent of pet owners said that they increased the number of times they bought products online.

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