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| Stock Index Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Week | YTD | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2020 | 5 -yr. |
| Index | $0.25 \%$ | $8.85 \%$ | $61.77 \%$ | $9.72 \%$ | $16.08 \%$ |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (33,153) | $1.16 \%$ | $7.42 \%$ | $65.49 \%$ | $18.39 \%$ | $16.54 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 (4,020) | $2.71 \%$ | $3.61 \%$ | $79.47 \%$ | $48.88 \%$ | $25.64 \%$ |
| NASDAQ 100 (13,330) | $2.31 \%$ | $3.70 \%$ | $69.18 \%$ | $33.46 \%$ | $19.69 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Growth | $-0.02 \%$ | $11.64 \%$ | $58.76 \%$ | $1.35 \%$ | $12.46 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Value | $1.47 \%$ | $10.39 \%$ | $90.40 \%$ | $22.77 \%$ | $15.82 \%$ |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Growth | $0.30 \%$ | $19.95 \%$ | $103.90 \%$ | $3.71 \%$ | $13.02 \%$ |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Value | $1.54 \%$ | $14.42 \%$ | $105.20 \%$ | $19.56 \%$ | $17.23 \%$ |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Growth | $0.01 \%$ | $25.76 \%$ | $121.49 \%$ | $2.48 \%$ | $14.24 \%$ |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Value | $0.28 \%$ | $4.01 \%$ | $49.26 \%$ | $7.82 \%$ | $8.96 \%$ |
| MSCI EAFE | $0.93 \%$ | $4.38 \%$ | $54.84 \%$ | $10.65 \%$ | $9.95 \%$ |
| MSCI World (ex US) | $0.98 \%$ | $5.99 \%$ | $61.84 \%$ | $15.90 \%$ | $13.59 \%$ |
| MSCI World | $2.17 \%$ | $3.76 \%$ | $64.76 \%$ | $18.31 \%$ | $12.39 \%$ |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | $0.00 \%$ | $15.16 \%$ | $57.54 \%$ | $-23.72 \%$ | $1.47 \%$ |
| S\&P GSCI |  |  |  |  |  |

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 4/1/21. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

| S\&P Sector Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Week | YTD | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2020 | $5-\mathrm{yr}$. |
| Index | $3.39 \%$ | $10.30 \%$ | $70.90 \%$ | $23.61 \%$ | $10.59 \%$ |
| Communication Services | $2.17 \%$ | $4.12 \%$ | $79.07 \%$ | $33.30 \%$ | $18.08 \%$ |
| Consumer Discretionary | $-0.80 \%$ | $0.90 \%$ | $30.45 \%$ | $10.75 \%$ | $8.14 \%$ |
| Consumer Staples | $-0.37 \%$ | $34.32 \%$ | $88.53 \%$ | $-33.68 \%$ | $-0.23 \%$ |
| Energy | $0.19 \%$ | $17.39 \%$ | $80.22 \%$ | $-1.76 \%$ | $15.89 \%$ |
| Financials | $-0.55 \%$ | $2.96 \%$ | $39.12 \%$ | $13.45 \%$ | $13.55 \%$ |
| Health Care | $0.48 \%$ | $11.86 \%$ | $78.46 \%$ | $11.05 \%$ | $13.77 \%$ |
| Industrials | $2.12 \%$ | $4.12 \%$ | $78.53 \%$ | $43.89 \%$ | $28.13 \%$ |
| Information Technology | $-0.19 \%$ | $10.09 \%$ | $88.61 \%$ | $20.73 \%$ | $14.50 \%$ |
| Materials | $0.52 \%$ | $10.75 \%$ | $42.81 \%$ | $-2.17 \%$ | $8.12 \%$ |
| Real Estate | $0.79 \%$ | $2.83 \%$ | $27.29 \%$ | $0.52 \%$ | $8.92 \%$ |
| 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 | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2020 | $5-\mathrm{yr}$. |
| U.S. Treasury: Intermediate | $-0.33 \%$ | $-1.86 \%$ | $-1.46 \%$ | $5.78 \%$ | $2.04 \%$ |
| GNMA 30 Year | $0.03 \%$ | $-1.02 \%$ | $-0.46 \%$ | $3.68 \%$ | $2.22 \%$ |
| U.S. Aggregate | $0.00 \%$ | $-3.28 \%$ | $0.64 \%$ | $7.51 \%$ | $3.12 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield | $0.45 \%$ | $1.03 \%$ | $25.73 \%$ | $7.11 \%$ | $8.07 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | $0.52 \%$ | $-4.32 \%$ | $9.38 \%$ | $9.89 \%$ | $4.96 \%$ |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | $0.15 \%$ | $-0.33 \%$ | $11.77 \%$ | $6.25 \%$ | $4.55 \%$ |
| Global Aggregate | $-0.35 \%$ | $-4.37 \%$ | $4.91 \%$ | $9.20 \%$ | $2.63 \%$ |

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 $4 / 1 / 21$. 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 | $0.19 \%$ |
| LIBOR (1-month) | $0.12 \%$ | 5-yr T-Note | $0.98 \%$ |
| CPI - Headline | $1.70 \%$ | 10-yr T-Note | $1.72 \%$ |
| CPI - Core | $1.30 \%$ | 30-yr T-Bond | $2.36 \%$ |
| Money Market Accts. | $0.28 \%$ | 30-yr Fixed Mortgage | $3.27 \%$ |
| 1-yr CD | $0.50 \%$ | Prime Rate | $3.25 \%$ |
| 3-yr CD | $0.54 \%$ | Bond Buyer 40 | $3.52 \%$ |
| 5-yr CD | $0.68 \%$ |  |  |

## Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, \& US Bureau of Labor

Statistics. Prime Rate as of $3 / 30 / 21$, LIBOR as of $3 / 31 / 21,2$ Yr. T-Note, 5 Yr. T-Note,
10 Yr. T-Note, 30 Yr. T-Bond and Bond Buyer 40 as of $4 / 1 / 21$, all other data as of 4/2/21.

| Market Indicators |  |  |  |  |
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| TED Spread Investment Grade Spread (A2) ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread |  |  |  | 18 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 102 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 334 bps |
| Source: Bloomberg. As of 4/1/21. |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly Fund Flows |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 3/24/21 |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic Equity Foreign Equity Taxable Bond Municipal Bond | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
|  | -\$2.224 | Billion | \$2.688 | Billion |
|  | \$3.435 | Billion | \$4.321 | Billion |
|  | \$6.735 | Billion | \$8.836 | Billion |
|  | \$1.033 | Billion | \$2.234 | Billion |
| Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 3/31/21 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
| Retail | -\$5.86 | Billion | -\$3.50 | Billion |
| Institutional | \$55.02 | Billion | \$65.60 | Billion |

Source: Investment Company Institute.

## Factoids for the Week of March 29, 2021

Monday, March 29, 2021
International Data Corporation's (IDC) Worldwide Quarterly Gaming Tracker reported that worldwide shipments of gaming PCs and monitors increased by a record $26.8 \%$ year-over-year to 55 million units in 2020, according to its own release. Gaming notebooks remained the biggest volume driver. IDC sees global shipments reaching 72.9 million in 2025.

## Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Swiss Re reported that insurance companies endured $\$ 89$ billion of losses from disasters in 2020, the fifth-costliest year for the industry dating back 50 years, according to Bloomberg. Annual losses for the industry had averaged $\$ 79$ billion over the prior decade. Swiss Re stated that the bulk of the costs stemmed from natural disasters, such as hurricanes Laura and Sally. Total economic losses from natural and made-made catastrophes reached $\$ 202$ billion in 2020, up from $\$ 150$ billion in 2019.

## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

A recent survey from Bankrate.com revealed that 39\% of the U.S. adults it polled said they had no capital invested in the stock market either prior to the COVID19 pandemic or currently, according to its own release. Nearly one out of every two respondents (48\%) believe the stock market is rigged against individual investors. In that group, nearly one out of every five respondents (18\%) felt strongly about the market being rigged.

## Thursday, April 1, 2021

In March, the dividend-payers (385) in the S\&P 500 Index (equal weight) posted a total return of $6.78 \%$ vs. $1.47 \%$ for the non-payers (120), according to S\&P Dow Jones Indices. There are currently 505 stocks in the index. Year-to-date, payers were up $12.03 \%$, vs. a gain of $9.67 \%$ for the non-payers. For the 12month period ended March 2021, payers were up 66.64\%, vs. a gain of $88.10 \%$ for the non-payers. On a weighted basis, the S\&P 500 Index was up $56.35 \%$ over that period. Year-to-date, dividend increases totaled 117, down from 125 over the same period a year ago. One dividend was decreased over the first three months of 2021, down from two cuts over the same period a year ago.

Friday, April 2, 2021
No Factoid - Holiday

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