## LFirst Trust

| Stock Index Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Week | YTD | $12-\mathrm{mo}$ | 2020 | $5-\mathrm{yr}$. |
| Index | $2.72 \%$ | $14.33 \%$ | $48.73 \%$ | $9.72 \%$ | $17.10 \%$ |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (34,778) | $1.26 \%$ | $13.24 \%$ | $49.33 \%$ | $18.39 \%$ | $17.76 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 (4,233) | $-0.98 \%$ | $6.72 \%$ | $51.94 \%$ | $48.88 \%$ | $27.23 \%$ |
| NASDAQ 100 (13,720) | $-0.30 \%$ | $8.80 \%$ | $47.68 \%$ | $33.46 \%$ | $21.08 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Growth | $2.95 \%$ | $18.29 \%$ | $49.57 \%$ | $1.35 \%$ | $13.51 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Value | $-0.09 \%$ | $12.97 \%$ | $61.15 \%$ | $22.77 \%$ | $16.15 \%$ |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Growth | $3.26 \%$ | $28.16 \%$ | $86.25 \%$ | $3.71 \%$ | $14.43 \%$ |
| S\&P MidCap 400 Value | $0.36 \%$ | $14.99 \%$ | $75.06 \%$ | $19.56 \%$ | $17.45 \%$ |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Growth | $3.75 \%$ | $31.41 \%$ | $100.91 \%$ | $2.48 \%$ | $15.04 \%$ |
| S\&P SmallCap 600 Value | $2.59 \%$ | $9.36 \%$ | $46.88 \%$ | $7.82 \%$ | $10.10 \%$ |
| MSCI EAFE | $1.87 \%$ | $8.53 \%$ | $49.22 \%$ | $10.65 \%$ | $10.99 \%$ |
| MSCI World (ex US) | $1.44 \%$ | $11.38 \%$ | $49.27 \%$ | $15.90 \%$ | $14.70 \%$ |
| MSCI World | $0.09 \%$ | $4.93 \%$ | $53.49 \%$ | $18.31 \%$ | $13.45 \%$ |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | $3.38 \%$ | $27.04 \%$ | $77.12 \%$ | $-23.72 \%$ | $2.09 \%$ |
| 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 5/7/21. 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 | $0.11 \%$ | $16.70 \%$ | $51.83 \%$ | $23.61 \%$ | $12.32 \%$ |
| Communication Services | $-1.17 \%$ | $9.14 \%$ | $52.59 \%$ | $33.30 \%$ | $19.15 \%$ |
| Consumer Discretionary | $1.62 \%$ | $5.06 \%$ | $27.96 \%$ | $10.75 \%$ | $8.93 \%$ |
| Consumer Staples | $8.89 \%$ | $43.32 \%$ | $51.45 \%$ | $-33.68 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| Energy | $4.22 \%$ | $28.73 \%$ | $77.13 \%$ | $-1.76 \%$ | $17.40 \%$ |
| Financials | $2.29 \%$ | $9.72 \%$ | $27.64 \%$ | $13.45 \%$ | $14.53 \%$ |
| Health Care | $3.37 \%$ | $19.31 \%$ | $74.12 \%$ | $11.05 \%$ | $15.28 \%$ |
| Industrials | $-0.43 \%$ | $6.88 \%$ | $50.19 \%$ | $43.89 \%$ | $30.17 \%$ |
| Information Technology | $5.87 \%$ | $21.66 \%$ | $74.56 \%$ | $20.73 \%$ | $16.15 \%$ |
| Materials | $-0.86 \%$ | $17.05 \%$ | $34.31 \%$ | $-2.17 \%$ | $9.00 \%$ |
| Real Estate | $-0.99 \%$ | $6.18 \%$ | $24.23 \%$ | $0.52 \%$ | $9.97 \%$ |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Week | YTD | 12-mo. | 2020 | 5-yr. |
| Index | $0.25 \%$ | $-1.14 \%$ | $-1.08 \%$ | $5.78 \%$ | $2.13 \%$ |
| GNNMA 30 Yeary: Intermediate | $-0.12 \%$ | $-0.76 \%$ | $-0.92 \%$ | $3.68 \%$ | $2.22 \%$ |
| U.S. Aggregate | $0.28 \%$ | $-2.34 \%$ | $0.17 \%$ | $7.51 \%$ | $3.20 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate High Yield | $0.29 \%$ | $2.24 \%$ | $19.47 \%$ | $7.11 \%$ | $7.74 \%$ |
| U.S. Corporate Investment Grade | $0.51 \%$ | $-3.10 \%$ | $5.86 \%$ | $9.89 \%$ | $4.96 \%$ |
| Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) | $0.38 \%$ | $1.30 \%$ | $10.36 \%$ | $6.25 \%$ | $4.59 \%$ |
| Global Aggregate | $0.64 \%$ | $-2.64 \%$ | $5.44 \%$ | $9.20 \%$ | $2.83 \%$ |

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 $5 / 7 / 21$. 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 | $0.15 \%$ |
| LIBOR (1-month) | $0.11 \%$ | 5-yr T-Note | $0.77 \%$ |
| CPI - Headline | $2.60 \%$ | 10-yr T-Note | $1.58 \%$ |
| CPI - Core | $1.60 \%$ | 30-yr T-Bond | $2.28 \%$ |
| Money Market Accts. | $0.27 \%$ | 30-yr Fixed Mortgage | $3.07 \%$ |
| 1-yr CD | $0.50 \%$ | Prime Rate | $3.25 \%$ |
| 3-yr CD | $0.54 \%$ | Bond Buyer 40 | $3.44 \%$ |
| 5-yr CD | $0.69 \%$ |  |  |

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, \& US Bureau of Labor
Statistics. Prime Rate as of $5 / 4 / 21$, LIBOR as of $5 / 5 / 21$, all other data as of $5 / 7 / 21$.

| Market Indicators |  |  |  |  |
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| TED Spread Investment Grade Spread (A2) ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread |  |  |  | 16 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 103 bps |
|  |  |  |  | 329 bps |
| Source: Bloomberg. As of 5/7/21. |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly Fund Flows |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 4/28/21 |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic Equity Foreign Equity Taxable Bond Municipal Bond | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
|  | -\$21.255 | Billion | -\$5.532 | Billion |
|  | -\$8.839 | Billion | \$4.477 | Billion |
|  | \$9.042 | Billion | \$7.617 | Billion |
|  | \$2.063 | Billion | \$2.517 | Billion |
| Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 5/5/21 |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Institutional | Current Week |  | Previous |  |
|  | -\$6.63 | Billion | -\$3.50 | Billion |
|  | -\$10.56 | Billion | \$62.86 | Billion |

Source: Investment Company Institute.


#### Abstract

Factoids for the Week of May 3, 2021

\section*{Monday, May 3, 2021}

Despite the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of billionaires on Forbes' 35th annual list of the world's wealthiest (2021) increased by 660 to an all-time high of 2,755 , according to its own release. Their combined worth is $\$ 13.1$ trillion, up from $\$ 8.0$ trillion a year ago. The top 10 richest people are worth a combined $\$ 1.15$ trillion, up from $\$ 686$ billion in 2020. The U.S. has the most billionaires at 724 , up from 614 a year ago. China is second with 698 billionaires, up from 456 in 2020.

\section*{Tuesday, May 4, 2021}

In April, the dividend-payers (385) in the S\&P 500 Index (equal weight) posted a total return of $4.97 \%$, vs. $4.04 \%$ 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 $16.17 \%$, vs. a gain of $14.10 \%$ for the non-payers. For the 12 -month period ended April 2021, payers were up $51.36 \%$, vs. a gain of $68.22 \%$ for the non-payers. Year-to-date, dividend increases totaled 150, up from 144 over the same period a year ago. One dividend was decreased over the first four months of 2021, down from 14 cuts over the same period a year ago.


## Wednesday, May 5, 2021

The National Retail Federation (NRF) estimates that Americans will spend a record $\$ 28.1$ billion to celebrate Mother's Day on $5 / 9 / 21$, up $5.24 \%$ from the $\$ 26.7$ billion spent in 2020, according to its own release. The average consumer is expected to spend $\$ 220.48$. Consumers plan to spend the most on Jewelry ( $\$ 6.1$ billion), Special Outing ( $\$ 4.1$ billion), Electronics ( $\$ 3.3$ billion), Gift Cards (\$2.8 billion) and Flowers (\$2.7 billion).

## Thursday, May 6, 2021

Worldwide sales of semiconductors totaled $\$ 41.0$ billion in March 2021, up 3.7\% from the prior month and up more than $17 \%$ from a year ago, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA). On a year-over-year basis, the percent change in region/country semiconductor sales in March were as follows: China (25.6\%); Asia Pacific/All Other (19.6\%); Japan (13.0\%); the Americas (9.2\%); and Europe (8.7\%). Year-to-date through $5 / 5 / 21$, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index posted a total return of $9.24 \%$, compared to $4.91 \%$ for the S\&P 500 Information Technology Index and $11.48 \%$ for the S\&P 500 Index, according to Bloomberg.

## Friday, May 7, 2021

This week marks National Teacher Appreciation Week. Data from the Department of Education's National Center for Education Studies indicates that U.S. public school teachers made \$63,645 on average, in the 2019-2020 academic year, according to Business Insider. Salaries varied nationwide. Mississippi was at the bottom of the list with an average salary of $\$ 45,192$, while New York topped it with an average salary of $\$ 87,543$. Mississippi spent an average of $\$ 8,935$ on its students. New York spent $\$ 24,040$.

