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Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2022	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (34,501)	-2.10%	5.52%	3.71%	-6.86%	8.40%	
S&P 500 (4,370)	-2.05%	15.01%	3.74%	-18.13%	10.80%	
NASDAQ 100 (14,695)	-2.18%	35.07%	9.76%	-32.38%	15.78%	
S&P 500 Growth	-1.50%	19.17%	-1.22%	-29.41%	11.41%	
S&P 500 Value	-2.70%	10.48%	7.90%	-5.25%	9.19%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-2.59%	9.34%	-0.02%	-19.01%	6.29%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-3.48%	4.95%	-0.05%	-7.01%	6.79%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-3.04%	5.52%	-6.21%	-21.13%	3.47%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-3.63%	4.27%	-4.63%	-11.09%	3.89%	
Russell 2000	-3.36%	6.56%	-5.64%	-20.46%	3.23%	
MSCI EAFE	-3.30%	8.06%	8.74%	-14.45%	3.98%	
MSCI World (ex US)	-3.34%	6.26%	4.59%	-16.00%	3.27%	
MSCI World	-2.48%	12.60%	4.26%	-18.14%	8.04%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	-3.29%	2.80%	-1.92%	-20.09%	1.30%	
S&P GSCI	-1.37%	1.17%	-3.36%	25.99%	5.94%	

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 8/18/23. 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.	2022	5-yr.	
Communication Services	-2.74%	38.19%	10.14%	-39.89%	7.93%	
Consumer Discretionary	-4.09%	28.38%	-3.69%	-37.03%	8.53%	
Consumer Staples	-2.37%	-0.12%	-1.88%	-0.62%	9.27%	
Energy	-1.18%	2.96%	16.16%	65.43%	9.34%	
Financials	-2.79%	0.18%	-2.83%	-10.57%	6.03%	
Health Care	-1.53%	-0.91%	2.46%	-1.95%	9.94%	
Industrials	-2.43%	9.08%	8.02%	-5.51%	8.88%	
Information Technology	-0.77%	35.35%	11.85%	-28.19%	19.28%	
Materials	-2.33%	5.03%	2.46%	-12.28%	9.00%	
Real Estate	-3.21%	-0.44%	-16.72%	-26.21%	4.83%	
Utilities	-1.74%	-8.58%	-15.83%	1.56%	6.52%	

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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. 2022 5-vr. U.S. Treasury: Intermediate -0.15% 0.66% -1.75% -7.77% 0.68% GNMA 30 Year -0.37% 0.12% -5.03% -10.77% -0.38% U.S. Aggregate -0.50% 0.13% -4.13% -13.01% 0.27% 2.35% -11.19% U.S. Corporate High Yield -0.82% 5 69% 3.13% U.S. Corporate Investment Grade -0.71% 1.10% -2.97% -15.76% 1.08% Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) -1 05% 2 72% -0.29% -15.58% 1 09% Global Aggregate -0.77% -0.17% -3.62% -16.25% -1.28%

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 8/18/23. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Key Rates						
Fed Funds	5.25% - 5.50%	2-yr T-Note	4.94%			
CPI - Headline	3.20%	5-yr T-Note	4.39%			
CPI - Core	4.70%	10-yr T-Note	4.26%			
Money Market Accts.	0.56%	30-yr T-Bond	4.38%			
1-yr CD	1.65%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	7.58%			
3-yr CD	1.30%	Prime Rate	8.50%			
5-yr CD	1.39%	Bond Buyer 40	4.68%			

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

Prime Rate as of 8/15/23, all other data as of 8/18/23.

Market Watch

Week of August 21st

Market Indicators						
TED Spread				19 bps		
Investment Grade Spread (A2)				157 bps		
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread				404 bps		
Source: Bloomberg. As of 8/18/23.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 8/9/23						
	Current Week		Previ	ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$9.974	Billion	-\$2.601	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$473	Million	-\$2.813	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$3.835	Billion	\$5.246	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$409	Million	-\$722	Million		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 8/16/23						
	Current Week		Previe	ous		
Retail	\$15.61	Billion	\$9.15	Billion		
Institutional	\$24.09	Billion	\$5.22	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the Week of August 14, 2023

Monday, August 14, 2023

Gartner, Inc. reported that worldwide shipments of personal computers (PC) stood at 59.7 million units in Q2'23 (preliminary results), representing a decline of 16.6% on a year-over-year (y-o-y) basis from 71.5 million units in Q2'22, according to its own release. Consumers and enterprise buyers are delaying large information technology spending amid higher inflation, rising interest rates, and other macroeconomic challenges, according to Yahoo Finance. The Q2'23 results represent the seventh consecutive quarter of y-o-y declines in global PC shipments.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The National Retail Federation (NRF) estimates that U.S. consumers will spend a record \$41.5 billion on back-to-school purchases in 2023, up from \$36.9 billion in 2022, according to its own release. The current record for back-to-school spending was set in 2021 when shoppers spent \$37.1 billion on back-to-class items. The NRF reported that families with children in elementary through high school plan to spend an average of \$890.07 on back-to-school items this year, up from the average of \$864.35 in 2022.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Data from FINRA revealed that total margin debt stood at \$681.23 billion in June 2023 (most recent data), an increase of 5.8% month-over-month from \$644.17 billion in May, according to its own release. June's figure represents the highest level total margin debt has reached so far in 2023. For comparison, the all-time high for total margin debt was \$935.86 billion, set in October 2021.

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Data from the Global Wealth Report published by UBS and Credit Suisse revealed that total net worldwide private wealth stood at \$454.4 trillion at the end of 2022, representing a decline of \$11.3 trillion on a year-over-year (y-o-y) basis from where it stood at the end of 2021, according to Fortune. The United States saw the largest nominal decrease in private wealth, shedding \$5.9 trillion over the period. For comparison, average household wealth surged by \$1.1 trillion in Brazil, an increase of 31.6% on a y-o-y basis.

Friday, August 18, 2023

International Data Corporation's (IDC) Worldwide Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker revealed that global smartphone shipments declined by 7.8% on a yearover-year basis to 265.3 million units (preliminary data) in Q2'23, according to its own release. IDC cited softening consumer demand, inflation, and other macroeconomic uncertainties as contributors to the contraction in shipments. The second quarter's results represent the eighth consecutive quarter of declining global smartphone shipments.

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