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Stock Index Performance							
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2023	5-yr.		
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (37,864)	0.76%	0.55%	17.08%	16.18%	11.27%		
S&P 500 (4,840)	1.19%	1.53%	26.15%	26.26%	14.52%		
NASDAQ 100 (17,314)	2.86%	2.93%	54.60%	55.13%	21.64%		
S&P 500 Growth	2.47%	3.34%	33.06%	30.02%	15.55%		
S&P 500 Value	-0.30%	-0.53%	18.16%	22.19%	12.41%		
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.12%	-0.19%	14.70%	17.44%	10.13%		
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-0.22%	-2.68%	6.84%	15.35%	9.97%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.85%	-2.13%	11.24%	16.93%	8.13%		
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-0.78%	-5.04%	3.37%	14.84%	7.88%		
Russell 2000	-0.33%	-4.05%	7.53%	16.88%	6.97%		
MSCI EAFE	-2.13%	-2.52%	8.20%	18.24%	6.56%		
MSCI World (ex US)	-2.15%	-3.24%	4.83%	15.62%	5.24%		
MSCI World	0.23%	0.24%	20.21%	23.79%	11.48%		
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.54%	-5.13%	-3.09%	9.83%	1.52%		
S&P GSCI	0.19%	1.23%	-3.41%	-4.27%	6.86%		

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 1/19/24. 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.	2023	5-yr.		
Communication Services	1.95%	4.42%	51.84%	55.80%	12.49%		
Consumer Discretionary	0.52%	-1.47%	33.53%	42.30%	11.55%		
Consumer Staples	-0.93%	0.29%	4.20%	0.52%	10.19%		
Energy	-3.04%	-4.29%	-7.61%	-1.42%	9.94%		
Financials	0.95%	0.83%	11.19%	12.10%	10.13%		
Health Care	-0.70%	2.36%	6.53%	2.06%	11.16%		
Industrials	0.31%	-1.28%	17.24%	18.08%	11.94%		
Information Technology	4.32%	4.98%	61.20%	57.84%	26.81%		
Materials	-1.49%	-3.88%	3.55%	12.55%	11.40%		
Real Estate	-2.13%	-3.35%	3.38%	12.27%	6.98%		
Utilities	-3.70%	-3.77%	-8.40%	-7.08%	6.20%		

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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.	2023	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.71%	-0.56%	1.77%	4.28%	0.96%	
GNMA 30 Year	-1.32%	-1.68%	0.01%	5.40%	0.00%	
U.S. Aggregate	-1.10%	-1.39%	0.67%	5.53%	0.82%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.52%	-0.68%	8.70%	13.45%	4.43%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-1.00%	-1.29%	2.88%	8.52%	2.23%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-1.16%	-1.58%	2.30%	9.35%	1.87%	
Global Aggregate	-1.42%	-2.42%	-0.56%	5.72%	-0.83%	

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Key Rates						
Fed Funds	5.25% - 5.50%	2-yr T-Note	4.39%			
CPI - Headline	3.40%	5-yr T-Note	4.05%			
CPI - Core	3.90%	10-yr T-Note	4.12%			
Money Market Accts.	0.60%	30-yr T-Bond	4.33%			
1-yr CD	1.80%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	7.01%			
3-yr CD	1.42%	Prime Rate	8.50%			
5-yr CD	1.45%	Bond Buyer 40	4.85%			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 1/16/24, all other data as of 1/19/24. National average

banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts., 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

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# **Market Watch**

Week of January 22

Market Indicators						
TED Spread 21 bp						
Investment Grade Spread (A2)				125 bps		
ICE BofA US High Yield Co	nstrained Index	x Spread		354 bps		
Source: Bloomberg. As of 1/19/24.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 1/10/24						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$6.867	Billion	-\$10.746	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$1.809	Billion	-\$2.902	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$10.655	Billion	\$11.731	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$984	Million	-\$314	Million		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 1/17/24						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	ous		
Retail	\$1.65	Billion	\$4.20	Billion		
Institutional	-\$15.77	Billion	\$5.79	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the Week of January 15, 2024

Monday, January 15, 2024 No Factoid - Holiday

### Tuesday, January 16, 2024

In a December report, the International Energy Agency (IEA) estimated that global demand for coal would exceed 8.5 billion tons in 2023, an increase of 1.4% on a year-over-year basis and a new record, according to its own release. Demand is being driven by developing economies, while consumption in developed economies is falling at record rates. The IEA forecasts that demand for coal rose by 8% in India and 5% in China in 2023. For comparison, coal usage is expected to have plunged by 20% in the European Union and the United States, respectively, during the period.

#### Wednesday, January 17, 2024

In a preliminary, unaudited release of its financial statements, the U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") announced operating losses of a record \$114.3 billion for the 2023 fiscal year, according to The Wall Street Journal. As the federal funds rate has risen, so have the interest payments the Fed has made on interest-bearing deposits and securities, leading to the deficit. Total assets held at the Fed stood at \$7.69 trillion on 1/10/24, up from \$4.15 trillion on 1/8/20 (pre-COVID). By law, the Fed is required to send its earnings, minus operating expenses, to the Treasury. Until 2022, the Fed had never in its 109-year history suspended remittances to the treasury for a meaningful period due to operating losses.

#### Thursday, January 18, 2024

ETFGI reported that total assets invested in ETFs/ETPs listed globally surged by 25.6% on a year-over-year basis to a record \$11.63 trillion in 2023, according to its own release. Net inflows to ETFs/ETPs listed globally totaled \$974.87 billion during the period. Equity ETFs reported \$532.41 billion in net inflows in 2023, up from \$479.74 billion in 2022. Fixed income ETFs saw net inflows of \$271.67 billion in 2023, higher than the \$236.55 billion in net inflows in 2022.

Friday, January 19, 2024 Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 4.8% in December 2023, according to its own release. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at 4.2%. Its baseline scenario sees the global default rate falling to 3.7% in December 2024. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 5.6% in December 2023. Its baseline scenario sees the U.S. default rate declining to 4.1% in December 2024. The default rate on senior loans stood at 2.05% at the close of December, according to Leveraged Commentary & Data (LCD).