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Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2023	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (38,628)	0.02%	2.76%	17.12%	16.18%	10.67%
S&P 500 (5,006)	-0.35%	5.15%	24.35%	26.26%	14.40%
NASDAQ 100 (17,686)	-1.50%	5.22%	43.32%	55.13%	21.20%
S&P 500 Growth	-1.35%	7.95%	31.70%	30.02%	15.61%
S&P 500 Value	0.90%	1.94%	16.45%	22.19%	12.07%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	1.08%	5.43%	14.08%	17.44%	10.05%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.36%	-1.91%	1.41%	15.35%	9.10%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.84%	1.01%	8.74%	16.93%	7.70%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	1.86%	-2.72%	-1.31%	14.84%	7.16%
Russell 2000	1.17%	0.40%	6.28%	16.88%	6.71%
MSCI EAFE	1.47%	1.04%	10.68%	18.24%	6.89%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.61%	0.45%	8.24%	15.62%	5.64%
MSCI World	0.16%	3.79%	19.66%	23.79%	11.52%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.11%	-0.65%	3.12%	9.83%	2.20%
S&P GSCI	0.09%	5.37%	3.59%	-4.27%	7.35%

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 2/16/24. 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	-1.61%	10.24%	50.77%	55.80%	13.19%	
Consumer Discretionary	-0.73%	1.56%	24.20%	42.30%	11.74%	
Consumer Staples	0.20%	2.15%	5.04%	0.52%	9.77%	
Energy	2.71%	2.20%	0.73%	-1.42%	10.57%	
Financials	1.46%	5.40%	11.16%	12.10%	10.74%	
Health Care	1.12%	6.87%	13.30%	2.06%	11.44%	
Industrials	0.94%	3.63%	17.42%	18.08%	11.32%	
Information Technology	-2.41%	7.59%	49.19%	57.84%	25.82%	
Materials	2.39%	-0.52%	5.95%	12.55%	11.74%	
Real Estate	-0.15%	-4.20%	-0.13%	12.27%	5.32%	
Utilities	1.60%	-3.32%	-6.53%	-7.08%	5.30%	

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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-vr U.S. Treasury: Intermediate -0.44% -1.09% 3.08% 4.28% 0.73% GNMA 30 Year -0 60% -2.27% 1.72% 5.40% -0.26% U.S. Aggregate -0.55% -2.01% 2.53% 5.53% 0.47% U.S. Corporate High Yield -0.32% 4.23% -0.15% 10.59% 13 45% U.S. Corporate Investment Grade -0.45% -1.90% 5.07% 8.52% 1.70% Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+) -0.14% -1.18% 5.78% 9 35% 1 80% **Global Aggregate** -0.34% -3.11% 1.56% 5.72% -1.08%

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	5.25% - 5.50%	2-yr T-Note	4.64%		
CPI - Headline	3.10%	5-yr T-Note	4.27%		
CPI - Core	3.90%	10-yr T-Note	4.28%		
Money Market Accts.	0.58%	30-yr T-Bond	4.44%		
1-yr CD	1.73%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	7.29%		
3-yr CD	1.41%	Prime Rate	8.50%		
5-yr CD	1.42%	Bond Buyer 40	4.38%		

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 2/20/24, all other data as of 2/16/24. National average

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

Market Watch

Week of February 19th

Market Indicators						
TED Spread				21 bps		
Investment Grade Spread (A2)				120 bps		
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread				334 bps		
Source: Bloomberg. As of 2/16/24.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/7/24						
	Current Week		Previ	ous		
Domestic Equity	-\$21.022	Billion	\$5.903	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$2.987	Billion	-\$263	Million		
Taxable Bond	\$15.380	Billion	\$7.367	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$1.092	Billion	\$1.724	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 2/14/24						
	Current Week		Previ	ous		
Retail	\$1.01	Billion	\$13.62	Billion		
Institutional	-\$5.30	Billion	\$3.07	Billion		
Source: Investment Company Institute.						

Factoids for the Week of February 19, 2024

Monday, February 12, 2024

The National Retail Federation (NRF) estimates that U.S. consumers will spend an average of \$185.81 per person on candy, flowers, jewelry, and other items for Valentine's Day this year, according to its own release. Total Valentine's Day spending is expected to reach \$25.8 billion, down from \$25.9 billion in 2023. The most popular Valentine's Day gifts include candy, greeting cards, flowers, an evening out, and jewelry, per the NRF report.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Renaissance Capital reported that a total of 19 equity IPOs (market caps of \$50 million or above) have been priced in the U.S. this year (as of 2/13), up 26.7% from the same period last year, according to its own release. The 19 companies raised a combined \$5.8 billion, up 224.7% from the same period a year ago. The Health Care and Consumer Discretionary sectors accounted for 47% and 16%, respectively, of IPO filings so far in 2024.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 The number of active U.S. crude oil rigs stood at 499 on 2/9/24, down from 609 on 2/10/23, according to data from Baker Hughes. In the U.S., a total of 121 WTI crude oil stood at \$77.87 per barrel on 2/13/24, down 2.83% on a year-over-year basis, according to data from Bloomberg. The price of natural gas stood at \$1.69 per million BTUs as of the same date, down 29.77% from when it stood at \$2.41 on 2/13/23.

Thursday, February 15, 2024 Moody's reported that its global speculative-grade default rate stood at 5.0% in January, according to its own release. Moody's puts the historical average default rate at 4.1%. Its baseline scenario sees the global default rate decreasing to 3.6% in December 2024. Moody's recorded eleven defaults in January, down from twenty in the previous month. The U.S. speculative-grade default rate stood at 5.7% in January. Its baseline scenario sees the U.S. default rate falling to 3.8% in December 2024. The default rate on senior loans stood at 1 97% at the close of January according to Leveraged Commentary. stood at 1.97% at the close of January, according to Leveraged Commentary & Data (LCD).

Friday, February 16, 2024 The National Federation of Independent Business reported that its Small Business Optimism Index stood at 89.9 in January 2024, down from 91.9 in December 2023, according to its own release. This marks the twenty-fifth consecutive month that the index stood below its 50-year average of 98. Thirtynine percent (seasonally adjusted) of small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in January, down from 40% in December. Twenty percent reported that inflation was their single most important problem, with 22% of owners reporting that they raised average selling prices in January.

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