

Weekly Review October 19, 2018

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

- **Stock Markets Remained Volatile.** Although stock markets stabilized a little bit this week from last week's sharp decline, they remained volatile, with frequent sharp swings.
- **Economic Data Were Mixed.** Retail sales disappointed, the job market remains strong, and the housing market is under pressure.
- **Earnings Season Is In Full Swing.** Most of the nation's largest financial institutions have released their Q32018 earnings reports, posting solid results; most of nation's largest technology companies, by far the most important market segment, will report their Q32018 earnings over the next two weeks.

Talking Points

- Among equities, small caps outperformed large caps; value stocks beat growth stocks; international stocks trailed US stocks; and emerging markets underperformed developed markets.
- Treasury yields edged up. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury Note ended the week at around 3.2%.
- Commodity indices little changed. Gold price rose, whereas crude oil prices fell.
- Dollar indices rose. The dollar appreciated against most major currencies during the week.
- Among major economic data, September retail sales rose 0.1% from August, well below expectation; initial jobless claims fell by 5,000 from last week to 210,000; September existing home sales fell 3.4% from August.

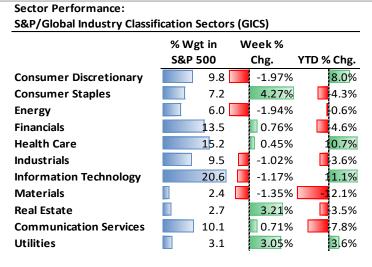
Market Dashboard

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,767.78	0.65	0.02%	3.5%
Dow Industrials	25,444.34	104.35	0.41%	2.9%
Nasdaq	7,449.03	-47.87	-0.64%	7.9%
Russell 2000	1,542.04	-4.64	-0.30%	0.4%
Euro Stoxx Index	361.24	2.29	0.64%	-7.2%
Shanghai Composite	2,550.47	-56.45	-2.17%	-22.9%
Russell Global	2,061.11	0.63	0.03%	-3.9%

Source: Bloomberg; Index % change is based on price.



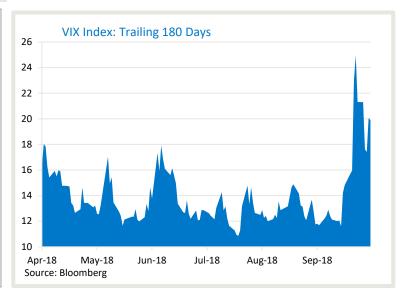
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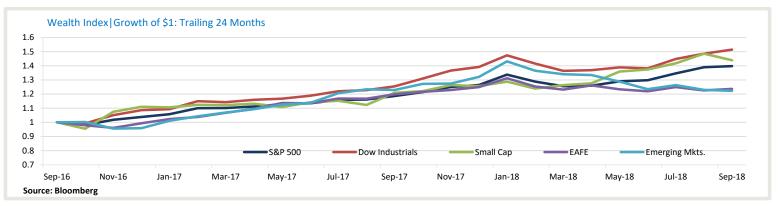


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	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Russell Global EM	3,040.39	-25.24	-0.82%	-16.5%
10-Year US Treas.	3.20	6 bps	NM	NM
Bloomberg Cmdts. ldx.	85.95	-0.29	-0.33%	-2.5%
Gold	\$1,226.72	\$9.70	0.80%	-5.8%
Crude Oil	\$69.28	-\$2.06	-2.89%	18.7%
Dollar Index	95.69	0.47	0.49%	3.9%
VIX Index	19.89	-1.42	-6.66%	80.2%

		One Week	κ		YTD	
	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	0.79%	-0.01%	-0.71%	-0.64%	4.86%	9.65%
	0.58%	-0.01%	-0.88%	-3.63%	-1.02%	2.20%
S	-0.09%	-0.30%	-0.50%	-1.94%	0.43%	2.62%
	Source: B	loomberg				





The Economy and Markets

A Macro View: Is Winter Coming for the Bull Market? – Analyzing the Spike in Treasury Yields that Shook the Market

October has stayed true to the historical trend of being the most volatile month for stocks, with choppiness creeping in, the equity market tanking, and the S&P 500 Index dropping by more than 3% last Wednesday, October 10. The sudden spike in the longer end of the curve beginning mid-September is one of the reasons cited for this huge sell off. The yield on the 10-year Treasury Note recently soared to a high of 3.23%, a level not reached since July 2011. However, despite this steep increase, the yield is still much lower than historical norms, though the rate at which it has spiked has concerned investors.

Though several reasons can explain the abrupt spike in yields, a major cause is the positive sentiment in the economy, backed by strong economic numbers. During the first week of October, the Institute of Supply Management (ISM) published its nonmanufacturing data. The figures not only beat analysts' expectations, but also recorded the ISM's second-highest reading in history. Positive developments in the labor market also contributed, as the unemployment rate is at a fifty-year low, and the increase in the year-over-year average hourly wage growth is at its highest level since the 2008 financial crisis. As inflationary pressures creep in and the economy continues its robust pace, bond market participants believe that these figures will be paramount in driving the Fed's future policy decisions.

The impact of this spike in yields on the economy bears watching. The increase in long-term Treasury yields will directly influence fixed-rate mortgages, forcing new homebuyers to shell out more to finance their purchase. Interestingly, 30-year mortgages hit a seven-year high of 4.9% in the second week of October. If yields continue to rise, investors may begin to pull out money from riskier assets, like equities, and rotate it into less risky, decently yielding instruments, such as Treasurys. However, stocks could be stuck in a seesaw battle between a booming economy (bolstered by strong consumer spending, record low unemployment, and corporate tax cuts), and deriving competitive yields (at much less risk) from another traditional asset class. The rising bond yields also make the stocks in the Utilities and Real Estate sectors (REITs are a traditional income generating vehicle), less appealing, as companies in these sectors extensively use leverage as a source of finance. An increase in yields would compel these firms to finance their debt at a higher interest cost, leading to earnings erosion. Additionally, valuations could be adversely affected by rising yields, as stocks would be discounted at a higher rate, which could compress cash flows.

Some market experts believe that it is not the *spike* in the yields, but rather the *rate of change* that should alarm investors. A Goldman Sachs study reveals that stocks in the S&P 500 Index cannot factor in a swift rise in bond yields, but markets can handle monthly yield moves that are within one standard deviation. This creates an interesting point: The recent movement in the long-dated bond yields is nearly two standard deviations, and could signal a more damaging effect to the S&P 500 Index's P/E multiple. However, organically driven, rising corporate earnings and a strong economy have largely supported the equity market. Though the relationships between the two asset classes have varied over time, on a historical basis, whenever yields have been less than 5%, stocks and yield movements have been positively correlated.

Different bond pundits have made varying statements regarding the surge in yields. Rick Rieder, who oversees roughly \$1.85 trillion in bond assets for Blackrock, the world's largest money manager, believes that the recent spike in bond yields will not be sustained. He also maintains a contrarian view that the Fed will hike rates once or twice in 2019. On the other hand, Doubline Capital's Jeffrey Gundlach says that he will not be surprised if the yield on the 30-year US Treasury Bond rises above 4%. He predicts the curve will steepen, which eventually will result in the yield on the 10-year US Treasury Note hovering around 3.5% to 3.6%. Bill Gross, of Janus Capital, has cited the absence of foreign buyers as the catalyst for the recent spike in yields.

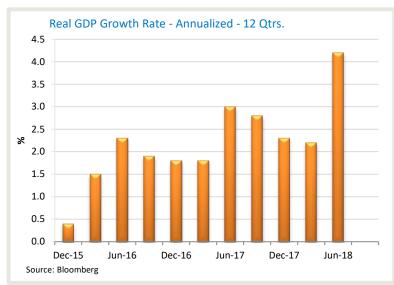
However, it seems that there is no respite in the factors driving the increase in yields. Federal Reserve (the Fed) Chairman Powell clearly indicated in his recent statement that the central bank is a 'long way' from getting rates to neutral. This signals that it would be farfetched for the Fed to adopt an accommodative policy, and therefore it would continue to raise rates at regular intervals. This means that as the economy gains steam, the end investor can expect an end to the nearly decade-long era of low borrowing costs.

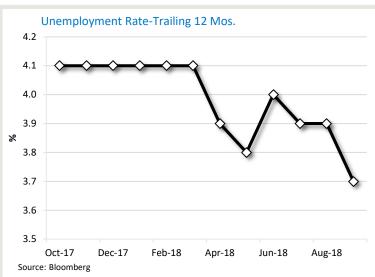
As such, market developments continue to occur, investors must ponder whether rising yields will mark the end of the prolonged bull market.

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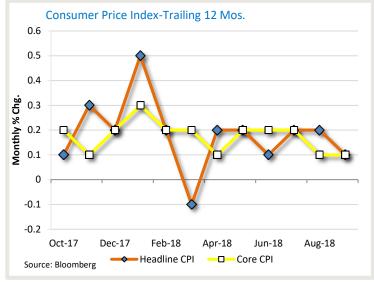
Economic Data













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Eurozone

SELECTED EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN YIELD PERFORMANCE									
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	0.46	4 bps	NM	NM	France 10-Yr. Govt.	0.84	3 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	4.33	4 bps	NM	NM	Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	1.04	1 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	3.48	8 bps	NM	NM	Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	2.01	2 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	1.73	-5 bps	NM	NM	Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	0.59	2 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.89	-1 bps	NM	NM	U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	1.57	5 bps	NM	NM
Source: Bloomberg									

Basis points (bps)



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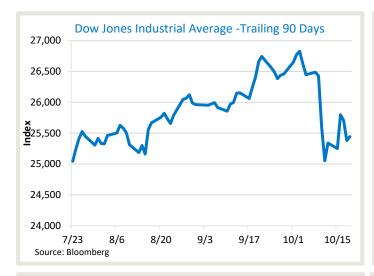
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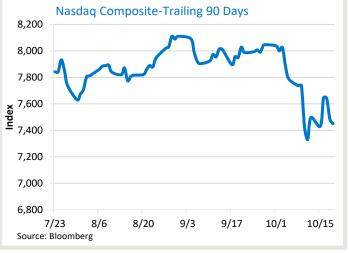
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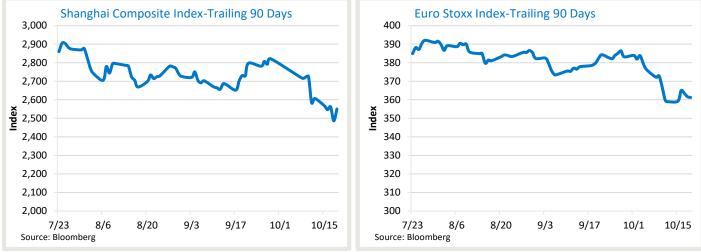
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S&P/TSX (Canada)	15,470.10	55.81	0.36%	-4.56%
Mexico IPC	47,437.45	-6.60	-0.01%	-3.88%
Brazil Bovespa	84,219.75	1298.66	1.57%	10.23%
Euro Stoxx 600	361.24	2.29	0.64%	-7.18%
FTSE 100	7,049.80	53.89	0.77%	-8.30%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	8,892.10	-9.90	-0.11%	-11.47%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	8,872.09	211.71	2.44%	-5.43%
CAC 40 Index (France)	5,084.66	-11.32	-0.22%	-4.29%
DAX Index (Germany)	11,553.83	30.02	0.26%	-10.56%
Irish Overall Index	5,997.46	-100.93	-1.66%	-14.79%
Nikkei 225	22,532.08	-162.58	-0.72%	-1.02%
Hang Seng Index	25,561.40	295.03	1.17%	-14.57%
Shanghai Composite	2,550.47	-56.45	-2.17%	-22.88%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	2,156.26	-5.59	-0.26%	-12.61%
Taiwan Taiex Index	9,919.26	-126.55	-1.26%	-6.80%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,620.64	31.73	2.00%	7.34%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,344.79	-58.23	-2.42%	11.14%

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Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

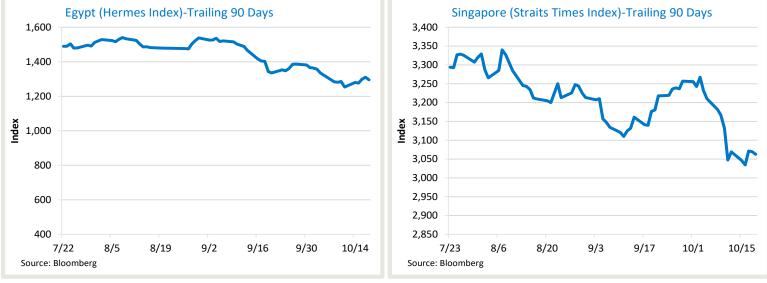
EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKET PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		
Mexico IPC	47,437.45	-6.60	0.0%	-3.9%		
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	84,219.75	1298.66	1.6%	10.2%		
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,344.79	-58.23	-2.4%	11.1%		
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,079.30	-0.31	0.0%	0.1%		
Turkey (Istanbul)	96,454.57	-202.85	-0.2%	-16.4%		
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,295.20	41.43	3.3%	-9.9%		
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,807.12	0.09	0.0%	-24.4%		
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	7,648.15	117.35	1.6%	5.8%		
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	984.48	4.48	0.5%	-14.3%		
Palestine	527.79	-1.41	-0.3%	-8.1%		

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	25,561.40	295.03	1.2%	-14.6%
India (Sensex 30)	34,315.63	-417.95	-1.2%	0.8%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,732.14	1.40	0.1%	-3.6%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,062.51	-6.66	-0.2%	-10.0%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,667.91	-14.98	-0.9%	-4.9%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	5,837.29	80.80	1.4%	-8.2%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	38,430.27	912.34	2.4%	-5.0%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	958.36	-11.72	-1.2%	-2.6%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	5,761.09	-53.94	-0.9%	-9.5%
Cambodia (Laos)	839.55	6.43	0.8%	-15.9%

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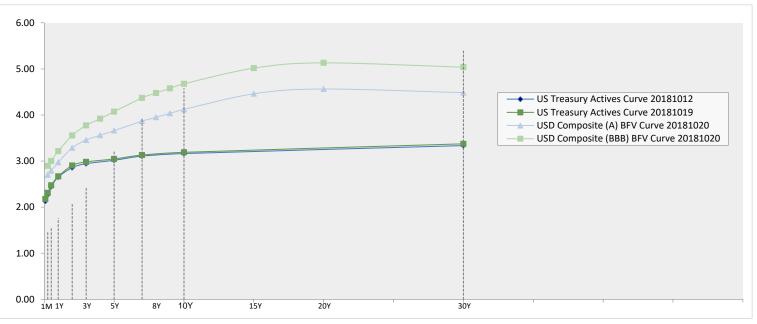




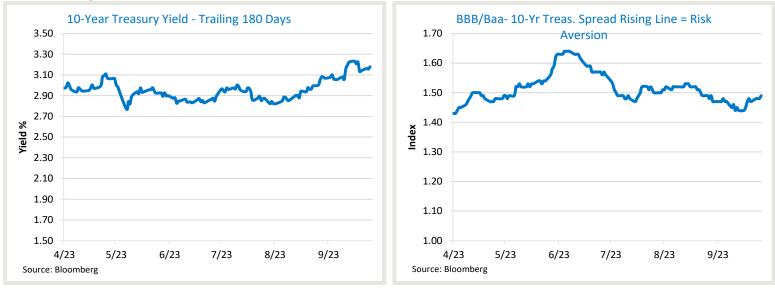
Interest Rates

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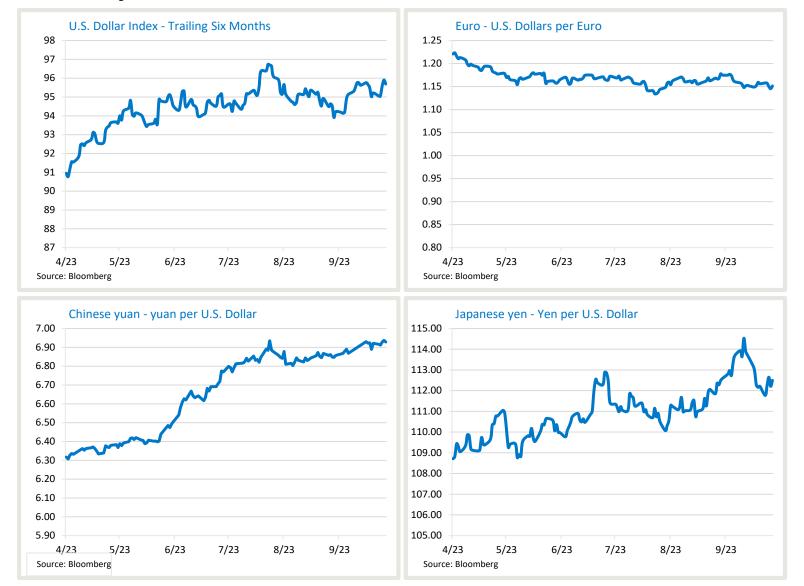


Currencies

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	95.69	0.468	0.49%	3.87%	Chinese Yuan	6.93	0.007	-0.10%	-6.09%
Euro	1.15	-0.005	-0.41%	-4.10%	Swiss Franc	1.00	0.003	-0.31%	-2.18%
Japanese Yen	112.51	0.290	-0.26%	0.17%	New Zealand Dollar	0.66	0.008	1.28%	-7.16%
British Pound	1.31	-0.009	-0.65%	-3.30%	Brazilian Real	3.72	-0.063	1.68%	-11.03%
Canadian Dollar	1.31	0.009	-0.66%	-4.12%	Mexican Peso	19.26	0.418	-2.17%	1.98%
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SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

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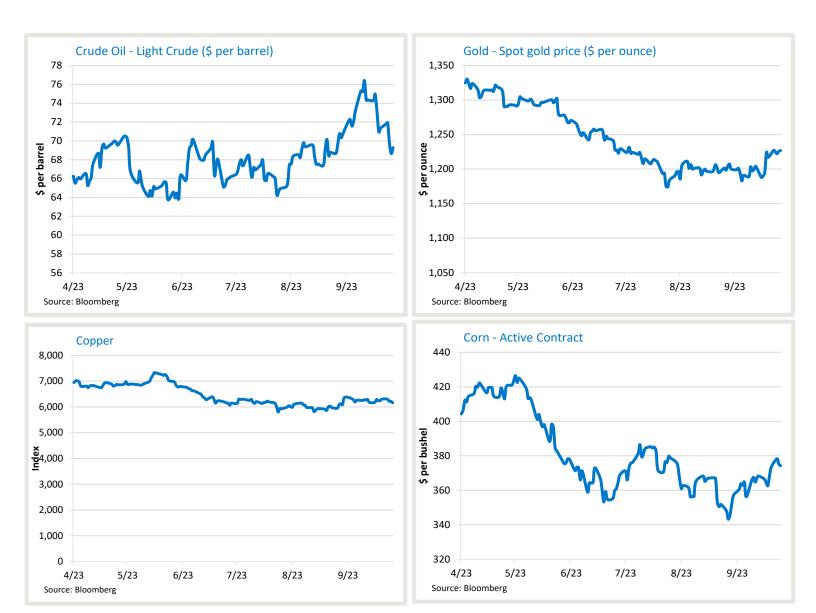


Commodities

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Bloomberg Comm. Idx.	85.95	-0.29	-0.33%	-2.52%
Crude Oil	\$69.36	-\$2.06	-2.89%	18.67%
Natural Gas	\$3.23	\$0.08	2.40%	12.91%
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.87	-\$0.03	-1.17%	15.24%
Heating Oil	230.97	-1.24	-0.53%	18.06%
Gold Spot	\$1,226.73	\$9.70	0.80%	-5.84%
Silver Spot	\$14.64	\$0.06	0.38%	-13.59%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$831.04	-\$7.23	-0.86%	-10.47%
Corn	367.00	-6.75	-1.81%	-4.43%
Wheat	514.75	-2.50	-0.48%	6.79%
Soybeans	856.75	-10.75	-1.24%	-12.20%
Sugar	13.89	0.82	6.27%	-11.47%
Orange Juice	139.80	-3.75	-2.61%	-2.44%
Aluminum	2,013.00	-28.00	-1.37%	-11.24%
Copper	6,157.00	-145.00	-2.30%	-15.04%

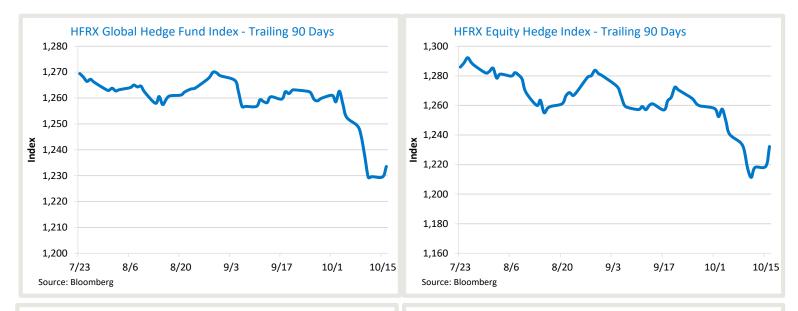
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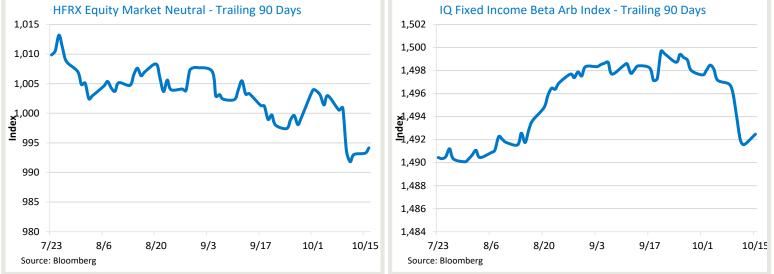


Alternative Investments

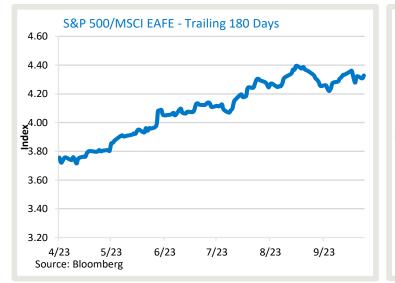
	Last	Change	Chg.	YTD %	VESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1230.93	1.31	0.11%	-3.50%	HFRX Distressed Index	1040.09	-0.52	-0.05%	-6.02%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	995.61	2.58	0.26%	-0.88%	HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1803.26	-0.31	-0.02%	-2.68%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1221.63	3.60	0.30%	-3.87%	HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	800.61	-0.48	-0.06%	0.55%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1531.57	-2.93	-0.19%	-8.06%	HFRX Macro CTA Index	1112.32	1.67	0.15%	-4.43%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1073.07	-0.59	-0.05%	0.92%	IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1490.89	-0.67	-0.04%	1.39%

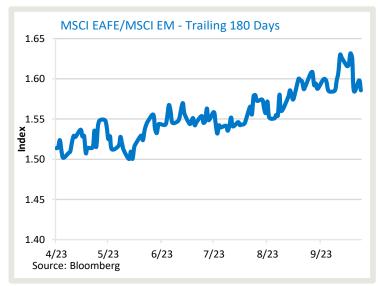
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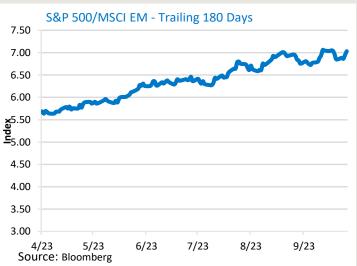


Portfolio Construction











Portfolio Construction (continued)



		E (Prior 1	2 weeks e	ending Th	ursday)									
			8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18
Equity	Domestic	Large Cap (R200)	-0.21%	1.01%	-0.49%	0.49%	1.73%	-0.95%	1.03%	0.98%	-0.32%	-0.2 <mark>9</mark> %	-6.01%	1.52%
	Equity	Small Cap (R2000)	-0.78%	0.52%	-0.30%	1.86%	0.89%	-1.03%	-0.01%	0.34%	-1.72%	-2.58%	-6.16%	0.99%
Equity	Int'l.	MSCI EAFE	-1.28%	0.54%	-3.26%	1.29%	1.49%	-3.13%	0.81%	2.69%	0.21%	-2.23%	-4.66%	0.06%
	Equity	MSCI Em. Mkts.	-2.00%	1.05%	-5.29%	2.61%	0.92%	-3.74%	-0.06%	1.90%	1.39%	-3.89%	-5.51%	1.70%
Fixed	Income	BarCap Agg. (AGG)	-0.25%	0.25%	0.38%	0.20%	-0.18%	-0.22%	-0.30%	0.46%	0.24%	-1.01%	0.15%	-0.25%
FIXEU	Fixed Income	High Yield (JNK)	-0.11%	0.14%	-0.11%	0.33%	0.06%	-0.58%	0.62%	0.06%	0.19%	-0.86%	-1.12%	0.14%
Commodities		Bloomberg Commodity Index	-0.52%	0.45%	-2.21%	0.12%	0.61%	-1.42%	0.35%	1.40%	1.04%	2.40%	-1.00%	-0.20%
Alternatives		Hedge Funds (HFRX Global)	-0.36%	0.15%	-0.40%	0.32%	0.49%	-1.02%	0.12%	0.38%	-0.33%	-0.12%	-2.23%	0.13%
Asset Allocation		60/40*	-0.52%	0.58%	-0.80%	0.74%	0.82%	-1.15%	0.35%	0.66%	-0.08%	-1.27%	-3.40%	0.57%
		48/32/20 (w/Alts.)**	-0.49%	0.50%	-0.72%	0.66%	0.75%	-1.12%	0.30%	0.61%	-0.13%	-1.04%	-3.16%	0.48%

WEEKLY ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE (Prior 12 weeks ending Thursday)

Source: Bloomberg; *60/40 portfolio = 30% Large Cap/10% Small Cap/15% EAFE/5% Emerging Markets/35% BarCap Agg./5% High Yield. **48/32/20 portfolio = 24% Large Cap/8% Small Cap/12% EAFE/4% Emerging Markets/28% BarCap Agg./4% High Yield/20% HFRX Global Index.

RELATIVE STRENGTH MATRIX (BASED ON 30-DAY RSI)

	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	•	Int'l. Developed	Emerging Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	0.99	0.98	1.15	1.10	1.15	1.19	1.14	1.21	1.21	1.13	0.98	0.83	1.14	1.07
Large Cap Growth	1.01	1.00	0.98	1.15	1.11	1.16	1.20	1.15	1.22	1.22	1.13	0.99	0.84	1.15	1.07
Large Cap Value	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.17	1.13	1.18	1.22	1.17	1.24	1.24	1.15	1.01	0.85	1.16	1.09
Mid Cap Core	0.87	0.87	0.85	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.04	1.00	1.05	1.06	0.98	0.86	0.73	0.99	0.93
Mid Cap Growth	0.91	0.90	0.89	1.04	1.00	1.04	1.08	1.03	1.09	1.10	1.02	0.89	0.75	1.03	0.97
Mid Cap Value	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.99	0.96	1.00	1.03	0.99	1.05	1.05	0.98	0.85	0.72	0.99	0.92
Small Cap Core	0.84	0.84	0.82	0.96	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.02	0.95	0.83	0.70	0.96	0.90
Small Cap Growth	0.88	0.87	0.86	1.00	0.97	1.01	1.04	1.00	1.06	1.06	0.99	0.86	0.73	1.00	0.93
Small Cap Value	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.95	0.91	0.95	0.98	0.94	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.81	0.69	0.94	0.88
Int'l. Developed	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.95	0.91	0.95	0.98	0.94	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.81	0.69	0.94	0.88
Emerging Markets	0.89	0.88	0.87	1.02	0.98	1.02	1.05	1.01	1.07	1.07	1.00	0.87	0.74	1.01	0.95
REITS	1.02	1.01	0.99	1.17	1.12	1.17	1.21	1.16	1.23	1.23	1.15	1.00	0.85	1.16	1.08
Commodities	1.20	1.19	1.17	1.38	1.33	1.39	1.43	1.37	1.45	1.46	1.35	1.18	1.00	1.37	1.28
Int. Bond	0.88	0.87	0.86	1.01	0.97	1.01	1.04	1.00	1.06	1.06	0.99	0.86	0.73	1.00	0.94
High Yield	0.94	0.93	0.92	1.07	1.04	1.08	1.11	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.06	0.92	0.78	1.07	1.00

Source: Bloomberg

The Relative Strength Matrix provides an indication of how the various asset classes have performed relative to one another over the past 30 days. A number greater than 1.0 indicates that the asset class in the far left column has outperformed the corresponding asset class in the top row over the past 30 days. A number below 1.0 means the asset class on the left has underperformed the asset class at the top. The green shading indicates outperformance, and the red shading indicates underperformance.

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The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index comprised of 500 widely held securities considered to be representative of the stock market in general. The S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices measure the residential housing market, tracking changes in the value of the residential real estate market in 20 metropolitan regions across the United States. The Nasdag Composite is a stock market index of the common stocks and similar securities listed on the NASDAQ stock market. The MSCI EAFE Index represents 21 developed markets outside of North America. The MSCI EAFE Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of growth stocks of Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The MSCI EAFE Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of value stocks of Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. 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