

Weekly Review December 28, 2018

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

- The Federal government shutdown entered its seventh day, with little progress being reported. More than 400,000 Federal employees are working without pay, and roughly another 380,000 have been furloughed. Negotiations have remained at an impasse over funding for increased border security and a wall along the southern US border.
- US holiday retail sales came in at one of the strongest levels in recent years, as consumers spent nearly \$850 billion this season. Online sales continued to have the largest year-over-year increases, whereas brick-and-mortar stores experienced more muted increases.
- The S&P 500 Index flirted with bear market territory this
 week after the index approached a 20% drop from the
 most recent peak reached in September. Market
 participants have been reacting to increasing interest rates,
 slowing global economic growth, and the US-China trade
 conflict.

Talking Points

- Among equities, large caps underperformed small caps; growth stocks led value stocks; domestic stocks outperformed international stocks; and emerging markets outperformed developed markets.
- Treasury yields trended downward during the week. The yield on the 10-Year Treasury Note fell roughly five basis points during the week and ended around 2.74%.
- Commodity indices were mixed during the week. Crude oil and natural gas both declined marginally, and gold and silver prices steadily increased throughout the week.
- The US dollar declined over the week. The Federal government shutdown and weaker economic indicators weighed on the currency.
- Among economic data released this week, consumer confidence fell more than expected as consumers indicated increased unease over the outlook for economic growth in 2019. Jobless claims for the week ending December 22 declined faintly to 216,000, but still remained within consensus expectations.

^{*}New for 2019: The EWM Weekly Market Review will be delivered on Monday mornings, with the January 4, 2019 Weekly Market Review going out on January 7th

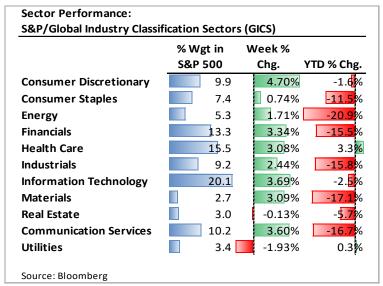
Market Dashboard

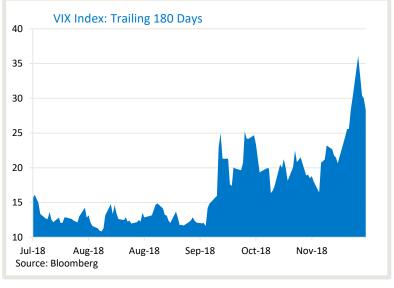
	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,485.74	69.12	2.86%	-7.0%
Dow Industrials	23,062.40	617.03	2.75%	-6.7%
Nasdaq	6,584.52	251.53	3.97%	-4.6%
Russell 2000	1,337.92	45.84	3.55%	-12.9%
Euro Stoxx Index	336.23	-0.44	-0.13%	-13.6%
Shanghai Composite	2,493.90	-22.35	-0.89%	-24.6%
Russell Global	1,868.62	23.37	1.27%	-12.8%
Source: Bloomberg; Index % char	nge is based on p	orice.		

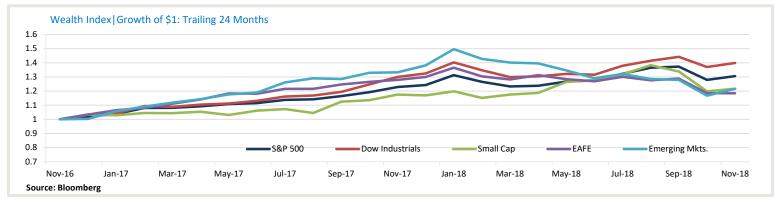
	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Russell Global EM	2,985.67	-15.01	-0.50%	-18.1%
10-Year US Treas.	2.74	-6 bps	NM	NM
Bloomberg Cmdts. Idx.	77.59	-1.10	-1.40%	-12.0%
Gold	\$1,281.06	\$23.62	1.88%	-1.7%
Crude Oil	\$45.06	-\$0.49	-1.07%	-21.4%
Dollar Index	96.36	-0.62	-0.64%	4.6%
VIX Index	28.34	-1.77	-5.88%	156.7%

	S&P 500 Index: Trailing 180 Days
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Source:	Bloomberg

		One Week	(YTD	
	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	2.20%	3.06%	3.86%	-9.35%	-5.78%	-2.81%
	1.40%	2.38%	3.82%	-14.95%	-11.43%	-6.70%
S	2.25%	3.55%	4.82%	-15.00%	-12.87%	-10.89%
	Source: B	loomberg				







The Economy and Markets

A Macro View – Don't Fight the Fed?

To say markets have been choppy lately is an understatement. A handful of catalysts have sparked the recent bumpy ride, but could the President's increasingly frequent critiques of the Federal Reserve (the Fed) be amping up volatility in an already nervous market?

The Fed, established in 1913, operates as the US's central bank and, among other focuses, serves an important role in setting the country's monetary policy. When created, the Fed's private and public leadership was seen as an improvement over the previous and predominately privately owned systems in setting monetary policy oversight. Twelve regional bank presidents (only five of which have voting power at any time) are selected by their respective regional commercial bank representatives, whereas seven individuals are chosen by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate to serve on the Board of Governors. Not unlike many other central banks around the world, these members work to meet the Fed's mandates (currently set to maintain stable prices and maximize sustainable employment) and, at the same time, remain apolitical and unbiased toward the political party in power. However, the latter has not always held true, producing clear examples of subsequent actions that led to turbulent financial markets.

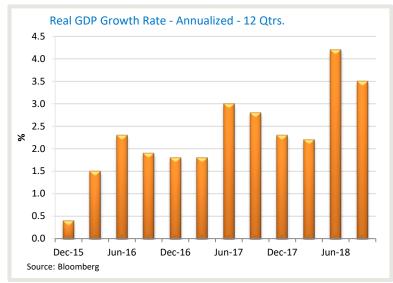
One of the clearest and most recent international examples of political intervention in a central bank's policies comes from Turkey this past July. In the wake of President Tayyip Erdogan's re-election and appointment of his son-in-law to the finance minister position, the Turkish central bank left interest rates unchanged despite concerning inflation and market participants' expectation of a rate increase to stall rising prices. Both Turkey's financial markets and its currency plunged after the announcement to hold rates steady, and bond rating agencies downgraded the Turkish sovereign debt the following month. Closer to home, the US Fed's independence was challenged in the early 1970s by then-President Richard Nixon. President Nixon already had a less-than-favorable view of the Fed prior to assuming the presidency in 1968, but under pressure to be re-elected in 1972, coerced the Fed chairman into a more dovish monetary policy stance to keep easy money flowing into the economy. Soaring inflation, and eventually stagflation, came about in part from these policies, with the inflation rate reaching highs not seen since the end of World War II, and eventually topping 12% in 1974.

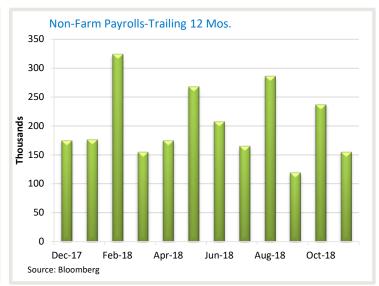
These are only a few of many examples of cases in which intervention into a central bank's mandate has seemingly caused calamity. Maybe rightly so, these interferences are viewed as deviations from practiced norms and are not unlike other unforeseen events that spook investors.

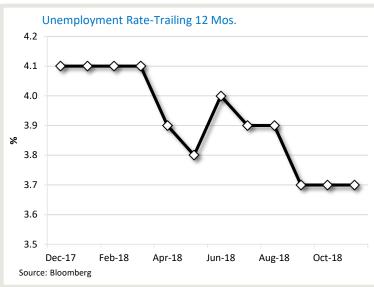
Only time will tell whether the current administration's criticism and attempts at intervention will result in history repeating itself. However, through these times of heightened uncertainty, investors should remember that market volatility is occasionally expected, and those who maintain a long-term focus have the best chance of meeting their long-term objectives.

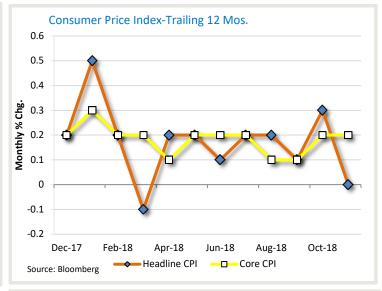
Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank

Economic Data













Eurozone

SELECTED EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN YIELD PERFORMANCE

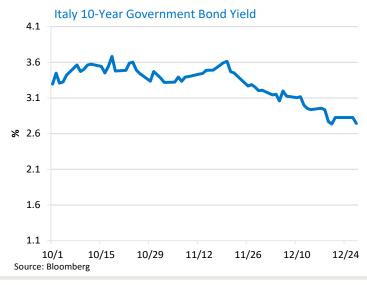
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	0.24	1 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	4.35	-1 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	2.74	7 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	1.41	-1 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.77	0 bps	NM	NM

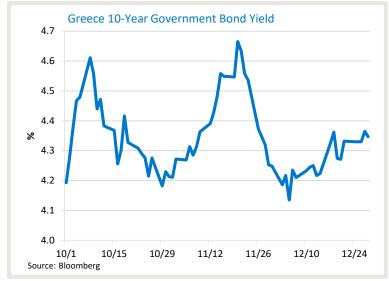
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
France 10-Yr. Govt.	0.70	-1 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	0.90	-1 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	1.71	-3 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	0.38	1 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	1.27	5 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









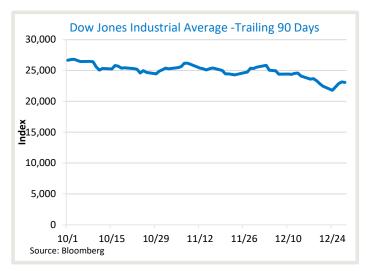
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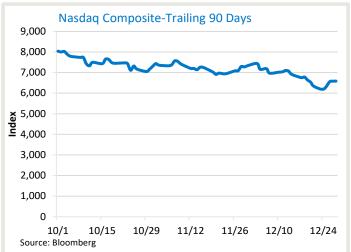
WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

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S&P/TSX (Canada)	14,222.00	286.56	2.06%	-12.26%
Mexico IPC	41,459.15	2.47	0.01%	-15.97%
Brazil Bovespa	87,887.25	2190.11	2.56%	15.03%
Euro Stoxx 600	336.23	-0.44	-0.13%	-13.61%
FTSE 100	6,733.97	12.80	0.19%	-12.41%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	8,493.70	-63.10	-0.74%	-15.43%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	8,429.30	12.01	0.14%	-10.15%
CAC 40 Index (France)	4,678.74	-15.64	-0.33%	-11.93%
DAX Index (Germany)	10,558.96	-74.86	-0.70%	-18.26%
Irish Overall Index	5,459.20	67.78	1.26%	-22.44%
Nikkei 225	20,014.77	-377.81	-1.85%	-12.08%
Hang Seng Index	25,504.20	-361.19	-1.40%	-14.76%
Shanghai Composite	2,493.90	-22.35	-0.89%	-24.59%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	2,041.04	-19.08	-0.93%	-17.28%
Taiwan Taiex Index	9,727.41	81.25	0.84%	-8.60%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,448.56	-77.99	-5.11%	-4.05%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,358.50	11.33	0.48%	11.79%

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









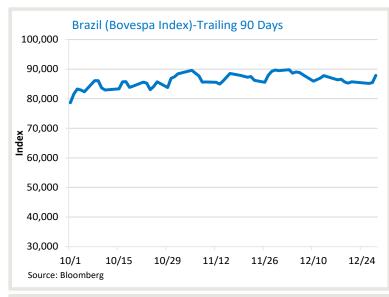
Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

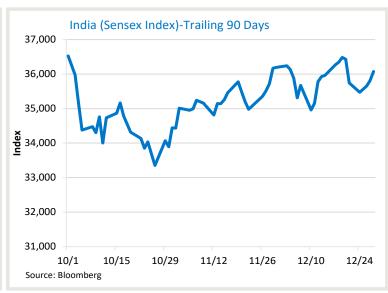
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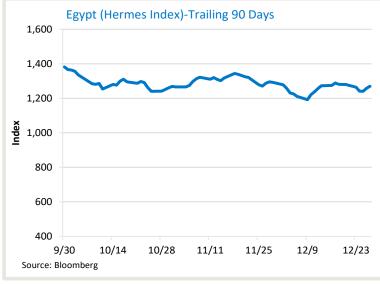
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Mexico IPC	41,459.15	2.47	0.0%	-16.0%
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	87,887.25	2190.11	2.6%	15.0%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,358.50	11.33	0.5%	11.8%
Czech Republic (Prague)	986.56	3.21	0.3%	-8.5%
Turkey (Istanbul)	90,435.33	-1425.42	-1.6%	-21.6%
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,269.98	-10.11	-0.8%	-11.6%
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,800.95	45.95	1.7%	-24.5%
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	7,749.32	-4.04	-0.1%	7.2%
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	976.75	-8.02	-0.8%	-15.0%
Palestine	528.16	3.36	0.6%	-8.1%

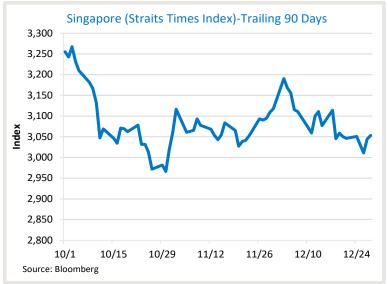
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Hang Seng Index	25,504.20	-361.19	-1.4%	-14.8%
India (Sensex 30)	36,076.72	334.65	0.9%	5.9%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,692.07	41.51	2.5%	-5.8%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,053.43	2.81	0.1%	-10.3%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,563.88	-31.45	-2.0%	-10.8%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	6,194.50	18.40	0.3%	-2.5%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	37,167.02	-1084.02	-2.8%	-8.2%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	892.54	-19.72	-2.2%	-9.3%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	6,015.23	-1.13	0.0%	-5.6%
Cambodia (Laos)	836.45	13.69	1.7%	-16.2%

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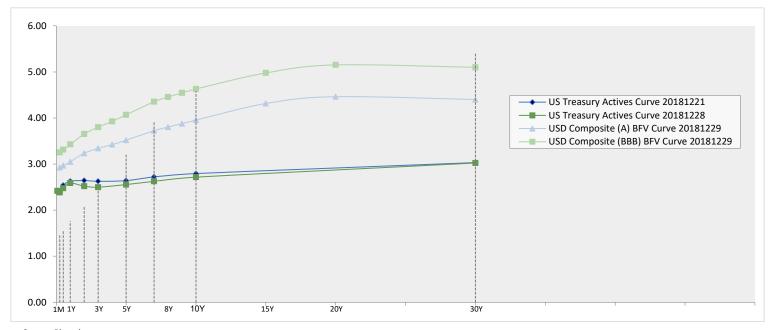
Interest Rates

SELECTED INTEREST RATES

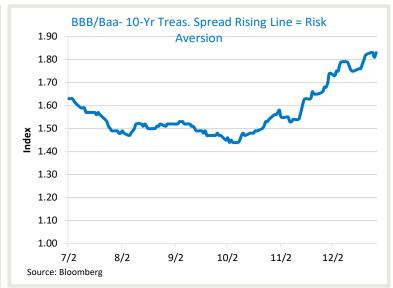
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.52%	0 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.57%	-7 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.74%	-6 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	3.04%	1 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	0.24%	1 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	0.70%	-1 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	2.74%	7 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	1.83%	-11 bps	NM	NM

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	5.50%	0.00	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	2.50%	0.00	NM	NM
Discount Rate	3.00%	0.00	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	2.80%	-2 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	4.01%	-2 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	4.10%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	4.58%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







Currencies

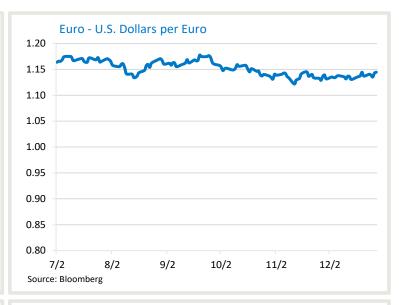
SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	96.36	-0.617	-0.64%	4.58%
Euro	1.14	0.007	0.65%	-4.66%
Japanese Yen	110.26	-1.000	0.91%	2.24%
British Pound	1.27	0.005	0.41%	-6.04%
Canadian Dollar	1.36	0.005	-0.36%	-7.91%

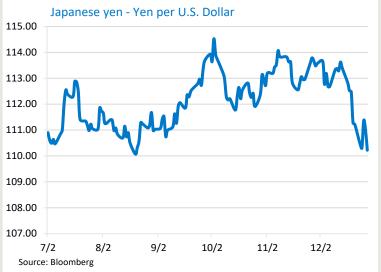
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.88	-0.028	0.41%	-5.41%
Swiss Franc	0.98	-0.010	1.00%	-0.99%
New Zealand Dollar	0.67	-0.002	-0.34%	-5.54%
Brazilian Real	3.88	-0.023	0.60%	-14.66%
Mexican Peso	19.67	-0.268	1.36%	-0.06%

Source: Bloomberg









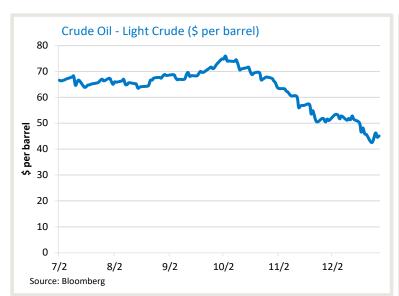
Commodities

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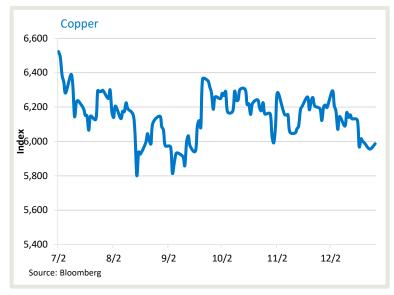
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Bloomberg Comm. ldx.	77.59	-1.10	-1.40%	-11.99%
Crude Oil	\$45.08	-\$0.49	-1.07%	-21.43%
Natural Gas	\$3.31	-\$0.45	-11.87%	7.97%
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.29	-\$0.05	-2.05%	-7.96%
Heating Oil	166.00	-7.28	-4.20%	-15.05%
Gold Spot	\$1,280.86	\$23.62	1.88%	-1.71%
Silver Spot	\$15.38	\$0.72	4.94%	-9.22%
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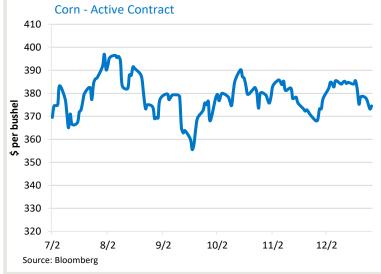
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$790.46	\$3.82	0.49%	-14.79%
Corn	375.50	0.25	0.07%	-4.51%
Wheat	511.50	-12.00	-2.29%	3.70%
Soybeans	895.50	-10.75	-1.19%	-9.39%
Sugar	12.39	-0.04	-0.32%	-21.03%
Orange Juice	126.25	-3.65	-2.81%	-12.17%
Aluminum	1,851.50	-57.50	-3.01%	-18.36%
Copper	5,986.50	-4.50	-0.08%	-17.39%









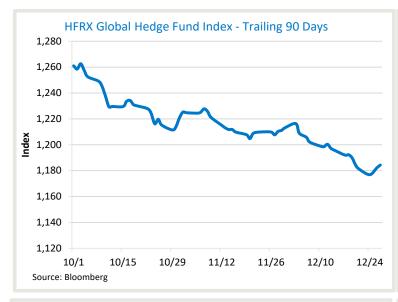
Alternative Investments

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE

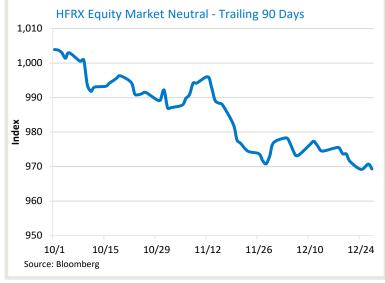
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1184.36	3.20	0.27%	-7.15%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	969.31	-2.19	-0.23%	-3.49%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1142.08	11.65	1.03%	-10.13%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1451.73	-6.54	-0.45%	-12.85%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1054.37	-1.76	-0.17%	-0.84%

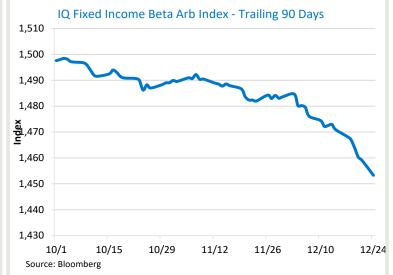
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Distressed Index	997.79	-3.81	-0.38%	-9.84%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1813.93	7.20	0.40%	-2.11%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	782.35	-6.50	-0.82%	-1.74%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1131.69	6.26	0.56%	-2.76%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1462.51	3.48	0.24%	-0.54%

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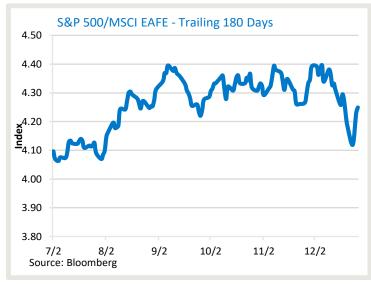


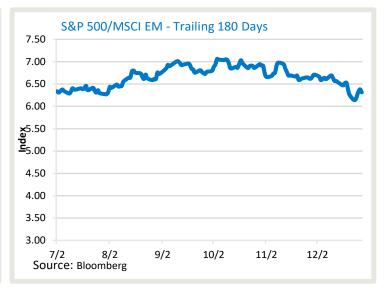


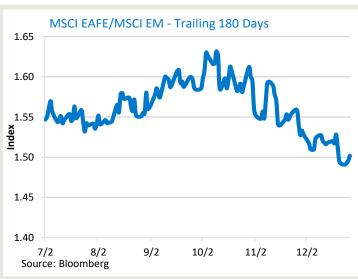


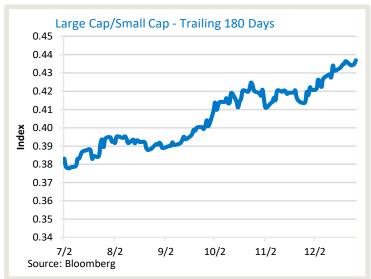


Portfolio Construction



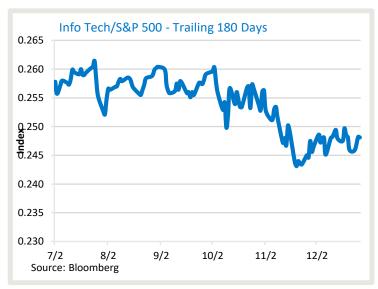


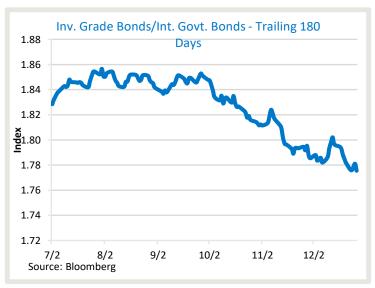


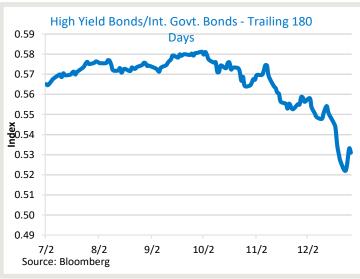


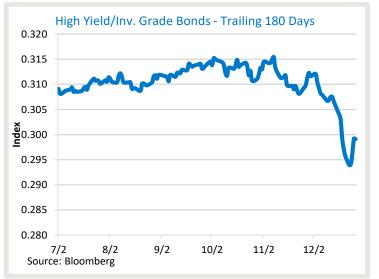


Portfolio Construction (continued)











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.

	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Int'l. Developed	Emerging Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	0.97	1.03	1.07	0.98	1.14	1.13	1.07	1.21	1.18	0.94	0.97	1.07	0.68	1.17
Large Cap Growth	1.03	1.00	1.06	1.10	1.01	1.18	1.17	1.10	1.25	1.22	0.97	1.00	1.11	0.70	1.20
Large Cap Value	0.98	0.94	1.00	1.04	0.96	1.11	1.10	1.04	1.18	1.15	0.91	0.94	1.05	0.66	1.14
Mid Cap Core	0.94	0.91	0.96	1.00	0.92	1.07	1.06	1.00	1.13	1.11	0.88	0.91	1.01	0.63	1.09
Mid Cap Growth	1.02	0.99	1.05	1.09	1.00	1.16	1.15	1.09	1.23	1.20	0.95	0.99	1.09	0.69	1.19
Mid Cap Value	0.88	0.85	0.90	0.94	0.86	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.06	1.03	0.82	0.85	0.94	0.59	1.02
Small Cap Core	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.94	0.87	1.01	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.04	0.83	0.86	0.95	0.60	1.03
Small Cap Growth	0.94	0.91	0.96	1.00	0.92	1.07	1.06	1.00	1.13	1.11	0.88	0.91	1.01	0.63	1.09
Small Cap Value	0.83	0.80	0.85	0.88	0.81	0.94	0.94	0.88	1.00	0.98	0.77	0.80	0.89	0.56	0.97
Int'l. Developed	0.85	0.82	0.87	0.90	0.83	0.97	0.96	0.90	1.03	1.00	0.79	0.82	0.91	0.57	0.99
Emerging Markets	1.07	1.03	1.10	1.14	1.05	1.22	1.21	1.14	1.29	1.26	1.00	1.03	1.15	0.72	1.25
REITs	1.03	1.00	1.06	1.10	1.01	1.18	1.17	1.10	1.25	1.22	0.97	1.00	1.11	0.70	1.20
Commodities	0.93	0.90	0.95	0.99	0.91	1.06	1.05	0.99	1.13	1.10	0.87	0.90	1.00	0.63	1.09
Int. Bond	1.48	1.43	1.52	1.58	1.45	1.69	1.68	1.58	1.79	1.75	1.39	1.43	1.59	1.00	1.73
High Yield	0.86	0.83	0.88	0.91	0.84	0.98	0.97	0.91	1.04	1.01	0.80	0.83	0.92	0.58	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 Nasdaq 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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