

Weekly Review July 22, 2019

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

- Initial jobless claims rose to a near-expected 216,000, which was 8,000 higher than the prior week, but remain at historically low levels. Continuing claims decreased by 42,000 and dipped below 1.7 million to an exceptionally low 1.686 million. The four-week moving average of claims was little changed between the June and July survey periods. The data points to a continued strong labor market at a time when the Federal Reserve is considering cutting interest rates at its month-end policy meeting.
- The index of leading economic indicators declined an unexpected 0.30% in June, signaling the potential for slower US economic growth in the months ahead. The decline was the first contraction of the year, and also the largest in three years. The numbers were affected by weakness in new orders for manufacturing, housing permits, and unemployment insurance claims. Also, for the first time since late-2007, the yield spread made a small negative contribution, reflecting the ongoing yield curve inversion.
- Housing starts fell an unexpected 0.90% in June from the prior month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.253 million. It was the second consecutive month of declines. Similarly, residential building permits dropped 6.10% from May to an annual pace of 1.220 million, which represents the largest monthly drop since March 2016. Despite a strong labor market and low mortgage rates, the housing market has been challenged by low inventory and high prices.

Talking Points

- US equities traded mostly lower during the week on disappointing earnings concerns, worries about the health of the economy, and lack of progress in resolving the trade dispute with China.
- The Yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note drifted lower toward 2% over the course of the week, or more than one percentage point below its peak last November.
- The US dollar finished weaker against a basket of currencies, reflecting rising expectations that the Fed could cut short-term lending rates by 50 basis points, rather than a more typical 25.
- Gold extended its rally and hit a six-year high on concerns about worsening relations in the Middle East, a lower dollar, and falling government bond yields.
- Oil prices have declined to their lowest levels in a month, despite growing tensions in the Middle East, as weaker demand and growing US inventories weighed on the market.

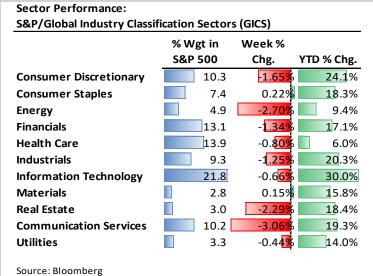
Market Dashboard

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,976.61	-37.16	-1.23%	18.7%
Dow Industrials	27,154.20	-177.83	-0.65%	16.4%
Nasdaq	8,146.49	-97.66	-1.18%	22.8%
Russell 2000	1,547.90	-22.10	-1.41%	14.8%
Euro Stoxx Index	387.25	0.40	0.10%	14.7%
Shanghai Composite	2,924.20	-6.35	-0.22%	17.3%
MSCI ACWI	527.51	-2.97	-0.56%	15.8%
Source: Bloomberg; Index % char	nge is based on p	orice.		

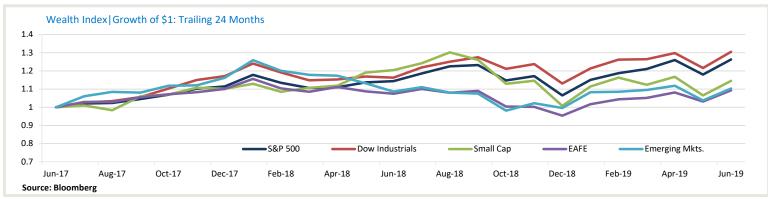
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MSCI EM	1,051.72	0.81	0.08%	8.9%
10-Year US Treas.	2.05	-6 bps	NM	NM
Bloomberg Cmdts. Idx.	79.38	-1.64	-2.03%	3.5%
Gold	\$1,425.10	\$9.79	0.69%	11.2%
Crude Oil	\$55.80	-\$4.17	-6.93%	17.7%
Dollar Index	97.15	0.32	0.33%	1.0%
VIX Index	14.45	2.06	16.63%	-43.2%

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Value		Growth	Value		Growth
-1.06%	-1.21%	-1.34%	14.66%	18.32%	21.59%
-1.33%	-1.12%	-0.80%	16.66%	21.32%	28.19%
-1.78%	-1.41%	-1.05%	10.17%	14.78%	19.28%
Source: B	loomberg				







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Endowment Wealth Management Weekly Market Review-July 22, 2019 The Economy and Markets

Macro View: Caution! Changeable Weather Ahead

Here we are on the eve of another rate-setting meeting by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), and the markets seem to be feeling pretty good. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (the Dow) is coming off its best June since 1938, the S&P 500 Index since 1955, and both have reached new highs in July. Everything is perfect, right? So, pack your bags and head for your favorite beach or lakefront. We will see you after Labor Day!

Not so fast. Maybe we should not be feeling so complacent. We all have heard the old adage that "bull markets climb a wall of worry." So, maybe we should take a step back and survey a couple of the market's current concerns. We never know when those clear skies may turn grey.

To begin, what is the worry? For starters, stock buybacks have been an important area of market support, and they are showing signs of slowing. Buybacks declined in the second quarter for the first time in seven quarters. Companies have long advocated for buybacks as a way to reduce the number of outstanding shares available, which in turn increases stock prices. It could be that the recent decline in buyback activity is the result of corporations reassessing the valuations of their own businesses, or maybe the flood of available cash from last year's tax reform used to repurchase shares in the first place is starting to wane. Either way, the stock market must look for other sources of funding to maintain its upward climb.

Then, there is the small cap issue. Small cap stocks generally have underperformed larger cap names since the beginning of 2018. Many investors view periods when small caps underperform as a warning that the broader market may be approaching a top. Since small cap stocks are "riskier," they should outperform when market sentiment is strong. Although the Dow, S&P 500, and Nasdaq indices all have posted recent record highs, the Russell 2000 small cap index is roughly 10% below its high of August 2018. How long small caps will underperform is difficult to say, but history has shown that difficult markets tend to follow.

Of course, political considerations, both here and abroad, have been driving economic decisions and financial markets more than ever before, whether they are the US trade war sparring match with China, increased tensions with Iran, Brexit uncertainty, the looming debt-ceiling battle, or any number of issues that lead businesses and securities markets to pause.

But enough about the worries: What will it take to keep the party going for the second half of the year? Well, Federal Reserve (the Fed) Chair Jerome Powell stated in his testimony to Congress earlier this month that "the economy is in a very good place," and "we want to use our tools to keep it there," maintaining that "it is very important that this expansion continue as long as possible." Forget taking away the punch bowl—the Fed will likely give it a good spike!

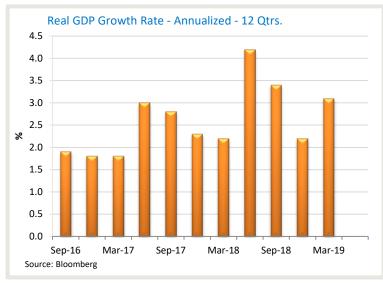
The impressive equity market gains in the first half of 2019 were driven largely by both the Fed's shift in policy and the market's expectation for several rate cuts this year. Many pundits argue that it may not be wise for the Fed to cut rates when stocks are trading at all-time highs. However, less-than-ideal economic conditions and an inverted yield curve make it likely that we will see that first cut at the FOMC meeting scheduled for July 30-31. Though some analysts are predicting a 50-basis-point drop to kick things off, there is near unanimous opinion that it will be at least 25 basis points. How many additional cuts there may be after that is less clear, and depends on a number of factors, but it would eliminate the headwind from the prior tightening cycle.

Has the rate cut already been baked in, or might we see a short-lived rally? It is anyone's guess. However, a recent study found that in every case since 1971, when a new cycle of interest rate cuts was begun during a period of economic expansion, the market was up three, six, nine, and 12 months later 100% of the time. Those are pretty good odds!

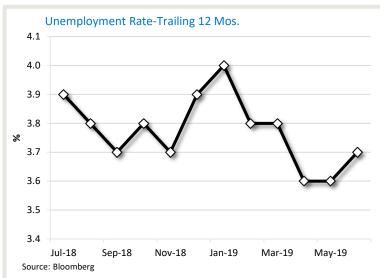
That said, we might now need to add monetary policy impotence to the bull market's wall of worry. In the latest Bank of America Merrill Lynch survey of roughly 200 global fund managers, participants cited concerns about depending on central banks for a market boost as their second-most-voted-upon tail risk behind the ongoing trade war. Fund managers express unease that the Fed's actions may not be enough, and their expectations of both an earnings recession and debt deflation remain dominant concerns.

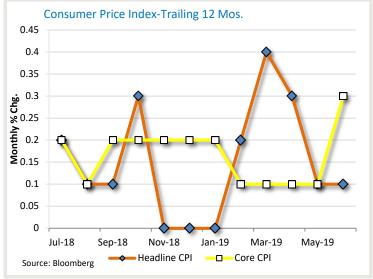
So, enjoy the rest of your summer and do not forget your sunscreen, but keep one eye on the horizon—changeable weather could be ahead.

Economic Data

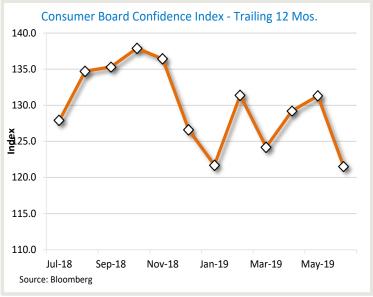












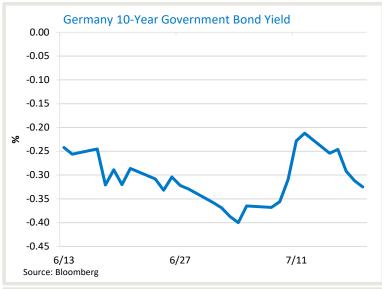
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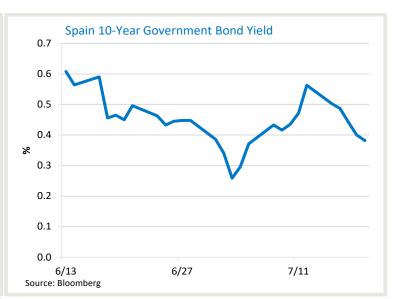
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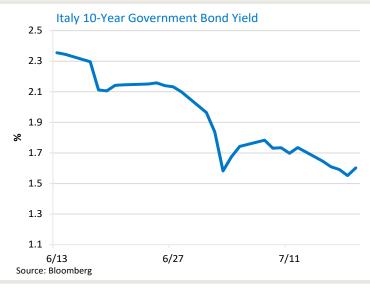
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.32	12 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	2.14	18 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	1.60	13 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	0.38	18 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.01	15 bps	NM	NM

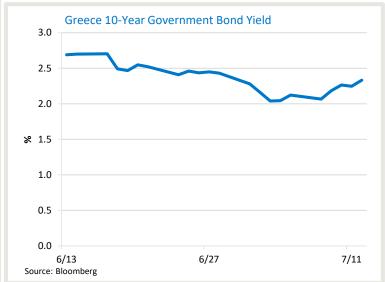
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France 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.07	13 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	0.13	12 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	0.45	20 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.21	12 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	0.73	9 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









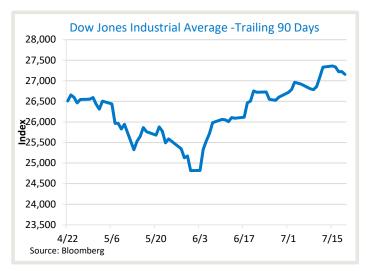
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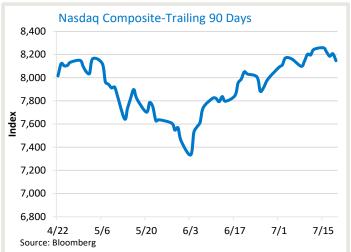
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MSCI EM	1,051.72	0.81	0.08%	8.9%	
S&P/TSX (Canada)	16,485.94	-2.18	-0.01%	15.10%	
Mexico IPC	41,606.54	-1040.77	-2.44%	-0.08%	
Brazil Bovespa	103,451.90	-454.10	-0.44%	17.71%	
Euro Stoxx 600	387.25	0.40	0.10%	14.69%	
FTSE 100	7,508.70	2.73	0.04%	11.60%	
IBEX 35 (Spain)	9,170.50	-122.70	-1.32%	7.38%	

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	9,937.03	174.05	1.78%	17.89%
CAC 40 Index (France)	5,552.34	-20.52	-0.37%	17.37%
DAX Index (Germany)	12,260.07	-63.25	-0.51%	16.11%
Irish Overall Index	6,267.36	-27.75	-0.44%	14.37%
Nikkei 225	21,466.99	-176.54	-0.82%	7.26%
Hang Seng Index	28,765.40	293.78	1.03%	11.30%
Shanghai Composite	2,924.20	-6.35	-0.22%	17.25%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	2,094.36	7.70	0.37%	2.61%
Taiwan Taiex Index	10,873.19	48.84	0.45%	11.78%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,564.30	-33.37	-2.09%	6.86%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,700.57	-77.01	-2.77%	13.98%

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









Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

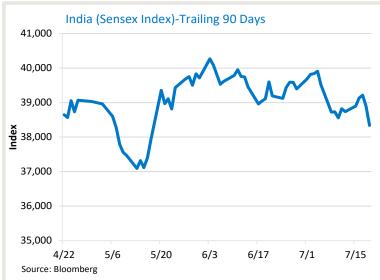
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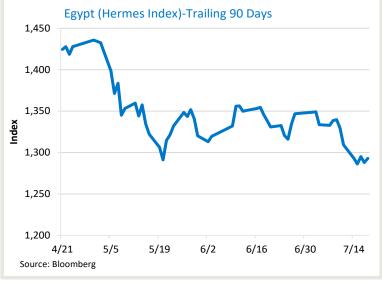
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Mexico IPC	41,606.54	-1040.77	-2.4%	-0.1%		
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	103,451.90	-454.10	-0.4%	17.7%		
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,700.57	-77.01	-2.8%	14.0%		
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,067.41	11.79	1.1%	8.2%		
Turkey (Istanbul)	101,849.19	4750.86	4.9%	11.6%		
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,292.82	-16.46	-1.3%	1.2%		
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,689.53	11.63	0.4%	-5.1%		
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	9,033.83	65.60	0.7%	15.4%		
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	846.90	5.45	0.6%	-13.3%		
Palestine	525.18	-0.68	-0.1%	-0.8%		

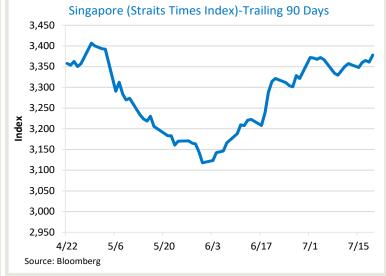
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Hang Seng Index	28,765.40	293.78	1.0%	11.3%
India (Sensex 30)	38,337.01	-399.22	-1.0%	6.3%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,658.19	-11.26	-0.7%	-1.9%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,377.96	20.62	0.6%	10.1%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,735.10	-5.35	-0.3%	10.9%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	6,456.54	83.19	1.3%	4.2%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	32,458.77	-1213.72	-3.6%	-12.4%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	982.34	6.94	0.7%	10.1%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	5,715.14	153.86	2.8%	-5.6%
Cambodia (Laos)	772.61	-5.33	-0.7%	-7.6%

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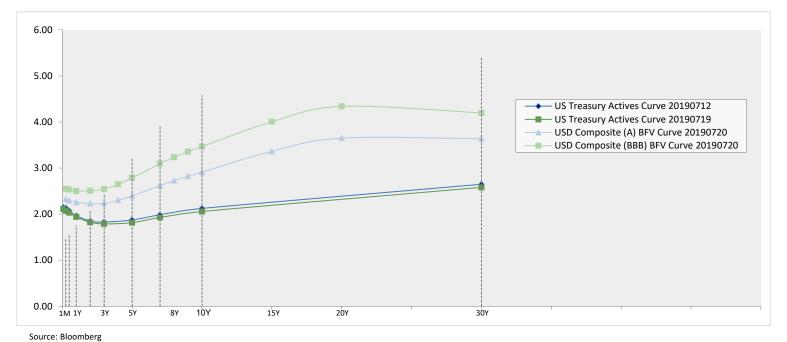
Interest Rates

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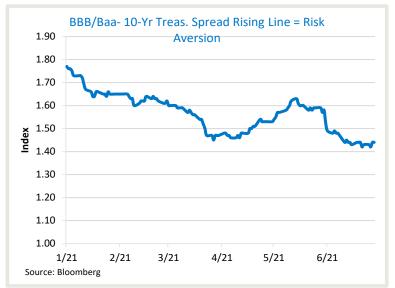
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.82%	1 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.81%	-5 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.05%	-6 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.58%	-5 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.32%	12 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	-0.07%	13 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	1.60%	13 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	1.85%	8 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.)	2.28%	-4 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	2.98%	-1 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	3.45%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	3.93%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







Currencies

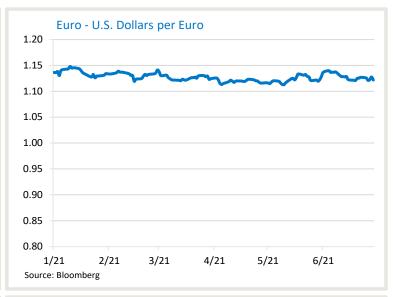
SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	97.15	0.318	0.33%	0.99%
Euro	1.12	-0.005	-0.46%	-2.17%
Japanese Yen	107.73	-0.170	0.16%	1.81%
British Pound	1.25	-0.007	-0.59%	-2.01%
Canadian Dollar	1.31	0.003	-0.21%	4.46%

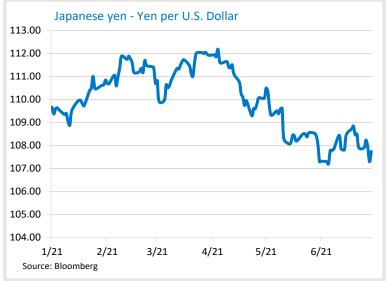
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.88	0.001	-0.02%	-0.05%
Swiss Franc	0.98	-0.002	0.23%	0.02%
New Zealand Dollar	0.68	0.007	0.99%	0.60%
Brazilian Real	3.75	0.013	-0.35%	3.32%
Mexican Peso	19.03	0.033	-0.17%	3.30%

Source: Bloomberg







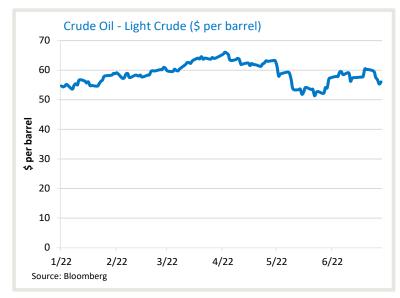


Commodities

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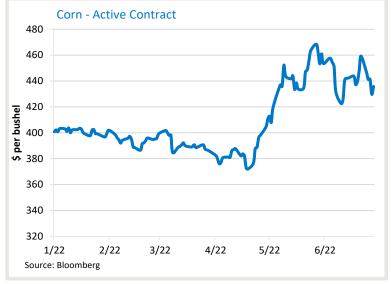
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %							
Bloomberg Comm. ldx.	79.38	-1.64	-2.03%	3.47%							
Crude Oil	\$55.65	-\$4.17	-6.93%	17.73%							
Natural Gas	\$2.25	-\$0.20	-8.07%	-18.21%							
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.78	\$0.00	-0.07%	23.35%							
Heating Oil	189.87	-8.01	-4.05%	12.56%							
Gold Spot	\$1,425.69	\$9.79	0.69%	11.15%							
Silver Spot	\$16.21	\$0.99	6.49%	4.59%							
Source: Bloomberg; % change is based on price.											

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$845.91	\$14.96	1.80%	6.33%
Corn	435.75	-23.50	-5.12%	9.62%
Wheat	502.50	-20.50	-3.92%	-4.87%
Soybeans	919.25	-12.25	-1.32%	-1.71%
Sugar	11.59	-0.71	-5.77%	-7.50%
Orange Juice	104.10	0.70	0.68%	-19.86%
Aluminum	1,854.00	32.00	1.76%	0.43%
Copper	5,983.00	48.00	0.81%	0.30%









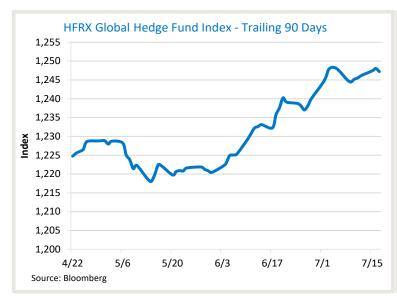
Alternative Investments

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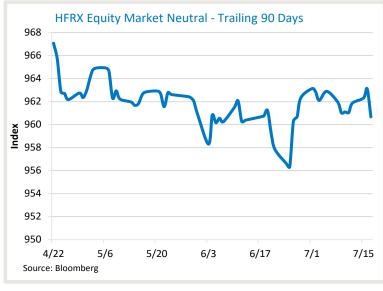
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HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1247.21	1.03	0.08%	4.82%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	960.67	-1.20	-0.12%	-1.23%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1233.25	1.09	0.09%	7.14%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1515.51	-1.34	-0.09%	3.01%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1076.15	-2.05	-0.19%	1.71%

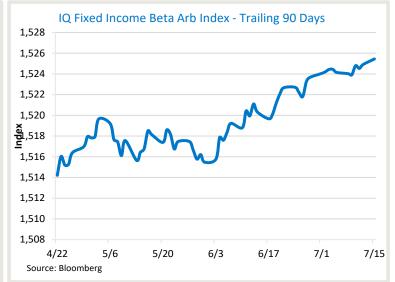
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HFRX Special Situation Index	1225.35	-0.62	-0.05%	1.86%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1774.07	-7.58	-0.43%	-2.40%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	812.01	0.80	0.10%	3.09%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1162.82	6.26	0.54%	3.26%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1526.77	1.86	0.12%	4.39%

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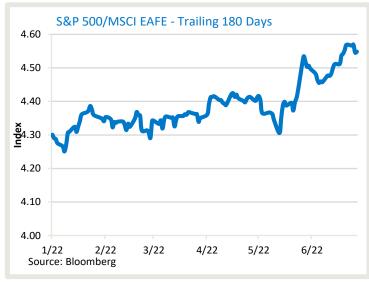


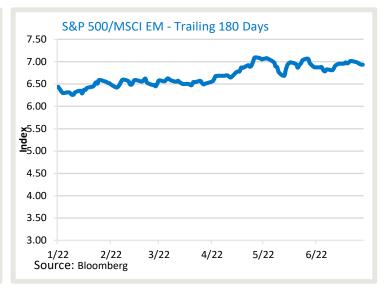


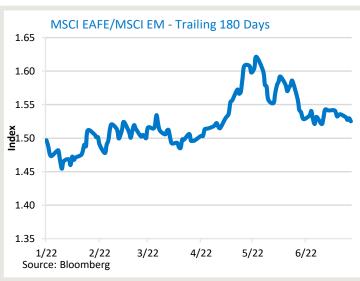




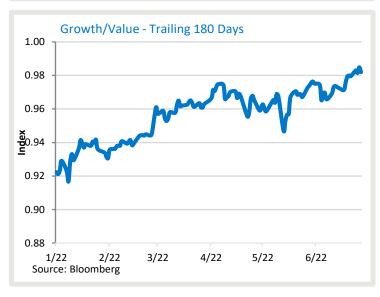
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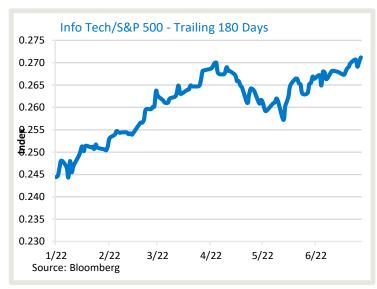


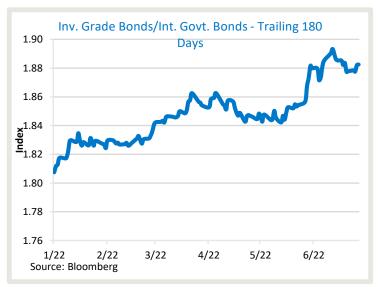


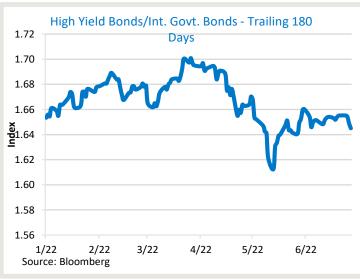


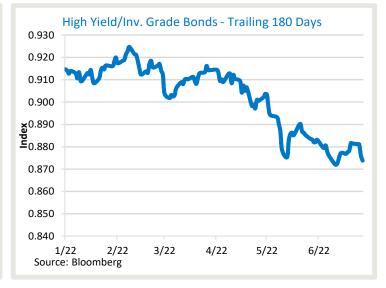


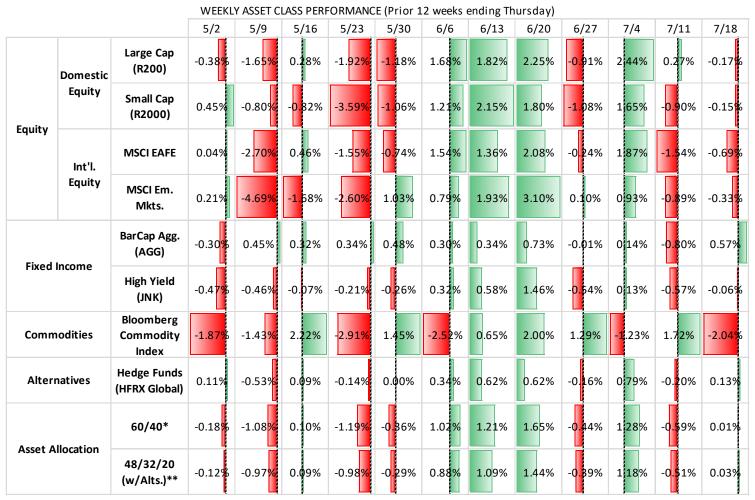
Portfolio Construction (continued)











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	1.00	1.02	1.03	0.98	1.09	1.17	1.11	1.25	1.16	1.14	1.12	1.26	0.98	1.16
Large Cap Growth	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.03	0.97	1.09	1.17	1.11	1.25	1.16	1.14	1.12	1.25	0.98	1.15
Large Cap Value	0.98	0.98	1.00	1.01	0.96	1.07	1.15	1.09	1.23	1.14	1.12	1.10	1.23	0.96	1.13
Mid Cap Core	0.97	0.97	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.06	1.13	1.08	1.21	1.13	1.11	1.09	1.22	0.95	1.12
Mid Cap Growth	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.06	1.00	1.12	1.20	1.14	1.28	1.19	1.17	1.15	1.29	1.00	1.18
Mid Cap Value	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.94	0.89	1.00	1.07	1.02	1.14	1.06	1.04	1.03	1.15	0.90	1.06
Small Cap Core	0.85	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.83	0.93	1.00	0.95	1.07	0.99	0.97	0.96	1.07	0.84	0.99
Small Cap Growth	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.88	0.98	1.05	1.00	1.13	1.04	1.03	1.01	1.13	0.88	1.04
Small Cap Value	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.78	0.87	0.94	0.89	1.00	0.93	0.91	0.90	1.00	0.78	0.92
Int'l. Developed	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.89	0.84	0.94	1.01	0.96	1.08	1.00	0.98	0.97	1.08	0.85	1.00
Emerging Markets	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.90	0.86	0.96	1.03	0.97	1.10	1.02	1.00	0.99	1.10	0.86	1.01
REITs	0.89	0.89	0.91	0.92	0.87	0.97	1.04	0.99	1.11	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.12	0.87	1.03
Commodities	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.78	0.87	0.93	0.89	1.00	0.92	0.91	0.89	1.00	0.78	0.92
Int. Bond	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.00	1.11	1.19	1.13	1.27	1.18	1.16	1.15	1.28	1.00	1.18
High Yield	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.84	0.95	1.01	0.96	1.08	1.00	0.99	0.97	1.09	0.85	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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