

Weekly Review August 5, 2019

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

- The Federal Reserve (Fed) cut rates for the first time in more than ten years. On Wednesday, July 31, Fed Chair Jerome Powell and the central bank's rate-setting committee lowered the target range for the federal funds rate 25 basis points to 2.00-2.25%. The move comes as monetary policymakers have grown increasingly concerned about the durability of the current expansion amid heightened trade tensions.
- Jobless claims are higher than expected, still near historic lows. Initial jobless claims rose to 215,000 for the week ended July 27, while the four-week average fell to 211,500. Both measures remain near their lowest in 50 years. Continuing claims at 1.70 million for the week ended July 20 also are near lows not seen since the 1970s.
- Unemployment is historically low, but wage growth is stalling. The US economy added 164,000 jobs in July, while unemployment remained at 3.70%. However, average hourly earnings growth clocked in at only 3.20% over the 12 months ended in July. This figure is down from the post-crisis high of 3.40% recorded in February 2019 and lower than gains seen in the last economic cycle.

Talking Points

- Global equity markets were led by Japan and Turkey, which posted returns between 19 and 24 basis points through Thursday. India and Argentina, down more than 3.10% and 4.30%, respectively, were the worst performers.
- The Treasury yield curve shifted downward through Thursday. Yields across the curve fell precipitously in response to the Fed's rate cut.
- Commodities were broadly down on the week. Oil, agriculture, and precious and industrial metals were down on the week.
- The US dollar strengthened against a basket of major trade partners' currencies. The dollar index remains at highs not seen since 2017.
- In other economic news: The US trade deficit grew in January as exports fell due to ongoing trade tensions. Construction spending fell 1.30% in June in a greater drop than economists had forecast. The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Survey approached postcrisis heights in July, as unemployment remains low.

Market Dashboard

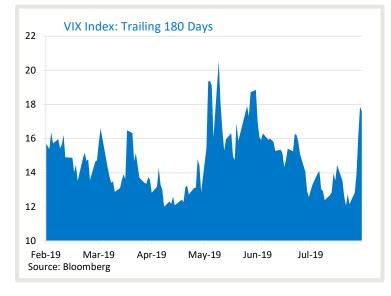
	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,932.05	-93.81	-3.10%	17.0%
Dow Industrials	26,485.01	-707.44	-2.60%	13.5%
Nasdaq	8,004.07	-326.14	-3.92%	20.6%
Russell 2000	1,533.66	-45.31	-2.87%	13.7%
Euro Stoxx Index	378.15	-12.58	-3.22%	12.0%
Shanghai Composite	2,867.84	-76.70	-2.60%	15.0%
MSCI ACWI	520.57	-10.43	-1.96%	14.2%
Source: Bloomberg; Index % cha	nge is based on p	orice.		

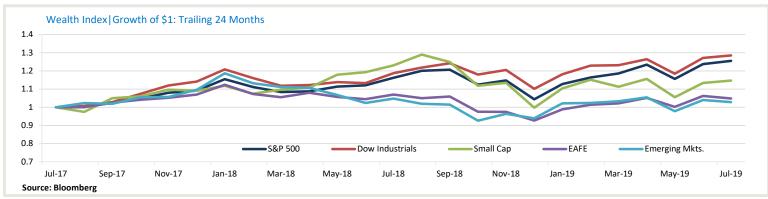
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MSCI EM	1,024.56	-24.10	-2.30%	6.1%
10-Year US Treas.	1.86	-23 bps	NM	NM
Bloomberg Cmdts. Idx.	77.23	-1.51	-1.92%	0.7%
Gold	\$1,439.88	\$22.16	1.56%	12.4%
Crude Oil	\$55.22	-\$1.00	-1.78%	15.4%
Dollar Index	98.10	0.09	0.09%	2.0%
VIX Index	17.61	5.45	44.82%	-30.7%

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	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	-3.09%	-3.11%	-3.12%	12.58%	16.59%	20.16%
	-3.00%	-3.36%	-3.91%	14.94%	19.21%	25.45%
S	-3.20%	-2.87%	-2.55%	8.90%	13.73%	18.44%
	Source: B	loombera				

	% Wgt in	Week %	
	S&P 500	Chg.	YTD % Chg.
Consumer Discretionary	10.1	-4.5 7%	19.4%
Consumer Staples	7.4	-1. 9 3%	16.7%
Energy	4.8	-3.38%	5.1%
Financials	13.1	-3.89%	15.6%
Health Care	13.9	-143%	5.2%
Industrials	9.2	-3.45%	17.8%
Information Technology	21.8	-4.36%	27.4%
Materials	2.7	- 2.9 8%	13.4%
Real Estate	3.1	2.05%	21.7%
Communication Services	10.5	-3.4 9%	20.3%
Utilities	3.3	0.25%	13.6%





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A Macro View: Shifting Winds at the Federal Reserve

A year ago, the Federal Reserve (the Fed) was well along its path to normalize short-term interest rates and shrink its massive balance sheet, reversing a decade of cheap money and quantitative easing in a shift designed to provide the central bank with the flexibility to maneuver when the next recession hits. The Fed embarked on this tightening trail in late 2015, when former Chair Janet Yellen began to slowly, methodically remove the proverbial punch bowl. On Wednesday, however, Chair Jerome Powell and the Fed's rate-setting body brought the target range for the federal funds rate down 25 basis points to 2.00-2.25%—its first such move in more than ten years. Policymakers typically cut interest rates as the economy approaches or enters a recession, so this cut is notable for its occurrence as the US forges further into its longest economic expansion in recorded history.

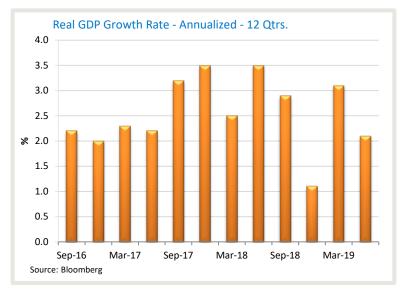
As the length of this cycle suggests, the economy is doing well from one perspective, with unemployment hovering near multi-decade lows, 121 consecutive months of economic growth in the bag (and counting), and inflation below the Fed's 2% target. Had such tight labor market conditions existed in any previous economic cycle in the post-World War II period, the monetary managers at the central bank likely would have seen signs of increasing inflationary pressures, leading them to pump the economy's brakes to prevent an inflationary spiral. However, a lot has changed in the US economy since the last inflation scare in the 1970s, and the conspicuous lack of inflation this late in a cycle initiated by the most significant downturn since the Great Depression is just one of the indicators that this expansion is quite different from those that preceded it.

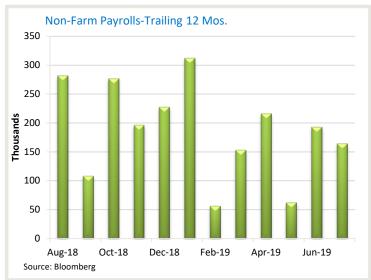
Part of the reason that inflation remains below the Fed's target, despite such tight labor market conditions, stems from the falling share of national production going to wage earners versus asset owners at the peaks of the most recent economic cycles. According to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, labor's share of national income, which typically rises toward the end of an economic expansion, stood at 52.70% for 2017 (the most recent data available), compared with 56.10% in 2008 and the postwar peak of 58.40% in 1970. Furthermore, average hourly earnings increased only 3.10% on a nominal basis over the 12 months ended in June, and inflation at 1.77% over the same period eroded more than half of this growth. Chair Powell noted how wages are finally beginning to increase appreciably on an inflation-adjusted basis, particularly for those at the lower end of the income distribution. With its rate cut, the Fed expressed its concern that continuing to tighten monetary conditions, especially when the global economy is facing trade and investment headwinds, risked tipping the economy into recession.

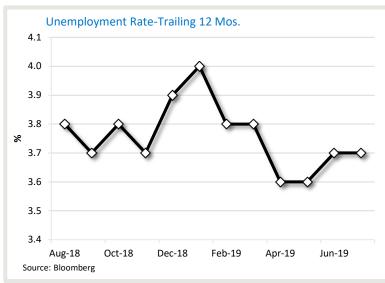
The other piece of the inflation puzzle is the increasingly fraught trade and investment environment. Although trade tensions between the US and China, the world's two largest economies, were certainly rising at this time last year, their persistence has increasingly weighed on business confidence and capital expenditures. The Trump Administration has repeatedly wielded tariffs as a stick to extract concessions from trading partners, as well as from regional allies in an attempt to effectuate his immigration agenda. On Thursday, August 1, President Trump announced additional tariffs on \$300 billion of consumer goods manufactured in China, to go into effect on September 1, in response to what he viewed as insufficient progress in trade negotiations in Shanghai. Although these threats arguably have brought partners to the negotiating table and benefited favored industries, they have contributed to stagnation in manufacturing and domestic investment. In July, for example, the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index fell to a three-year low of 51.2%. Although any reading above 50% indicates expansion, the comparatively low reading caught the Fed's attention. Similarly, growth in capital expenditures fell to 1.40% year over year in June—not far from this figure's post-crisis nadir at the beginning of 2016—while US construction spending fell 2.00% over the same period, according to the Commerce Department.

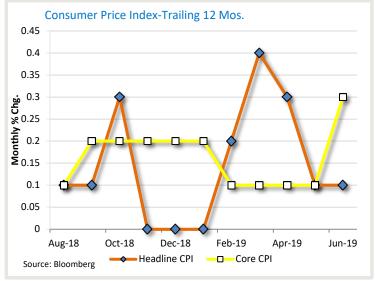
By way of an inverted Treasury yield curve, the bond market has long expressed the collective view that economic growth and inflation expectations are exceedingly modest. Therefore, in the market's view, the Fed needed to cut to avoid the dreaded incidence of a policy mistake. As predicted, the Fed cut rates in recognition that normalization cannot come at the expense of the expansion. No doubt aware that options markets are still heavily implying another 25-basis-point cut at the FOMC's September meeting, Mr. Powell warned that this cut should not be viewed as the first of many. Both the Chair and the Committee clearly hope that marginally easier financial conditions will provide enough juice to keep the economy humming. Whether the global environment will oblige is another matter.

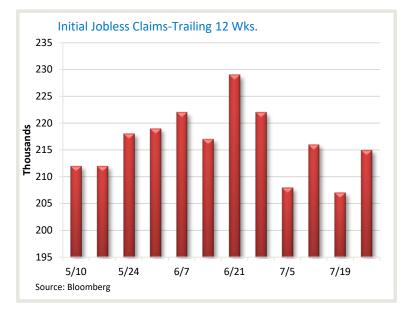
Economic Data













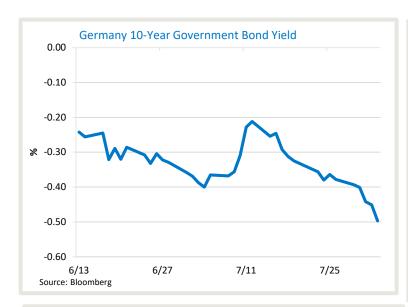
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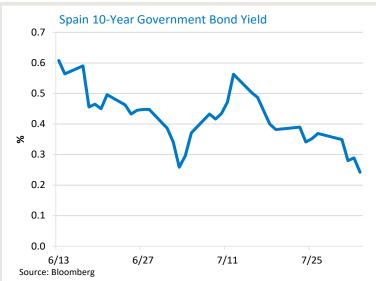
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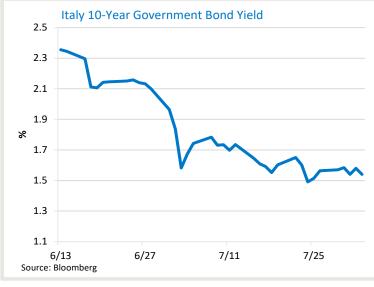
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Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.50	12 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	2.03	2 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	1.54	2 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	0.24	13 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.17	11 bps	NM	NM

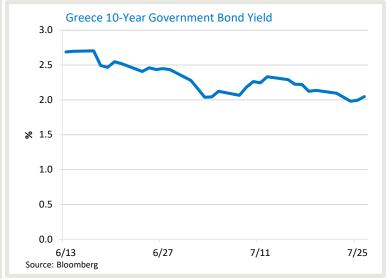
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France 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.24	12 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	0.03	9 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	0.29	15 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.38	12 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	0.55	13 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









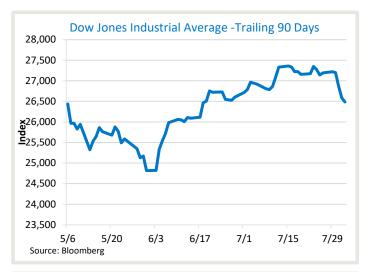
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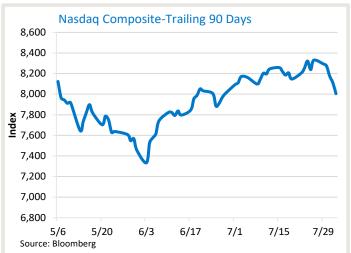
WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

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MSCI EM	1,024.56	-24.10	-2.30%	6.1%
S&P/TSX (Canada)	16,271.66	-259.38	-1.57%	13.61%
Mexico IPC	39,977.52	-696.26	-1.71%	-3.99%
Brazil Bovespa	102,673.70	-145.20	-0.14%	16.82%
Euro Stoxx 600	378.15	-12.58	-3.22%	11.99%
FTSE 100	7,407.06	-142.00	-1.88%	10.09%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	8,897.60	-327.90	-3.55%	4.19%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	9,803.69	-164.39	-1.65%	16.30%
CAC 40 Index (France)	5,359.00	-251.05	-4.48%	13.28%
DAX Index (Germany)	11,872.44	-547.46	-4.41%	12.44%
Irish Overall Index	5,978.15	-346.14	-5.47%	9.09%
Nikkei 225	21,087.16	-570.99	-2.64%	5.36%
Hang Seng Index	26,918.58	-1479.16	-5.21%	4.15%
Shanghai Composite	2,867.84	-76.70	-2.60%	14.99%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	1,998.13	-68.13	-3.30%	-2.10%
Taiwan Taiex Index	10,549.04	-342.94	-3.15%	8.45%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,631.09	21.57	1.34%	11.42%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,674.90	-40.78	-1.50%	12.90%

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









Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

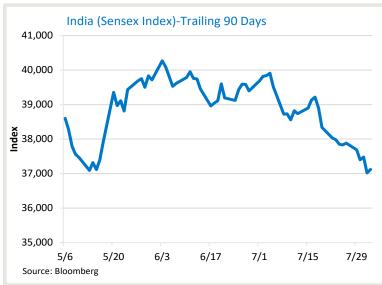
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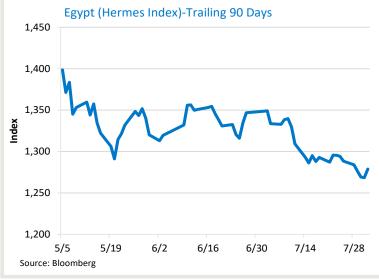
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Mexico IPC	39,977.52	-696.26	-1.7%	-4.0%
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	102,673.70	-145.20	-0.1%	16.8%
MOEX Index (Russia)	2,674.90	-40.78	-1.5%	12.9%
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,040.37	-30.21	-2.8%	5.5%
Turkey (Istanbul)	99,679.44	-3157.77	-3.1%	9.2%
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,278.72	-9.54	-0.7%	0.1%
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,586.68	-65.12	-2.5%	-8.7%
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	8,666.39	-152.61	-1.7%	10.7%
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	817.86	-22.70	-2.7%	-16.3%
Palestine	531.01	5.31	1.0%	0.3%

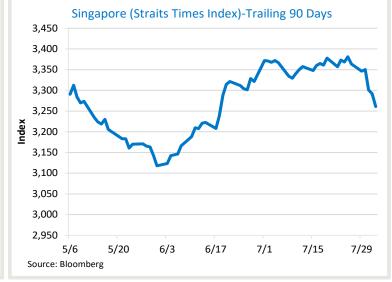
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	26,918.58	-1479.16	-5.2%	4.2%
India (Sensex 30)	37,118.22	-764.57	-2.0%	2.9%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,626.76	-29.82	-1.8%	-3.8%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,261.11	-102.65	-3.1%	6.3%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,684.71	-46.19	-2.7%	7.7%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	6,340.18	14.94	0.2%	2.4%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	31,666.41	-436.86	-1.4%	-14.6%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	991.10	-2.25	-0.2%	11.0%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	5,894.70	21.81	0.4%	-2.6%
Cambodia (Laos)	782.39	6.62	0.9%	-6.5%

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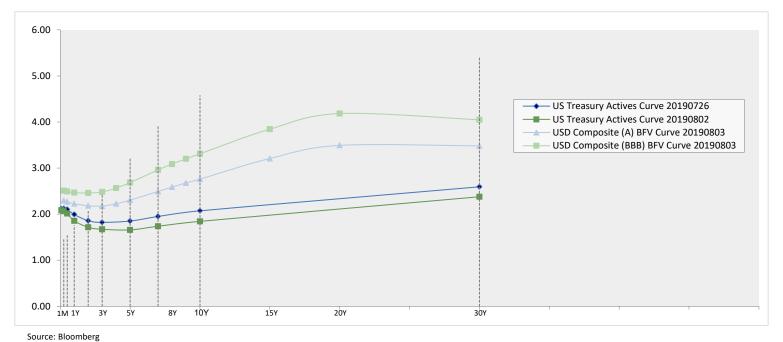
Interest Rates

SELECTED INTEREST RATES

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.71%	3 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.67%	-19 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.86%	-23 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.39%	-21 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.50%	12 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	-0.24%	12 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	1.54%	2 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	1.82%	0 bps	NM	NM

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	5.25%	-0.25	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	2.25%	-0.25	NM	NM
Discount Rate	2.75%	-0.25	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	2.29%	2 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	2.89%	-5 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	3.42%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	3.90%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







Currencies

SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	98.10	0.092	0.09%	2.01%
Euro	1.11	-0.002	-0.20%	-3.15%
Japanese Yen	106.60	-2.100	1.97%	2.92%
British Pound	1.22	-0.022	-1.81%	-4.66%
Canadian Dollar	1.32	0.004	-0.33%	3.23%

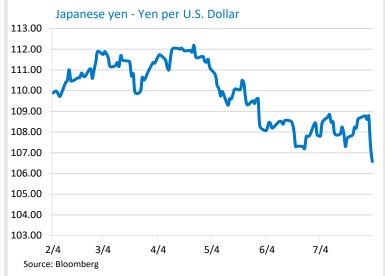
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.94	0.061	-0.88%	-0.89%
Swiss Franc	0.98	-0.011	1.09%	-0.04%
New Zealand Dollar	0.65	-0.010	-1.52%	-2.74%
Brazilian Real	3.88	0.108	-2.78%	-0.29%
Mexican Peso	19.31	0.256	-1.33%	1.78%

Source: Bloomberg









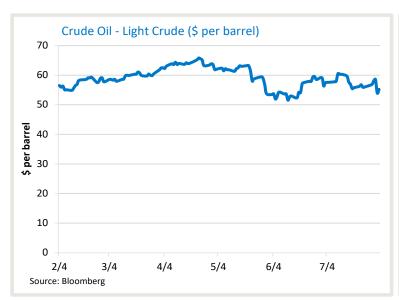
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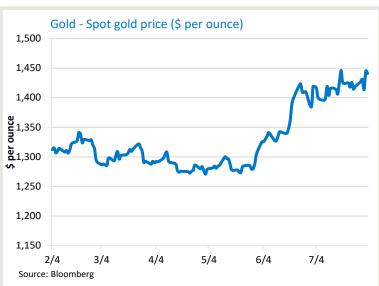
Commodities

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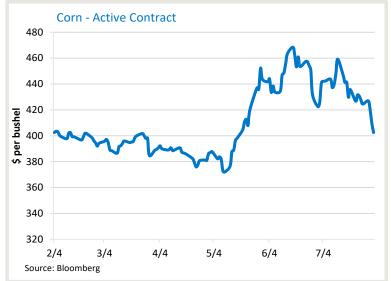
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Bloomberg Comm. ldx.	77.23	-1.51	-1.92%	0.67%				
Crude Oil	\$55.21	-\$1.00	-1.78%	15.38%				
Natural Gas	\$2.14	-\$0.01	-0.47%	-21.47%				
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.72	-\$0.02	-0.77%	20.56%				
Heating Oil	187.69	-3.67	-1.92%	10.36%				
Gold Spot	\$1,440.02	\$22.16	1.56%	12.36%				
Silver Spot	\$16.20	-\$0.19	-1.16%	4.61%				

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$844.75	-\$19.60	-2.27%	6.29%
Corn	409.50	-15.00	-3.53%	3.02%
Wheat	490.75	-5.25	-1.06%	-7.10%
Soybeans	868.50	-32.50	-3.61%	-7.14%
Sugar	12.02	0.00	0.00%	-4.07%
Orange Juice	99.20	-3.25	-3.17%	-23.63%
Aluminum	1,780.00	-22.00	-1.22%	-3.58%
Copper	5,899.00	-64.00	-1.07%	-1.11%









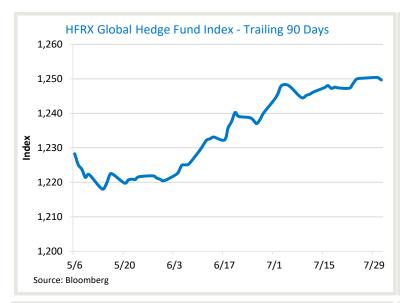
Alternative Investments

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1249.65	-0.52	-0.04%	5.02%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	955.46	-5.50	-0.57%	-1.77%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1232.87	-3.99	-0.32%	7.10%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1510.45	-0.85	-0.06%	2.66%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1078.04	-0.25	-0.02%	1.89%

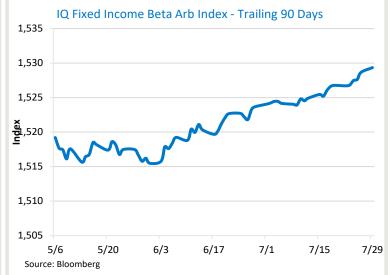
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HFRX Special Situation Index	1220.43	-0.87	-0.07%	1.45%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1780.61	3.54	0.20%	-2.04%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	814.76	-0.72	-0.09%	3.44%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1176.26	3.74	0.32%	4.46%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1527.86	-0.80	-0.05%	4.47%

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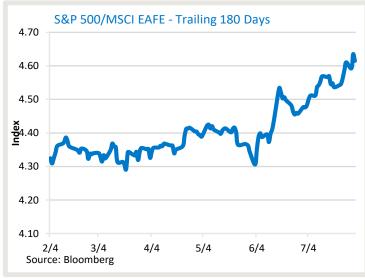


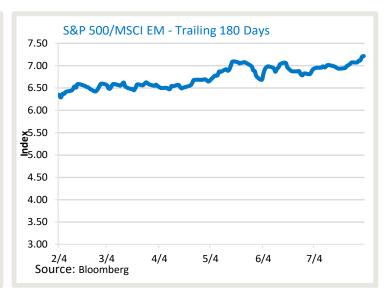






Portfolio Construction



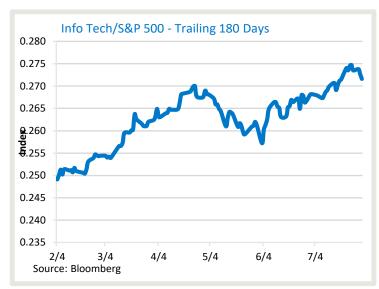


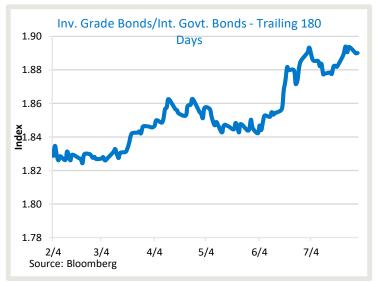


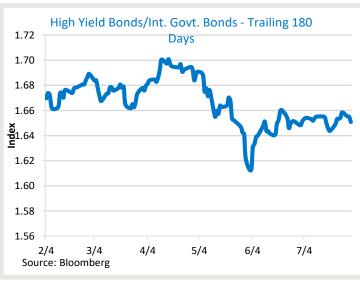


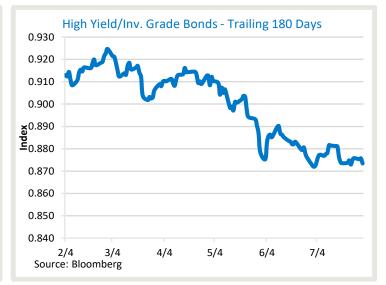


Portfolio Construction (continued)











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.

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	Small Cap Value	Int'l. Developed	Emerging Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	0.97	1.06	1.02	0.98	1.06	1.05	1.00	1.10	1.08	1.19	0.98	1.26	0.81	1.06
Large Cap Growth	1.03	1.00	1.10	1.06	1.01	1.10	1.09	1.04	1.14	1.12	1.23	1.02	1.31	0.83	1.09
Large Cap Value	0.94	0.91	1.00	0.96	0.92	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.02	1.12	0.93	1.19	0.76	1.00
Mid Cap Core	0.98	0.95	1.04	1.00	0.96	1.04	1.03	0.98	1.08	1.06	1.17	0.96	1.24	0.79	1.03
Mid Cap Growth	1.03	0.99	1.09	1.05	1.00	1.09	1.07	1.03	1.13	1.11	1.22	1.01	1.29	0.83	1.08
Mid Cap Value	0.94	0.91	1.00	0.96	0.92	1.00	0.99	0.94	1.04	1.02	1.12	0.93	1.19	0.76	1.00
Small Cap Core	0.95	0.92	1.01	0.97	0.93	1.01	1.00	0.95	1.05	1.03	1.14	0.94	1.20	0.77	1.01
Small Cap Growth	1.00	0.97	1.06	1.02	0.97	1.06	1.05	1.00	1.10	1.08	1.19	0.98	1.26	0.81	1.06
Small Cap Value	0.91	0.87	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.96	0.95	0.91	1.00	0.98	1.08	0.89	1.14	0.73	0.96
Int'l. Developed	0.93	0.89	0.98	0.94	0.90	0.98	0.97	0.93	1.02	1.00	1.10	0.91	1.17	0.75	0.98
Emerging Markets	0.84	0.81	0.89	0.86	0.82	0.89	0.88	0.84	0.93	0.91	1.00	0.83	1.06	0.68	0.89
REITs	1.02	0.98	1.08	1.04	0.99	1.08	1.07	1.02	1.12	1.10	1.21	1.00	1.28	0.82	1.07
Commodities	0.79	0.77	0.84	0.81	0.77	0.84	0.83	0.79	0.88	0.86	0.94	0.78	1.00	0.64	0.84
Int. Bond	1.24	1.20	1.31	1.27	1.21	1.32	1.30	1.24	1.37	1.34	1.48	1.22	1.57	1.00	1.31
High Yield	0.95	0.92	1.00	0.97	0.92	1.00	0.99	0.95	1.05	1.02	1.13	0.93	1.20	0.76	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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