WEST SHORE BANK

WEEKLY RECAP - August 1, 2022

Economic & Market Commentary

Stock markets in July posted strong returns and the S&P 500 had its best month since November 2020. The majority of the rally occurred in the past two weeks as corporate earnings have held up better than expected. Also aiding the rally is the Federal Reserve which remains vigilant in tackling inflation, making it likely that peak inflation is behind us given the broad-based drop in commodity prices and widespread signs the economy is beginning to slowdown which should lead to lower demand. In fact, the first reading of 2Q22 U.S. GDP showed the economy shrank for the second consecutive quarter, which technically and commonly is the definition of a recession although historically recessions aren't officially labeled as such for months and sometimes up to a year later. Since 1929, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) has been the institution to deem the country in recession and in 1978 formally created the Business Cycle Dating Committee. According to the NBER, the Business Cycle Dating Committee "maintains a chronology of US business cycles. The chronology identifies the dates of peaks and troughs that frame economic recessions and expansions. The NBER's definition emphasizes that a recession involves a significant decline in economic activity that is spread across the economy and lasts more than a few months. In our interpretation of this definition, we treat the three criteria - depth, diffusion, and duration- as somewhat interchangeable. A recession must influence the economy broadly and not be confined to one sector. The committee emphasizes economy-wide measures of economic activity which include real personal income, nonfarm payrolls, employment as measured by household survey, real personal consumption expenditures, wholesale-retail sales and industrial production." The definition of recession has become rather political of late but keep this in mind, every time since 1948 that U.S. GDP has fallen for at least two straight quarters, the NBER has eventually declared a recession. Perhaps the redef

Index Total Returns - July 29, 2022				U.S. GDP		
	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr	ety, I PIP % Chg — U.S. Real GDP. 1-Yr % QIQ Chg		
Dow Jones	2.97	-8.60	-4.14	xxx		
S&P 400	4.87	-10.81	-5.70	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		
S&P 500	4.28	-12.58	-4.64	20%Z		
MSCI-Developed	2.11	-15.56	-14.32			
MSCI-Emerging	0.41	-17.83	-20.09	195		
Russell 2000	4.35	-15.43	-14.29			
NASDAQ	4.72	-20.47	-14.95	- 435		
Barclay's U.S. Bond Ind	lex			10%		
5-year Muni	0.59	-3.79	-4.25	ana		
Int. Gov. Credit	0.60	-5.25	-6.48			
Municipal	0.92	-6.58	-6.93	38%3		
Aggregate	0.64	-8.16	-9.12			
High Yield	1.53	-9.12	-8.02	⁴⁸² 42 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 28 21 [.] 4		

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U.S. Treasury Yields				S&P 500 Sector Total Returns - July 29, 2022			
	Latest	Week	1-Year	Sector	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr
Treasury Yields	Close	Ago	Ago	Energy	10.37	44.66	67.44
U.S. 1-Yr	2.84	2.89	0.07	Utilities	6.51	4.92	15.58
U.S. 2-Yr	2.90	2.99	0.20	Consumer Staples	1.65	-2.47	7.43
U.S. 3-Yr	2.82	2.95	0.37	Health Care	2.00	-5.29	1.82
U.S. 5-Yr	2.70	2.88	0.73	Industrials	5.71	-8.88	-6.03
U.S. 10-Yr	2.64	2.79	1.27	Materials	4.10	-12.85	-5.06
U.S. 30-Yr	2.98	3.00	1.91	Financials	2.99	-12.86	-5.97
Aunicipal Yields - Bloomberg/Barclays Index				Real Estate	4.88	-13.20	-1.64
	Latest	Week	1-Year	Info Tech	5.09	-17.01	-5.51
Issue Type	Close	Ago	Ago	Consumer Discretionary	5.55	-20.10	-10.29
U.S. AAA	2.47	2.62	0.72	Communication Services	2.49	-27.57	-28.96
U.S. AA	2.62	2.78	0.78		P/E	P/E NTM	Dividend
U.S. A	3.11	3.27	0.99	Index Characteristics	NTM	10yr-Avg.	Yield
U.S. Baa	3.60	3.74	1.30	S&P 500 - Large Cap	17.61	17.20	1.47
U.S. Municipal	2.79	2.94	0.87	S&P 400 - Mid Cap	12.71	15.72	1.37
Michigan	2.90	3.06	0.96	S&P 600 - Small Cap	12.23	16.39	1.34

Sources: FactSet, NBER