Economic & Market Commentary

Treasury bond yields continued their march higher last week as the Fed continued to press the mantra to remain vigilant and steadfast in the quest to bring inflation under control. Despite the hawkish Fed rehtoric and higher yields, U.S. stock markets broke a three week losing streak and finished sharply higher. Perhaps stock market participants are getting comfortable with the Fed's long-term approach and are starting to see the dim light at the end of the extended rate hike tunnel. The gains were driven by factors including oversold conditions, some more traction in the peak-inflation narrative, and firmer labor market data. Some of the upside was also tabbed to a lower bar for the Q3 earnings season after estimates came down by the most since the depths of the pandemic during the first two months of the quarter. Softer China inflation data was also cited as a tailwind as analysts said it could signal further global disinflationary trends. This is in stark contrast to Europe, which is seeing the price of energy futures skyrocket on enery supply concerns surrounding Russia. Also, there is some skepticism around this week's gains with more calls that upside is just a bear-market bounce. Fedspeak remained hawkish this week, as the Fed's raise-and-hold commitment continues to dent the peak-Fed narrative. Expectations for a 75 bp hike in September continued to ramp up this week as a number of sell-side economists shifted their expectations for September from 50 bp to 75 bp this week, including Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, and Barclays. Markets will get a much better read on inflation and September Fed rate hike expectations this week as the August Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be released Tuesday. Headline inflation calls for a decrease of -0.10% and a core (excludes food & energy) increase of +0.40%. 12-month increases are +8.1% and +6.1% respectively.

Index Total Returns - September 9, 2022				New and Existing Home Sales			
	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr	7,500 New Residential Sales, New Houses Sold, SA, (000's)	- Existing Home Sales,	SA, Units - (000's)	
Dow Jones	2.72	-10.16	-5.92	7.000		M	
S&P 400	4.42	-11.16	-6.49	1,000		/ \ _	
S&P 500	3.68	-13.72	-8.10	6,500		-	1 4
Russell 2000	4.07	-15.39	-15.23	6,000		J V	
MSCI-Emerging	-0.13	-19.42	-23.17		^^		/ / /
MSCI-Developed	0.89	-19.52	-20.46	5,500		w Market	W
NASDAQ	4.15	-22.15	-19.98	5,000	- AM	'	-
Barclay's U.S. Bond Inde	ex			4,500	\sim	$\sqrt{}$	
5-year Muni	-0.13	-5.72	-6.08	No A		` \	
Int. Gov. Credit	-0.40	-7.50	-8.58	4,000			
Municipal	-0.37	-9.45	-9.42	3,500			
High Yield	1.31	-10.21	-9.81	3,000			
Aggregate	-0.70	-11.56	-12.44	13 14 15 16	17 18	'19 '20	'21 '22 ©FactSet Resear
J.S. Treasury Yields				S&P 500 Sector Total Returns - September 9, 2022			
	Latest	Week	1-Year	Sector	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr
Treasury Yields	Close	Ago	Ago	Energy	0.73	49.22	78.48
U.S. 1-Yr	3.49	3.32	0.08	Utilities	3.74	9.81	14.92
U.S. 2-Yr	3.57	3.40	0.21	Consumer Staples	1.94	-2.92	5.47
U.S. 3-Yr	3.62	3.43	0.44	Health Care	4.41	-6.65	-1.39
U.S. 5-Yr	3.45	3.29	0.79	Industrials	3.40	-9.18	-5.50
U.S. 10-Yr	3.32	3.20	1.30	Financials	4.42	-11.21	-7.50
U.S. 30-Yr	3.46	3.34	1.90	Materials	5.03	-12.89	-5.13
Municipal Yields - Bloomberg/Barclays Index				Real Estate	4.21	-15.75	-6.66
	Latest	Week	1-Year	Consumer Discretionary	5.63	-19.43	-11.5
Issue Type	Close	Ago	Ago	Info Tech	3.25	-20.97	-12.7
U.S. AAA	3.11	3.07	0.83	Communication Services	2.86	-29.22	-33.6
U.S. AA	3.28	3.23	0.89		P/E	P/E NTM	Divide
U.S. A	3.75	3.68	1.09	Index Characteristics	NTM	10yr-Avg.	Yield
U.S. Baa	4.21	4.13	1.39	S&P 500 - Large Cap	17.30	17.26	1.5
U.S. Municipal	3.44	3.38	0.97	S&P 400 - Mid Cap	12.50	15.71	1.39
Michigan	3.50	3.43	1.05	S&P 600 - Small Cap	11.80	16.41	1.4