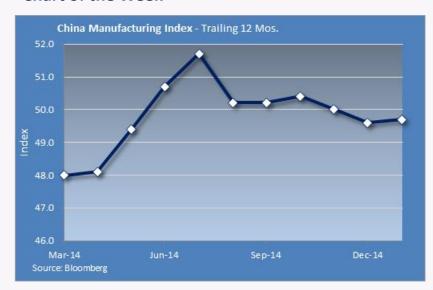


### **Chart of the Week**



# **Weekly Highlights**

- Domestic stock prices rose this week. The S&P 500 Index advanced to a new record high this week, the first time in 2015. Eurozone economic growth was better than expected, a temporary cease-fire agreement on Ukraine was reached, and the negotiations regarding Greece continued.
- Global markets also advanced on the week. Europe did particularly well, inspired by better-than-expected fourth quarter Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of the Eurozone. The German stock market advanced to another record high.
- Treasury prices were lower for the week. The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury rose back to 2% as concerns for Europe receded.
- Commodity indices rose this week. Energy did particularly well as the Brent crude oil price rebounded above \$60 per barrel.

# **Talking Points**

- Among equities, large-caps outperformed small-caps, and growth stocks outperformed valueoriented issues. Domestic stocks underperformed international equities. Developed markets outperformed emerging market stocks.
- Treasury prices were lower this week. The yield on the 10-year Tnote rose.
- Commodity prices rose on the week. Energy, metals and grains all advanced.
- The dollar was lower this week against a basket of currencies.
- Among economic data released this week, Eurozone fourth quarter GDP growth was better than expected, retail sales declined again, and consumer sentiment came in below forecast.

## **MARKET DASHBOARD**

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,096.99	41.50	2.02%	1.8%
Dow Industrials	18,019.35	195.06	1.09%	1.1%
Nasdaq	4,893.84	149.44	3.15%	3.3%
Russell 2000	1,223.13	17.66	1.46%	1.5%
Euro Stoxx Index	377.07	3.76	1.01%	10.1%
Shanghai Composite	3,203.83	127.92	4.16%	-1.0%
Russell Global	1,771.62	29.48	1.69%	2.5%

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

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Russell Global EM	3,017.07	-22.85	-0.75%	1.2%
10-Year US Treas.	2.02	8 bps	NM	NM
DJ UBS Comm. ldx.	104.47	1.82	1.78%	0.1%
Gold	\$1,229.51	-\$4.62	-0.37%	3.8%
Crude Oil	\$52.47	\$0.74	1.43%	-2.4%
Dollar Index	94.14	-0.56	-0.59%	4.3%
VIX Index	14.75	-2.52	-14.57%	-23.1%

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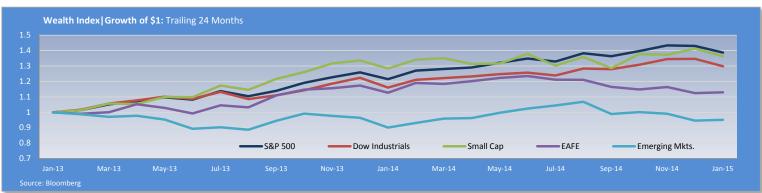
	One Week						
	Value	Growth					
L	1.65%	2.05%	2.43%				
	1.28%	1.98%	2.63%				
S	0.71%	1.46%	2.20%				

YTD	
	Growth
1.71%	3.48%
3.12%	3.85%
1.53%	2.97%
	1.71% 3.12%

Source: Bloomberg

	% Wgt in	Week %	
	S&P 500	Chg.	YTD % Chg
Consumer Discretionary	12.3	2.64%	3.6%
Consumer Staples	9.7	0.96%	1.9%
Energy	8.5	2.62%	2.9%
Financials	16.1	1.20%	-1.3%
Health Care	14.5	1.36%	3.3%
Industrials	10.3	1.58%	0.8%
Information Technology	19.8	4.27%	2.7%
Materials	3.3	3.01%	5.7%
Telecom Services	2.3	0.07%	4.6%
Utilities	3.0	3.32%	-4.7%





### THE ECONOMY AND MARKETS

# A Macro View – A Break from Extreme Volatility

For the first time in many months, and certainly since the beginning of the year, extreme volatility in the financial markets was not as evident. The sharp intra-day swings that marked so many days in January did not make an appearance. Energy prices, having plummeted and then rallied, simply dithered. And while there was a modest rise in U.S. Treasury yields once again above 2.0%, in general, fixed income markets were no more frenetic.

It's not as if the macro economic and political backdrop became any calmer. In fact, tension over the future of Greece and its place in the Eurozone only increased in the absence of any deal between the new radical Greek government and its many European sovereign creditors, German most of all. While the whisper in both the media and markets was that there would be some deal to alter the terms of further credit extended to the Greek government, such an outcome is by no means certain, especially with each side seemingly committed to a stance that the other appears to reject unequivocally. This may be posturing, but it would be unwise to assume that it is just that. However, it would also be unwise to assume that the world today is as close to a financial precipice as it was in November of 2011 when Greece and a "Grexit" from the Eurozone were upending markets. Greece and its \$300 billion plus in debt appears to be occupying a more realistic place in the economic firmament – important, yes, but epically important, perhaps not.

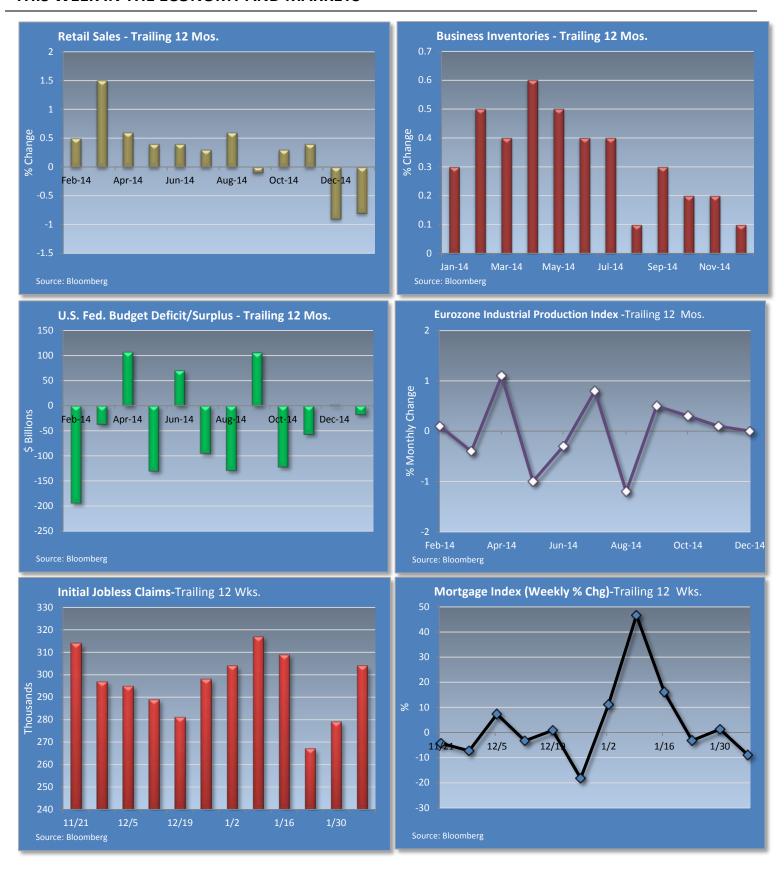
Tension over Russia and the Ukraine also flared, but that too subsided with the appearance of a deal that might at least contain what has become a messy undeclared war in eastern Ukraine. Markets were notably calm in the face of this issue as well, suggesting that some balance has indeed returned to markets that have been anything but, at least for the moment.

And global economic data continues to send mixed to positive signals, with U.S. job creation strong but consumer spending and a number of indicators weaker; with China economic data on trade soft; and Eurozone numbers that are at best shy of mediocre. Earnings for the fourth quarter of 2014 reported by U.S. companies over the past few weeks showed that three-quarters of companies actually beat estimates (according to FactSet). It is actually the best quarter in terms of beating expectations since 2010, but the actual numbers were quite modest, with 3% earnings growth overall. That did mask huge variations, with healthcare showing 21% growth, while energy companies posted a blended average of -21% in decline! Blended revenue growth was only 1.6%.

Meanwhile, U.S. stocks are now modestly positive for the year (the S&P 500 is up just shy of 1.5% as of February 12), while global equities are for the first time in a long while outperforming considerably. The lack of panic in the face of volatility and the modest start should be seen as quite positive signs. Equities aren't galloping too far ahead, and fear seems as much in check as euphoria. That equilibrium rarely lasts, so we should use it well to position and tweak.

Zachary Karabell Head of Global Strategy

# THIS WEEK IN THE ECONOMY AND MARKETS



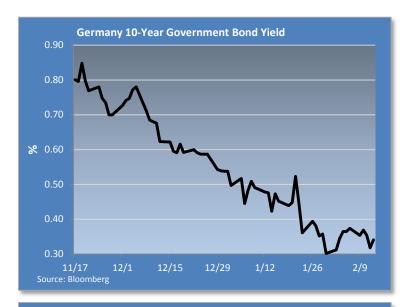
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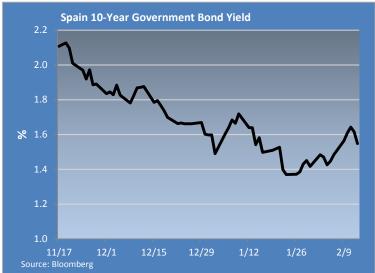
#### SELECTED EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN YIELD PERFORMANCE

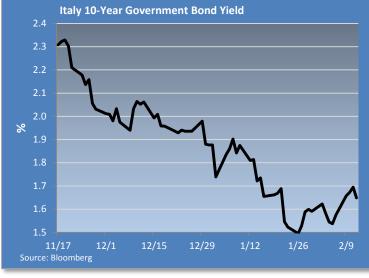
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	0.34	3 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	9.12	39 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	1.60	-3 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	1.55	-6 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.64	4 bps	NM	NM

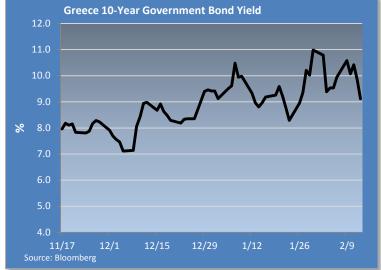
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
France 10-Yr. Govt.	0.64	3 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	1.17	0 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	2.37	2 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	0.41	2 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	1.68	-3 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









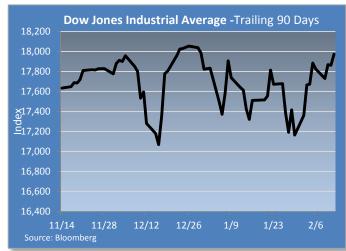
## **EQUITIES**

#### WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

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S&P/TSX (Canada)	15,264.81	180.89	1.20%	4.32%
Mexico IPC	43,072.42	356.99	0.84%	-0.17%
Brazil Bovespa	50,635.92	1843.65	3.78%	1.26%
Euro Stoxx 600	377.07	3.76	1.01%	10.08%
FTSE 100	6,873.52	20.08	0.29%	4.68%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	10,739.50	166.40	1.57%	4.47%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	8,651.98	63.99	0.75%	-3.69%
CAC 40 Index (France)	4,759.36	68.33	1.46%	11.39%
DAX Index (Germany)	10,963.40	117.01	1.08%	11.81%
Irish Overall Index	5,710.76	97.38	1.73%	9.31%
Nikkei 225	17,913.36	408.74	2.34%	2.65%
Hang Seng Index	24,682.54	3.15	0.01%	4.56%
Shanghai Composite	3,203.83	127.92	4.16%	-0.95%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	1,957.50	1.98	0.10%	2.19%
Taiwan Taiex Index	9,529.51	73.33	0.78%	2.39%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,452.46	-8.87	-0.61%	-0.86%
MICEX Index (Russia)	1,838.18	82.73	4.71%	31.62%

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









# **EQUITIES – EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKETS**

#### EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKET PERFORMANCE

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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %	
Mexico IPC	43,072.42	356.99	0.8%	-0.2%	
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	50,635.92	1843.65	3.8%	1.3%	
MICEX Index (Russia)	1,838.18	82.73	4.7%	31.6%	
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,023.36	44.21	4.5%	8.1%	
Turkey (Istanbul)	85,809.25	821.83	1.0%	0.1%	
Egypt (Hermes Index)	897.33	-17.65	-1.9%	7.6%	
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	5,340.08	59.36	1.1%	4.4%	
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	9,257.49	77.38	0.8%	11.1%	
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	1,204.63	14.01	1.2%	2.9%	
Palestine	504.76	6.57	1.3%	0.4%	

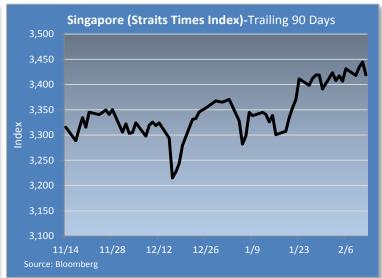
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	24,682.54	3.15	0.0%	4.6%
India (Sensex 30)	29,094.93	377.02	1.3%	5.8%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,800.95	-12.30	-0.7%	2.3%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,426.22	-5.14	-0.1%	1.8%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,615.89	2.26	0.1%	7.9%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	5,374.17	31.65	0.6%	2.8%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	33,943.20	-713.74	-2.1%	5.6%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	587.24	13.11	2.3%	7.6%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	7,335.51	172.76	2.4%	0.5%
Cambodia (Laos)	1,416.43	19.11	1.4%	0.2%

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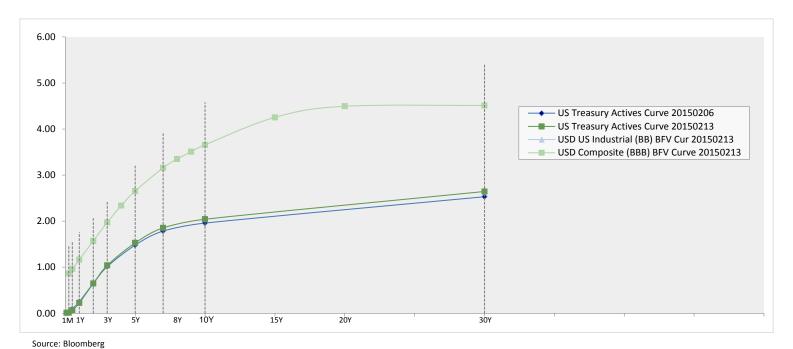
## **INTEREST RATES**

#### **SELECTED INTEREST RATES**

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	0.64%	0 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.52%	5 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.02%	8 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.63%	11 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	0.34%	3 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	0.64%	3 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	1.60%	-3 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	1.79%	1 bps	NM	NM

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	3.25%	0.00	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	0.25%	0.00	NM	NM
Discount Rate	0.75%	0.00	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	0.26%	0 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	3.66%	10 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	3.60%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	4.23%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







### **CURRENCIES**

## **SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE**

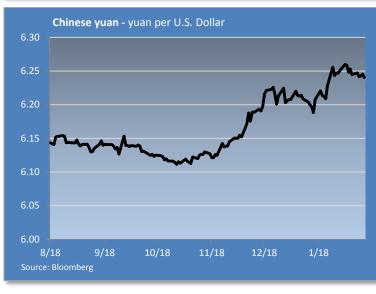
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	94.15	-0.559	-0.59%	4.29%
Euro	1.14	0.008	0.67%	-5.84%
Japanese Yen	118.79	-0.330	0.28%	0.83%
British Pound	1.54	0.016	1.04%	-1.13%
Canadian Dollar	1.25	-0.006	0.51%	-6.76%

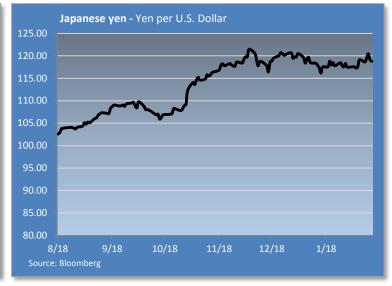
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.24	-0.004	0.07%	-0.56%
Swiss Franc	0.93	0.006	-0.60%	6.64%
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>	0.75	0.009	1.28%	-4.36%
Brazilian Real	2.83	0.053	-1.86%	-6.25%
Mexican Peso	14.89	0.036	-0.24%	-0.89%

Source: Bloomberg









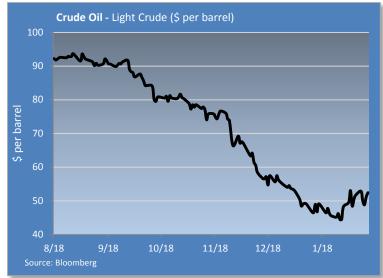
## **COMMODITIES**

#### SELECTED COMMODITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

	SELECTED COMMODITY									
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %						
DJ UBS Comm. ldx.	104.47	1.82	1.78%	0.14%						
Rogers Int. Comm. ldx.	2693.07	21.35	0.80%	-3.57%						
Crude Oil	\$52.48	\$0.74	1.43%	-2.36%						
Natural Gas	\$2.80	\$0.23	8.76%	-3.14%						
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.24	\$0.07	3.09%	-0.05%						
Heating Oil	196.67	12.67	6.89%	8.18%						
Gold Spot	\$1,229.27	-\$4.62	-0.37%	3.80%						
Silver Spot	\$17.32	\$0.59	3.52%	10.21%						

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$1,207.50	-\$16.25	-1.33%	-0.04%
Corn	395.25	1.25	0.32%	-2.59%
Wheat	529.25	0.25	0.05%	-10.98%
Soybeans	994.75	14.75	1.51%	-3.47%
Sugar	14.84	0.00	0.00%	-0.54%
Orange Juice	136.75	0.00	0.00%	-2.84%
Aluminum	1,841.50	-29.50	-1.58%	-0.59%
Copper	5,740.00	90.00	1.59%	-8.89%

Source: Bloomberg; % change is based on price.









## **ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS**

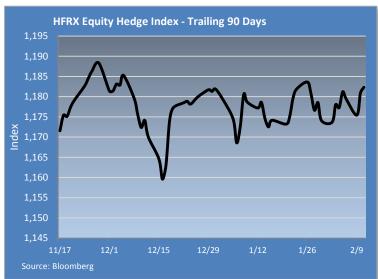
#### SELECTED ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1223.32	0.21	0.02%	0.47%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	987.95	-0.13	-0.01%	0.03%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1181.22	2.92	0.25%	0.04%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1510.91	-1.75	-0.12%	-0.28%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1004.98	-0.57	-0.06%	0.82%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Distressed Index	995.23	-0.40	-0.04%	-1.32%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1624.00	3.36	0.21%	1.51%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	701.86	1.73	0.25%	0.39%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1215.81	-1.13	-0.09%	1.89%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1394.15	0.34	0.02%	0.47%

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









## **PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**



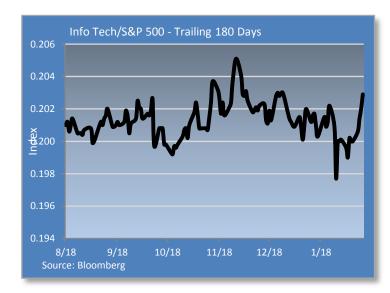




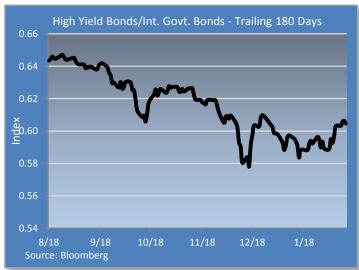


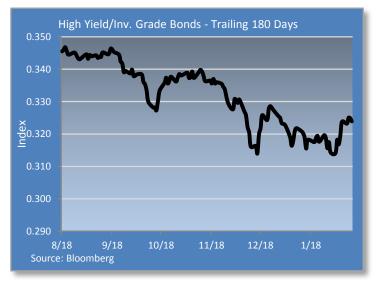


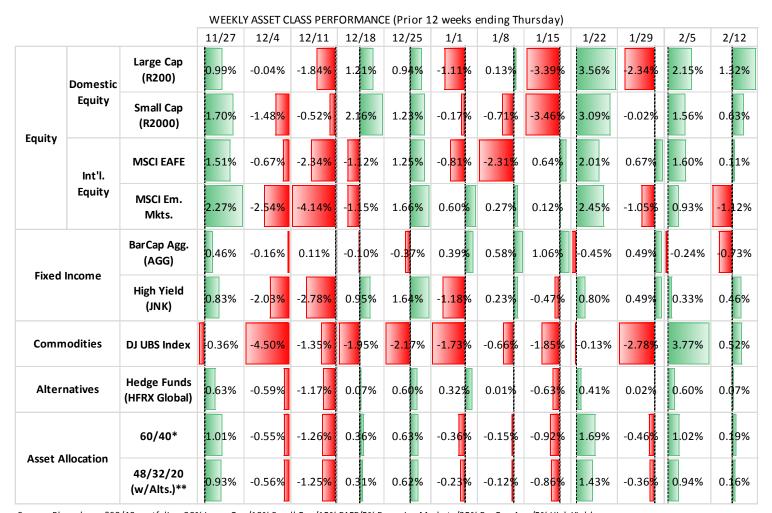
# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION (cont'd.)











 $Source: Bloomberg; *60/40\ portfolio = 30\%\ Large\ Cap/10\%\ Small\ Cap/15\%\ EAFE/5\%\ Emerging\ Markets/35\%\ BarCap\ Agg./5\%\ High\ Yield.$ 

<sup>\*\*48/32/20</sup> portfolio = 24% Large Cap/8% Small Cap/12% EAFE/4% Emerging Markets/28% BarCap Agg./4% High Yield/20% HFRX Global Index.

	Large Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	Mid Cap	Mid Cap	Mid Cap	Small Cap	Small Cap	Small Cap	Int'l.	Emerging				
	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth	Value	Developed	Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	0.96	1.04	0.96	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.04	1.01	1.12	0.98	1.27	1.10	1.05
Large Cap Growth	1.04	1.00	1.09	1.00	0.99	1.03	1.04	1.01	1.08	1.05	1.17	1.03	1.33	1.15	1.09
Large Cap Value	0.96	0.92	1.00	0.92	0.91	0.94	0.96	0.93	0.99	0.96	1.07	0.94	1.22	1.06	1.00
Mid Cap Core	1.04	1.00	1.08	1.00	0.98	1.02	1.04	1.01	1.08	1.05	1.16	1.02	1.32	1.15	1.09
Mid Cap Growth	1.06	1.01	1.10	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.02	1.10	1.06	1.18	1.04	1.34	1.17	1.11
Mid Cap Value	1.02	0.98	1.06	0.98	0.96	1.00	1.02	0.99	1.06	1.02	1.14	1.00	1.29	1.12	1.07
Small Cap Core	1.00	0.96	1.04	0.96	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.04	1.00	1.12	0.98	1.27	1.10	1.05
Small Cap Growth	1.03	0.99	1.08	0.99	0.98	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.07	1.04	1.15	1.01	1.31	1.14	1.08
Small Cap Value	0.96	0.92	1.01	0.93	0.91	0.95	0.96	0.94	1.00	0.97	1.08	0.95	1.23	1.06	1.01
Int'l. Developed	0.99	0.95	1.04	0.96	0.94	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.03	1.00	1.11	0.98	1.27	1.10	1.04
Emerging Markets	0.89	0.86	0.93	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.89	0.87	0.93	0.90	1.00	0.88	1.14	0.99	0.94
REITs	1.02	0.97	1.06	0.98	0.96	1.00	1.02	0.99	1.05	1.02	1.14	1.00	1.29	1.12	1.07
Commodities	0.79	0.75	0.82	0.76	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.76	0.81	0.79	0.88	0.77	1.00	0.87	0.82
Int. Bond	0.91	0.87	0.95	0.87	0.86	0.89	0.91	0.88	0.94	0.91	1.01	0.89	1.15	1.00	0.95
High Yield	0.95	0.91	1.00	0.92	0.90	0.94	0.95	0.93	0.99	0.96	1.07	0.94	1.21	1.05	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.

#### **INDEX OVERVIEW**

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 Nasdag 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. The MSCI Europe Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of stocks of developed European countries. The MSCI Pacific Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in the Pacific region. The Barclays US Credit Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of publicly issued, SEC-registered US corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes. The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of investment-grade, fixed-rate debt issues, including government, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities, with maturities of at least one year. The Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index covers the USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high-yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. The index may include emerging market debt. The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index comprised of investment-grade, fixed-rate municipal securities representative of the tax-exempt bond market in general. The Barclays US Treasury Total Return Index is an unmanaged index of public obligations of the US Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more. The Citigroup World Government Bond Index is a market capitalization weighted bond index consisting of the government bond markets of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The DJ-UBS Commodity Index Total Return<sup>SM</sup> measures the collateralized returns from a basket of 19 commodity futures contracts representing the energy, precious metals, industrial metals, grains, softs and livestock sectors. The Russell 1000 Index is a market capitalization-weighted benchmark index made up of the 1000 largest U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of large-cap growth stocks. The Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of large-cap value stocks. The Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap stocks. The Russell 2000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap growth stocks. The Russell 2000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap value stocks. The Russell 3000 Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of the US stock market. The Russell Midcap Index is a subset of the Russell 1000 Index. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of mid-cap growth stocks. The Russell Midcap Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of mid-cap value stocks. The HFRX Indices are a series of benchmarks of hedge fund industry performance which are engineered to achieve representative performance of a larger universe of hedge fund strategies. Hedge Fund Research, Inc. employs the HFRX Methodology (UCITS compliant), a proprietary and highly quantitative process by which hedge funds are selected as constituents for the HFRX Indices. The ISM Non-Manufacturing Index is an index based on surveys of more than 400 nonmanufacturing firms' purchasing and supply executives, within 60 sectors across the nation, by the Institute of Supply Management (ISM). The ISM Non-Manufacturing Index tracks economic data, like the ISM Non-Manufacturing Business Activity Index. A composite diffusion index is created based on the data from these surveys that monitors economic conditions of the nation. The ISM Manufacturing Index is an index based on surveys of more than 300 manufacturing firms by the Institute of Supply Management. The ISM Manufacturing Index monitors employment, production inventories, new orders and supplier deliveries. A composite diffusion index is created that monitors conditions in national manufacturing based on the data from these surveys. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rate is a measurement of the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States. Basis Point(s) is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument. The basis point is commonly used for calculating changes in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of a fixed-income security. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) is an up-to-the-minute market estimate of expected volatility that is calculated by using real-time S&P 500 Index option bid/ask quotes. The Index uses nearby and second nearby options with at least 8 days left to expiration and then weights them to yield a constant, 30-day measure of the expected volatility of the S&P 500 Index. The MSCI World ex-U.S. Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets DM countries\*--excluding the United States. With 1,002 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. (\* DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.) The MSCI Japan Index - is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the Japanese market. With 320 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan. The Barclays Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Index - is a market capitalization-weighted index, meaning the securities in the index are weighted according to the market size of each bond type. Most U.S. traded investment grade bonds are represented. Municipal bonds, and Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities are excluded, due to tax treatment issues. The index includes Treasury securities, Government agency bonds, Mortgage-backed bonds, Corporate bonds, and a small amount of foreign bonds traded in U.S. The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI) is a survey of consumer confidence conducted by the University of Michigan. The Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI) uses telephone surveys to gather information on consumer expectations regarding the overall economy. A separately managed account (SMA) is an individual managed investment account offered typically by a brokerage firm through one of their brokers or financial consultants and managed by independent investment management firms (often called money managers for short) and have varying fee structures. An open-end index fund continuously issues and redeems shares based on investor demand. As an index fund, its investment objective is to duplicate the performance of the index it uses as a benchmark. The MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Latin America Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets in Latin America. The Barclays U.S. 5-10 Year Corporate Bond Index measures the investment return of U.S. dollar denominated, investment-grade, fixed rate, taxable securities issued by industrial, utility, and financial companies with maturities between 5 and 10 years. Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is weighted according to market capitalization, which means the securities represented in the index are weighted according to the market size of the bond category. Treasury securities, mortgage-backed securities (MBS) foreign bonds, government agency bonds and corporate bonds are some of the categories included in the index. Barclays U.S Corporate High-Yield Index is composed of fixed-rate, publicly issued, non-investment grade debt. Barclays U.S. Corporate 5-10 Year Index includes U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable securities issued by industrial, utility, and financial companies, with maturities between 5 and 10 years.

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