WEEKLY MARKET & ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Monday | Sep 30, 2019

07/31/19

1.11

1.22

108.78

58.58

2.23

2.69

3.33

Exchange Rate

Price (\$)

12/31/18

1.15

1.28

109.69

45.41

2.94

3.53

4.12

Last Week's Highlights

The Consumer Confidence Index (see chart below), a measure of U.S. consumer attitudes and buying intentions. declined 6.8% in September from the prior month. The Conference Board stated, "Consumers were less positive in their assessment of current conditions and their expectations regarding the short-term outlook also weakened. While confidence could continue hovering around current levels for months to come, at some point this continued uncertainty will begin to diminish consumers' confidence in the expansion."

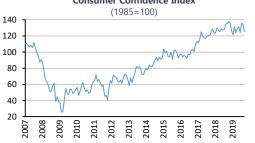
Sales of new single-family homes in the U.S., as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, rose 18.1% from a year ago to 713,000 in August. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, rose 1.6% in August from the prior month, NAR Chief Economist stated, "It's very encouraging that buyers are responding to exceptionally low interest rates. The notable sales slump in the West region over the recent years appears to be over. Rising demand will reaccelerate home price appreciation in the absence of more supply."

This Week's Activity

- Unemployment Rate
- Nonfarm Payrolls
- ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing
- **Factory Orders**

Chart of the Week

Consumer Confidence Index



	_	Total Returns (%)			Index Characteristics					
Equities	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR	% of 52 Wk High	P/B	P/E	NTM P/E	Div. Yld.
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,820	-0.43	1.69	17.08	3.91	97.89%	4.03	17.89	17.73	2.29
S&P 500	2,962	-0.98	1.35	19.94	3.72	97.81%	3.39	19.48	18.04	1.93
S&P 400 Midcap	1,923	-1.07	2.37	17.07	-2.83	94.75%	2.19	19.69	18.16	1.79
Russell 2000 Index	1,520	-2.45	1.88	13.93	-8.77	89.24%	2.10	40.88	27.99	1.59
Russell Growth Index	1,593	-1.53	-0.75	22.36	2.91	96.48%	8.12	26.28	23.13	1.22
Russell Value Index	1,260	-0.63	3.27	17.47	3.75	98.35%	2.03	16.22	15.25	2.59
MSCI EAFE Index	1,896	-0.65	3.23	13.77	-1.04	94.87%	1.57	16.66	14.37	3.52
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1,009	-1.13	2.75	7.02	-1.17	91.82%	1.50	13.42	13.09	2.97

Fixed Income	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR
U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2,218	0.31	-0.64	8.40	10.20
U.S. Treasury Index	2,386	0.46	-0.95	7.60	10.37
U.S. Corporate Index	3,199	0.40	-0.75	13.08	12.89
U.S. MBS Index	2,218	0.02	-0.08	5.45	7.69
U.S Municipal Bond Index	1,262	0.27	-0.84	6.71	8.62
U.S. High Yield Index	2,130	-0.21	0.48	11.53	6.57
Emerging Markets USD Index	1,183	-0.23	-0.07	10.67	10.43

Alternative Assets	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR
Ishares Gold Trust	14.3	-1.31	-1.65	16.52	26.06
Ishares S&P GSCI Commodity ETF	15.2	-2.31	2.63	8.49	-15.17
Global Hedge Fund Index	1,259.7	0.00	0.42	5.87	0.06
Alerian MLP ETF	9.1	-3.39	0.33	10.98	-6.86
Ishares Core US REIT ETF	55.5	1.12	2.95	26.84	19.99

Gold	1,497.01	1,520.38	1,413.78	1,282.49				
Interest Rates	Rate (%)							
Fed Funds	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.50				
3-Month Libor	2.10	2.25	2.27	2.81				
1Y US Treasury	1.76	1.77	1.99	2.60				
2Y US Treasury	1.63	1.51	1.87	2.49				
10Y US Treasury	1.69	1.50	2.02	2.69				

08/30/19

1.10

1.22

106.28

55.10

2.29

2.53

2.99

Current

1.09

1.23

107.92

56.18

2.40

2.72

3.27

Currencies

Commodities

WTI Crude

Natural Gas

15Y Fixed Mtae

30Y Fixed Mtge

\$ / €

\$ / £

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Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. & FactSet as of 9/27/2019

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