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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) hiked rates 25 basis points (bps) in another stagnant week for U.S. equities. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Jones each ticked up slightly. Gold strongly jumped in reaction to the FOMC announcement, oil was down for the period. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield closed at approximately 2.50%.
- The FOMC increased rates by 25 bps, as expected. The statement reiterated that the labor market has continued to strengthen and economic activity has continued to expand. The Federal Reserve (Fed) continues to expect a total of three rate hikes in 2017, and the median forecast for another three in 2018 remains unchanged.
- In her press conference, Fed Chair Janet Yellen said that the economy is doing well and gross domestic product (GDP) is a “pretty noisy indicator”. She further noted uncertainty surrounding fiscal policy.
- On the policy front, growing complications with health care reform is being viewed as delaying tax reform. President Trump agreed to make what he characterized as minor changes to the current health care bill, including giving states the ability to impose work requirements on able-bodied Medicaid recipients, as well as the option to block grant Medicaid.
- Jobless claims remained solid, coming in at 241K for the latest week. That was slightly better than the 242K consensus estimate and down 2K from the prior week. The four-week moving average rose slightly to 237K, but remained near cycle lows.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, headline CPI rose 0.1% month-to-month following a 0.6% increase in January and above the consensus for a flat reading. On a year-over-year basis, headline CPI rose 2.7% and core prices fell from 2.3% to 2.2%.

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	03/17/17	12/31/16
Dow Jones Industrial Average	20,914.62	19,762.60
S&P 500 Index	2,378.25	2,238.83

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.08	0.61	6.47	6.05
S&P 500 Index	0.28	0.73	6.72	5.88
Russell 2000 Index	1.97	0.45	2.79	2.35
Russell MidCap Index	0.97	0.11	5.42	4.66
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	0.50	-0.71	0.15	1.27
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.22	-0.88	2.02	2.62
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	1.27	-2.41	-0.44	1.94
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	-0.09	0.02	0.87	1.18

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Consumer Discretionary	0.90	1.40	7.75	6.00
Consumer Staples	0.47	0.44	7.15	6.48
Energy	0.34	-1.45	-7.08	-8.51
Financials	-0.91	0.21	5.67	5.16
Health Care	-0.67	0.72	9.61	8.48
Industrials	0.17	0.17	5.46	4.93
Materials	0.96	0.52	5.90	4.41
Technology	0.78	2.33	12.33	11.28
Telecom	1.28	1.57	-1.33	0.49
Utilities	1.31	-0.29	6.29	6.69

U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		3-Months (%)	
Large Value	0.2	Large Value	4.3	Large Value	3.7
Large Growth	0.5	Large Growth	9.1	Large Growth	8.1
Mid Value	0.9	Mid Value	3.9	Mid Value	3.4
Mid Growth	1.0	Mid Growth	7.3	Mid Growth	6.2
Small Value	2.2	Small Value	0.4	Small Value	0.4
Small Growth	1.7	Small Growth	5.5	Small Growth	4.5

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value
MidCap Value: Russell MidCap Value
Small Value: Russell 2000 Value

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth
MidCap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth
Small Growth: Russell 2000 Growth

Global Market Returns (%)	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	1.13	-0.57	1.03	2.42
MSCI EAFE Index	2.09	2.84	7.36	8.44
MSCI United Kingdom Index	3.03	1.87	5.27	6.56
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	2.05	4.32	7.79	9.86
MSCI Japan Index	1.46	1.18	6.13	5.38
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	4.05	3.40	13.54	13.00
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	4.29	3.21	12.20	13.34
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	0.79	-0.29	3.24	4.39
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GRE Index	2.65	-1.21	3.16	5.39

Source: FactSet

- The New York Fed manufacturing index beat expectations, coming in at 16.4 in March vs. the expected 15.0, but down from 18.7 in February.
- A strong homebuilder sentiment reading aligned with the general perception of rising economic confidence. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Index rose to 71 in March, a 12-year high and up from 65 in February, which was also the consensus estimate.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	03/17/17	03/10/17	12/31/16	12/16/16
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.75
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	1.31	1.36	1.20	1.26
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	2.50	2.58	2.43	2.60
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.74	5.83	5.72	5.85

Commodity Prices as of:	03/17/17	03/10/17	12/31/16	12/16/16
Gold (USD/oz)	1,230.20	1,201.40	1,151.70	1,137.40
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	48.78	48.49	53.72	51.90
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.49	2.50	2.43	2.37
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.68	2.59	2.50	2.56

Exchange Rates as of:	03/17/17	03/10/17	12/31/16	12/16/16
\$ per €	1.07	1.07	1.05	1.04
\$ per £	1.24	1.22	1.24	1.24
¥ per \$	112.67	114.96	116.64	118.37

Index Definitions

Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg Barclays High-Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the United States, adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the United Kingdom.

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the United Kingdom.

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

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MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

Economic Release Calendar

Monday, March 20	Tuesday, March 21	Wednesday, March 22	Thursday, March 23	Friday, March 24
Labor Costs YoY (4Q) Euro Zone	CPI YoY (Feb) U.K. Retail Price Index (Feb) U.K. House Price Index YoY (Jan) U.K.	MBA Mortgage Applications (Mar 17) U.S. FHFA House Price Index MoM (Jan) U.S. Existing Home Sales MoM (Feb) U.S.	Initial Jobless Claims (Mar 18) U.S. Continuing Claims (Mar 11) U.S. Bloomberg Consumer Comfort (Mar 19) U.S. Consumer Confidence (Mar A) Euro Zone	Markit Eurozone Services PMI (Mar P) Euro Zone Durable Goods Orders (Feb P) U.S. Markit US Manufacturing PMI (Mar P) U.S. Import Price Index YoY (Feb) Germany

Source: Bloomberg

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