

Voya Global Perspectives

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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- Though markets were mixed last week, the strong February rebound had major indexes well into positive territory for the year to date and many at or near all-time highs. The yield on the benchmark ten-year U.S. Treasury note fell slightly during the week, while bonds from a variety of European governments — including Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland — all touched new historical lows. Oil prices continued to be volatile.
- U.S. GDP increased at an annualized rate of 2.2% in fourth quarter 2014, down from the Commerce Department's first estimate of 2.6% and the third quarter's 5.0% rate. The revision was due to a smaller increase of private inventory investment than originally estimated. The economy expanded 2.4% for 2014 as a whole.
- The consumer price index declined 0.7% in January from December and 0.1% from a year earlier, the first year-over-year contraction since October 2009. Excluding energy costs, however, consumer prices were up 1.9% from a year earlier.
- Durable goods orders increased 2.8 in January, well ahead of the 0.5% forecast. Orders for core capital goods — considered a proxy for business investment — rose 0.6%.
- The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence declined in February after a record increase in January, as fewer consumers expected conditions to improve in the coming months. A consumer sentiment index produced by the University of Michigan also cooled off in February, attributed in part to the harsh weather gripping parts of the country.
- U.S. existing-home sales fell in January to their lowest level in nine months, while new-home sales dipped only 0.2% despite big weather-related declines in the Northeast. Pending-home sales,

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	2/27/2015	12/31/2014
Dow Jones Industrial Average	18,132.70	17,823.07
S&P 500 Index	2,104.50	2,058.90

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Index Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.00	5.82	2.17	14.04
S&P 500 Index	-0.24	5.75	2.57	15.83
Russell 2000 Index	0.16	5.94	2.53	5.20
Russell MidCap Index	-0.46	5.54	3.89	13.41
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	0.65	-0.94	1.14	5.00
Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.79	2.41	3.09	2.94
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	2.53	-5.80	2.95	22.84
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	0.17	1.45	1.64	1.97

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Consumer Discretionary	0.69	8.61	5.29	15.92
Consumer Staples	0.86	4.24	3.10	22.55
Energy	-1.96	4.05	-0.95	-6.78
Financials	-0.48	5.85	-1.45	14.81
Health Care	0.10	4.32	5.60	23.54
Industrials	-0.96	5.62	1.79	12.92
Materials	-0.91	8.04	6.00	11.58
Technology	-0.20	8.17	4.01	22.33
Telecom	0.96	6.58	5.40	12.96
Utilities	-1.05	-6.40	-4.18	16.78

U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		One Year (%)	
Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth
-0.6	0.0	0.6	5.0	13.9	16.4
Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth
-0.7	-0.3	2.6	5.1	14.0	13.0
Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth
0.0	0.4	0.3	4.7	4.2	6.3

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	One Year
Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	0.12	-0.81	-0.97	-2.54
MSCI EAFE Index	1.09	5.99	6.52	1.05
MSCI United Kingdom Index	0.96	6.28	5.21	-2.26
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	1.36	6.29	6.81	-1.54
MSCI Japan Index	0.97	6.07	8.55	8.78
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	0.68	1.90	4.46	11.96
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	0.61	3.11	3.73	5.74
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	0.81	1.25	1.59	5.26
NAREIT Global Real Estate Index	-0.40	-0.15	4.28	16.36

Source: FactSet

an indicator of future closings, spiked 1.7% from the previous month. U.S. house prices rose 1.4% in fourth quarter 2014, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the 14th consecutive quarterly price increase. December home prices as measured by the Case-Shiller Index, however, suggested the pace of appreciation was slowing.

- Manufacturing activity in China returned to expansion in February, as the purchasing managers' index inched to a four-month high. The export component of the index contracted to its lowest level since mid-June, however.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	2/27/2015	2/20/2015	12/31/2014	2/27/2014
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	0.62	0.65	0.69	0.32
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	2.00	2.13	2.17	2.64
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.61	5.74	6.19	5.53

Commodity Prices as of:	2/27/2015	2/20/2015	12/31/2014	2/27/2014
Gold (USD/oz)	1213.10	1204.90	1184.10	1331.80
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	49.76	50.34	53.27	102.40
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.49	2.42	2.44	3.55
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.72	2.61	2.84	3.24

Exchange Rates as of:	2/27/2015	2/20/2015	12/31/2014	2/27/2014
\$ per €	1.12	1.14	1.21	1.37
\$ per £	1.55	1.54	1.56	1.67
¥ per \$	119.55	118.76	119.90	102.09

Index Definitions

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Economic Release Calendar

Monday, March 2	Tuesday, March 3	Wednesday, March 4	Thursday, March 5	Friday, March 6
Manufacturing PMI (Feb) Euro Zone	Vehicle Sales (Feb) U.S.	Services PMI (Feb) Euro Zone	BOE Policy Announcement U.K.	Leading and Coincident Indexes (Jan) Japan
Unemployment Rate (Jan) Euro Zone	ISM New York (Feb) U.S.	Retail Sales (Jan) Euro Zone	ECB Policy Announcement Euro Zone	Trade Balance (Feb) China
CPI (Feb) Euro Zone	Services PMI (Feb) China	ADP Employment Change (Feb) U.S.	Factory Orders (Jan) U.S.	GDP (4Q14) Euro Zone
Personal Income and Spending (Jan) U.S.		Services PMI (Feb) U.S.		Unemployment Rate (Feb) U.S.
Manufacturing PMI (Feb) U.S.		ISM Non-Mnfg Composite (Feb) U.S.		Trade Balance (Jan) U.S.
Construction Spending (Jan) U.S.		Fed Beige Book U.S.		
ISM Mnfg and Prices Paid (Feb) U.S.				

Source: Bloomberg

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- Long-term perspective
- Unmatched service

Our Skills

- Disciplined processes
- Intensive research
- Expert portfolio construction

Our Core Capabilities

- Equities
- Fixed Income
- Multi-Asset Strategies and Solutions

A reliable partner committed to reliable investing

\$213 Billion AUM* | Over 900 Employees | Over 200 Investment Professionals

* Data is as of 12/31/14. Voya IM assets of \$213 billion include proprietary insurance general account assets of \$85 billion on a market value basis. Voya IM assets, as reported in Voya Financial SEC filings, include general account assets valued on a statutory book value basis and total approximately \$206 billion.

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