

Voya Global Perspectives

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As of March 27, 2015

Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- U.S. stocks finished the week in the red, pulled down by geopolitical concerns and worries over sluggish profit earnings. Markets in Europe and Asia were mixed, with Shanghai again the leader. The yield on the widely watched ten-year U.S. Treasury started the week at 1.89%, and rose slightly to 1.96%. Oil prices posted a gain, getting a temporary lift from rising tensions in Yemen.
- Fourth-quarter GDP remained unchanged at 2.2%. The final report noted that fourth-quarter corporate profits had fallen for the first time since 2008.
- The University of Michigan consumer sentiment index slipped in March as a bump in gasoline prices and bad weather weighed on lower-income households. Despite the softer reading, consumer sentiment has been broadly positive, and reached a ten-year high in the first quarter of 2015. The mix of bad weather and higher gas prices also pushed down U.S. retail sales for the third consecutive month.
- Consumer spending was revised to 4.4% from the 4.2% reported last month, making it the fastest pace in nearly nine years.
- U.S. existing home sales increased in February versus January but less than expected – inclement weather in the northeast was likely a factor. The median home price rose 7.5% year-over-year. Inventory was virtually unchanged from a year ago.
- The Chicago Fed National Activity Index edged lower in February. The Index's three-month moving average also declined, suggesting that growth was slightly below its historical trend and that inflationary pressure would be subdued over the coming year.
- Headline durable goods orders fell 1.4% in February, much below expectations for an increase. Several key components of the

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	3/27/2015	12/31/2014
Dow Jones Industrial Average	17,712.66	17,823.07
S&P 500 Index	2,061.02	2,058.90

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-2.24	-2.13	-0.02	11.46
S&P 500 Index	-2.20	-1.93	0.60	13.76
Russell 2000 Index	-1.99	0.73	3.27	9.14
Russell MidCap Index	-2.01	-0.56	3.31	14.92
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	0.01	0.35	1.49	5.41
Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.28	-0.71	2.36	1.97
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	-0.32	1.49	4.49	22.54
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	0.17	0.11	1.75	1.76

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Consumer Discretionary	-2.34	-1.04	4.20	19.31
Consumer Staples	-0.33	-2.11	0.92	17.58
Energy	-0.72	-3.05	-3.97	-11.06
Financials	-2.99	-1.28	-2.71	10.70
Health Care	-2.48	1.36	7.03	27.89
Industrials	-2.66	-3.00	-1.27	10.22
Materials	-1.26	-5.16	0.53	6.32
Technology	-2.64	-3.54	0.33	19.37
Telecom	-1.88	-3.59	1.61	4.29
Utilities	-2.45	-2.26	-6.34	11.06

U.S. Returns by Style					
One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		One Year (%)	
Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth
-2.2	-2.2	-1.3	3.6	10.3	17.2
Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth
-2.2	-1.8	1.6	4.9	13.0	16.8
Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth
-1.7	-2.3	0.9	5.6	5.4	12.9

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	0.27	-0.55	-1.51	-3.39
MSCI EAFE Index	-0.69	-0.34	6.15	1.84
MSCI United Kingdom Index	-2.63	-4.48	0.49	-3.61
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	-0.44	-0.30	6.49	-1.79
MSCI Japan Index	0.03	3.20	12.02	15.59
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	-0.35	-1.04	3.38	11.22
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-1.10	-3.08	0.54	1.06
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	0.68	0.39	1.99	4.07
NAREIT Global Real Estate Index	-1.01	-0.12	4.16	16.71

Source: FactSet

headline number extended their declines past five months. Reacting to the data, some economists cut their Q1 GDP tracking estimates below 2%.

- Weekly initial jobless claims fell to 282,000 for March 21, from 291,000 the prior week. It was the best reading in over a month and brought the four-week moving average down to 297,000.
- Euro area data continued to surprise to the upside, with German business confidence up for a fifth straight month in March.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	3/27/2015	3/20/2015	12/31/2014	3/27/2014
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	0.57	0.58	0.69	0.45
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	1.95	1.93	2.17	2.67
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.92	5.97	6.19	5.63

Commodity Prices as of:	3/27/2015	3/20/2015	12/31/2014	3/27/2014
Gold (USD/oz)	1199.80	1184.60	1184.10	1294.70
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	48.87	46.57	53.27	101.28
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.68	2.69	2.44	3.68
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.78	2.78	2.84	3.04

Exchange Rates as of:	3/27/2015	3/20/2015	12/31/2014	3/27/2014
\$ per €	1.09	1.08	1.21	1.37
\$ per £	1.49	1.49	1.56	1.66
¥ per \$	119.16	120.26	119.90	102.14

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 30	Tuesday, March 31	Wednesday, April 1	Thursday, April 2	Friday, April 3
Various Confidence Measures (Mar) Euro Zone	GDP (4Q15) U.K.	Vehicle Sales (Mar) U.S.	Trade Balance (Feb) U.S.	Unemployment Rate (Mar) U.S.
Personal Income and Spending (Feb) U.S.	Unemployment Rate (Feb) Euro Zone	Manufacturing PMI (Mar) Euro Zone	ISM New York (Mar) U.S.	
Pending Home Sales (Feb) U.S.	CPI (Mar) Euro Zone	ADP Employment Change (Mar) U.S.	Factory Orders (Feb) U.S.	
Dallas Fed Mnfg (Mar) U.S.	ISM Milwaukee (Mar) U.S.	Manufacturing PMI (Mar) U.S.		
	Case-Shiller House Prices (Jan) U.S.	Construction Spending (Feb) U.S.		
	Chicago PMI (Mar) U.S.	ISM Mnfg and Prices Paid (Mar) U.S.		
	Consumer Confidence Index (Mar) U.S.			
	Manufacturing PMI (Mar) China			
	Non-manufacturing PMI (Mar) China			

Source: Bloomberg

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- Clients first
- 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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