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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- For the second week in a row, U.S. equities continued to climb higher. Oil took a dive and gold also dipped. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield closed at approximately 2.36%.
- There continues to be a lot of moving pieces surrounding tax reform. One of the big themes is the White House's pushback against claims that the benefits of the Republican tax plan will go mostly to the wealthy. This followed a study released late last week from the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, which the Washington Post noted found 80% of the benefits would go to the top 1% of wealthiest Americans.
- Another area of particular concern has been the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes (SALT), which could bring the government some \$1.3T if eliminated. However, there has been strong pushback against this idea, particularly from GOP legislators from high-tax states such as NY and CA.
- The Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) Manufacturing index rose to 60.8 in September, ahead of consensus for 58.0 and up from 58.8 in the prior month. This represents the highest headline level since 2004. New orders rose to 64.6, up from 60.3 in August. Analysts noted that some hurricane-related disruptions could be felt over the next several months.
- September's ISM Services reading beat expectations, coming in at 59.8 vs. consensus for 55.5 and August's 55.3 level. It was the highest headline reading since August 2005. New orders rose to 63.0 from 57.1 in the prior month.
- August construction spending rose 0.5% month-to-month, better than the 0.3% monthly gain expected (though July's spending was revised down). The government said the hurricanes did not appear to have impacted the data.

| Index Prices (\$) | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Index | 10/06/17 | 12/31/16 |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 22,773.67 | 19,762.60 |
| S&P 500 Index | 2,549.33 | 2,238.83 |

| Returns (%) | | | | |
|--|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| U.S. Market Indexes Returns | One Week | MTD | YTD | 3-Months |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 1.70 | 3.90 | 17.42 | 7.44 |
| S&P 500 Index | 1.25 | 3.34 | 15.67 | 6.32 |
| Russell 2000 Index | 1.32 | 7.64 | 12.40 | 8.16 |
| Russell MidCap Index | 1.17 | 3.98 | 13.05 | 5.72 |
| Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index | -0.15 | -0.63 | 2.98 | 0.96 |
| Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index | 0.16 | 1.06 | 7.17 | 2.18 |
| United States 20-Year Treasury Bond | -0.80 | -3.00 | 5.42 | 0.87 |
| S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index | 0.22 | 0.55 | 2.56 | 0.98 |

| S&P 500 Sector Returns | One Week | MTD | YTD | 3-Months |
|------------------------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 1.85 | 2.70 | 14.00 | 4.16 |
| Consumer Staples | -0.26 | -1.12 | 6.29 | -0.91 |
| Energy | -0.58 | 9.30 | -7.17 | 7.47 |
| Financials | 1.98 | 7.23 | 14.71 | 6.29 |
| Health Care | 1.43 | 2.43 | 22.03 | 5.73 |
| Industrials | 1.33 | 5.39 | 15.65 | 5.69 |
| Materials | 1.98 | 5.57 | 18.11 | 8.02 |
| Technology | 1.54 | 2.19 | 29.32 | 11.03 |
| Telecom | 0.04 | 3.56 | -4.65 | 7.46 |
| Utilities | 0.71 | -2.05 | 12.67 | 4.69 |

| U.S. Returns by Style | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| One Week (%) | | Year to Date (%) | | 3-Months (%) | |
| Large Value | Large Growth | Large Value | Large Growth | Large Value | Large Growth |
| 1.1 | 1.4 | 9.2 | 22.4 | 4.8 | 8.1 |
| Mid Value | Mid Growth | Mid Value | Mid Growth | Mid Value | Mid Growth |
| 0.9 | 1.5 | 8.4 | 19.1 | 4.1 | 7.9 |
| Small Value | Small Growth | Small Value | Small Growth | Small Value | Small Growth |
| 0.9 | 1.7 | 6.7 | 18.8 | 7.1 | 9.2 |

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 | -0.50 | -1.40 | 5.72 | 1.76 |
| MSCI EAFE Index | -0.06 | 2.47 | 20.40 | 5.43 |
| MSCI United Kingdom Index | -0.62 | 2.67 | 15.02 | 4.45 |
| MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index | -0.28 | 3.03 | 26.24 | 6.27 |
| MSCI Japan Index | 0.69 | 2.78 | 15.41 | 5.34 |
| MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index | 2.28 | 2.18 | 34.22 | 9.50 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index | 2.00 | 1.61 | 30.70 | 10.45 |
| JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index | -0.01 | -0.02 | 8.72 | 3.14 |
| FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GRE Index | 0.48 | 0.79 | 11.37 | 5.24 |

Source: FactSet

- September auto sales were stronger than expected, with WardsAuto suggesting the final tally may come in near an 18.5M seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) to hit its highest pace for the year.
- Initial jobless claims for the week ended September 30 fell 12K to 260K, better than the 265K consensus estimate. September's nonfarm payrolls report showed a 33K contraction, the first drop in the series since September 2010.

| Bond Rates (%) as of: | 10/06/17 | 09/29/17 | 12/31/16 | 07/06/17 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate | 1.25 | 1.25 | 0.75 | 1.25 |
| U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield | 1.52 | 1.48 | 1.20 | 1.40 |
| U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield | 2.37 | 2.33 | 2.43 | 2.37 |
| High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates) | 5.27 | 5.26 | 5.72 | 5.42 |

| Commodity Prices as of: | 10/06/17 | 09/29/17 | 12/31/16 | 07/06/17 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gold (USD/oz) | 1,274.90 | 1,284.80 | 1,151.70 | 1,223.30 |
| Crude Oil (USD/bbl) | 49.29 | 51.67 | 53.72 | 45.52 |
| Gasoline (USD/gal) | 2.72 | 2.74 | 2.43 | 2.46 |
| Copper (NYM \$/lbs) | 3.01 | 2.94 | 2.50 | 2.65 |

| Exchange Rates as of: | 10/06/17 | 09/29/17 | 12/31/16 | 07/06/17 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| \$ per € | 1.17 | 1.18 | 1.05 | 1.14 |
| \$ per £ | 1.31 | 1.34 | 1.24 | 1.29 |
| ¥ per \$ | 112.81 | 112.57 | 116.64 | 113.18 |

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, October 9 | Tuesday, October 10 | Wednesday, October 11 | Thursday, October 12 | October 13 |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sentix Investor Confidence (Oct) Euro Zone | Industrial Production YoY (Aug) U.K. Manufacturing Production YoY (Aug) U.K. NFIB Small BU.S.iness Optimism (Sep) U.S. | MBA Mortgage Applications (Oct 6) U.S. FOMC Meeting Minutes (Sep 20) U.S. | Initial Jobless Claims (Oct 7) U.S. Continuing Claims (Sep 30) U.S. Monthly Budget Statement (Sep) U.S. Imports YoY (Sep) China Exports YoY (Sep) China | CPI YoY (Sep F) Germany CPI YoY (Sep) U.S. Real Avg Weekly Earnings YoY (Sep) U.S. U. of MiChina. Expectations (Oct P) U.S. |

Source: Bloomberg

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84% of our assets outperformed their benchmark on a 5-year basis.²

87% of our assets outperformed their benchmark or peer median on a 5-year basis.³

85% of the time our portfolios outperformed their benchmark on a rolling 3-year basis.⁴

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