

# Voya Global Perspectives

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## Investment Weekly

### Commentary and Statistics

- U.S. equity indexes had a bumpy week finishing off with a slight gain for both the S&P 500 and Dow, which have each experienced a one-month decline of approximately 2%. The Nasdaq posted gains for the week and is marginally up for the previous one-month period. Oil and gold dove with gold hitting a two-week low and oil prices being rattled by over-supply concerns. The yield for the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose approximately eight basis points.
- Market volatility during the week was influenced by spooked investors awaiting the upcoming U.S. Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting along with the release of uninspiring U.S. and international economic data.
- The Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, which measures general consumer confidence in economic activity, came in slightly below consensus at 89.8, its lowest level since April. U.S. retail sales also experienced a loss in August dropping 0.3% – the first decline since March.
- U.S. import and export prices both declined during August by 0.2% and 0.8%, respectively – industrial production fell 0.4%.
- For the week ended September 10, U.S. unemployment claims increased by 1,000 to 260,000 compared to the previous week. However, the four-week average dropped to 260,750 – a five-week low.
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an August Consumer Price Index (CPI) with headline inflation up 0.2% from July. On a year-to-year basis, it was up 1.1%, which was an acceleration from a 0.8% increase in July. The core increase was driven by shelter and medical care. Shelter was up 0.3%, while medical care prices rose 0.9% – the most since late 1990.

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	09/16/2016	12/31/2015
Dow Jones Industrial Average	18,123.80	17,425.03
S&P 500 Index	2,139.16	2,043.94

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.25	-1.41	6.13	11.20
S&P 500 Index	0.59	-1.37	6.34	9.61
Russell 2000 Index	0.51	-1.14	8.97	5.83
Russell MidCap Index	0.11	-2.02	7.81	6.30
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	-0.11	-0.64	5.18	5.63
Barclays High Yield Bond Index	-0.59	-0.55	13.72	8.21
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	-0.98	-3.88	12.95	16.01
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	-0.12	0.14	8.00	4.20

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	One Year
Consumer Discretionary	0.51	-2.19	1.68	4.43
Consumer Staples	0.84	-2.33	6.61	13.65
Energy	-2.90	-1.59	13.34	7.95
Financials	-1.19	-3.27	0.83	3.33
Health Care	1.29	-0.48	1.40	2.86
Industrials	-0.38	-2.92	7.75	11.39
Materials	-0.95	-3.34	9.09	11.27
Technology	3.05	1.19	11.14	17.48
Telecom	0.53	-1.41	17.28	21.92
Utilities	2.50	0.92	16.73	21.89

#### U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		One Year (%)	
Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth
-0.2	1.3	8.1	4.7	10.2	7.4
Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth
-0.2	0.5	10.9	4.8	9.8	2.9
Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth
-0.3	1.3	12.3	5.7	10.6	1.2

**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	One Year
Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	-0.34	-0.52	8.68	7.97
MSCI EAFE Index	-2.48	-1.19	-0.28	-0.40
MSCI United Kingdom Index	-2.37	-1.14	-1.30	-5.57
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	-2.84	-1.69	-2.05	-4.03
MSCI Japan Index	-2.16	-0.61	0.50	6.29
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	-2.49	0.11	11.10	12.03
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-2.59	-0.76	13.97	10.62
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	-1.19	-1.25	13.22	12.98
NAREIT Global Real Estate Index	-1.76	-2.96	8.56	14.34

Source: FactSet

- The U.S. Census Bureau reported that household incomes were up 5.2% during 2015, the first increase since 2007 and the largest annual gain in history. The 2015 median annual household income was \$56,500. The poverty rate in 2015 declined 1.2% year-over-year to 13.5%.
- Year-over-year European CPI data were flat, with the August measurement coming in at 0.2%, in line with the consensus. The U.K. CPI gained 0.6% year-to-date. U.K. consumer prices increased 0.3% in August on a monthly basis.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	09/16/2016	09/09/2016	12/31/2015	09/16/2015
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.25
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	0.78	0.79	1.06	0.82
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	1.70	1.67	2.28	2.30
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.80	5.64	7.24	6.54

Commodity Prices as of:	09/16/2016	09/09/2016	12/31/2015	09/16/2015
Gold (USD/oz)	1,310.20	1,334.50	1,060.20	1,119.00
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	43.03	45.88	37.04	47.15
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.34	2.33	2.23	2.56
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.15	2.09	2.13	2.46

Exchange Rates as of:	09/16/2016	09/09/2016	12/31/2015	09/16/2015
\$ per €	1.12	1.12	1.09	1.13
\$ per £	1.31	1.33	1.47	1.55
¥ per \$	102.26	102.73	120.30	120.54

## 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, September 19	Tuesday, September 20	Wednesday, September 21	Thursday, September 22	Friday, September 23
<b>NAHB Housing Market Index (Sep)</b> U.S.	<b>Housing Starts (Aug)</b> U.S.  <b>Building Permits (Aug)</b> U.S.  <b>BOJ Monetary Policy Statement</b> Japan	<b>MBA Mortgage Applications (Sep)</b> U.S.  <b>FOMC Rate Decision (Sep)</b> U.S.	<b>Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index (Aug)</b> U.S.  <b>Initial Jobless Claims (Sep)</b> U.S.  <b>Continuing Claims (Sep)</b> U.S.  <b>Bloomberg Consumer Comfort (Sep)</b> U.S.  <b>Consumer Confidence (Sep)</b> Euro Zone  <b>Existing Home Sales (Aug)</b> U.S.	<b>Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI (Sep)</b> Euro Zone  <b>Markit Eurozone Composite PMI (Sep)</b> Euro Zone  <b>Markit US Manufacturing PMI (Sep)</b> U.S.

Source: Bloomberg

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**86%** of our assets outperformed their benchmark or peer median on a 5-year basis.<sup>2</sup>

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**86%** of the time our portfolios outperformed their benchmark on a rolling 3-year basis.<sup>3</sup>

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- <sup>2</sup> Metrics presented use pre-determined criteria to measure each individual investment product based on its ability to either a) rank above the median of its peer category; or b) outperform its benchmark index on a gross-of-fees basis. Generally speaking, the results for unconstrained, fully-active investment products were based on relevant peer category rankings while those of "enhanced index", rules-based, risk-constrained, or client-specific investment products were based on benchmark-relative performance. Metrics are calculated on an annualized basis and includes mutual funds as well as pooled and separately-managed institutional portfolios that fall within our traditional (long-only) commercial book of business that remain open as of 06/30/16. If terminated and other accounts had been included, results may have differed from that shown. Source of performance returns and peer medians is Voya Investment Management but is based in part on data from Morningstar® (mutual funds) and eVestment (institutional composites). Further detailed information regarding these calculations is available upon request.
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