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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- U.S. equities experienced a flat week as investors focused on outcomes from the latest Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting and persistent global tensions with North Korea. Oil bumped up, gold lost some ground and the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield closed at approximately 2.24%.
- North Korean tensions, which had settled down following its latest nuclear test, ratcheted somewhat higher again during the week after the country's foreign minister threatened an H-bomb test in the Pacific. If carried out, this would mark a dramatic escalation in tensions, as previous tests have been conducted on North Korean soil. The threat came after state-media cited Kim Jong-un's rhetorical broadside against President Trump; calling Trump "deranged" and saying that he would "pay dearly" for the threats he made at the United Nations General Assembly.
- The FOMC announced that interest rates will be held steady, as had been widely expected, and also stated that the Fed's balance-sheet runoff (as outlined in June) would commence next month. The statement was hardly changed since the prior meeting, though it included remarks suggesting that the recent hurricanes may disrupt the economy in the near term, but will likely have little lasting impact.
- The Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index increased to 23.8 in September from 18.9 in August, ahead of the 17.1 consensus. The details of the report were also upbeat. New orders increased to 29.5 from 20.4 while shipments jumped to 37.8 from 29.4. However, the employment component fell to 6.6 from 10.1, declining for a third straight month (though the report did note it remained positive). The average workweek furthermore declined. Price pressures received some attention as prices paid increased to a six-month high.

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	09/22/17	12/31/16
Dow Jones Industrial Average	22,349.59	19,762.60
S&P 500 Index	2,502.22	2,238.83

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.36	1.91	15.17	5.09
S&P 500 Index	0.09	1.34	13.43	3.29
Russell 2000 Index	1.35	3.32	7.89	3.62
Russell MidCap Index	0.30	1.66	10.53	2.54
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	-0.15	-0.38	3.24	0.42
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.21	0.60	6.69	2.00
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	-0.44	-1.19	7.38	-0.43
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	0.05	0.25	2.25	0.84

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Consumer Discretionary	-0.13	0.24	11.26	0.28
Consumer Staples	-2.31	-0.91	6.51	-2.39
Energy	1.98	7.92	-8.35	6.36
Financials	2.65	3.54	10.76	6.55
Health Care	-1.15	0.81	20.09	1.79
Industrials	1.97	3.76	13.86	4.40
Materials	1.00	3.12	15.37	5.94
Technology	-0.65	-0.36	26.11	5.18
Telecom	3.80	3.02	-5.14	4.90
Utilities	-2.70	-2.34	12.33	0.56

U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		3-Months (%)	
Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth
0.5	-0.2	7.1	19.9	2.8	3.9
Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth
0.0	0.7	6.1	16.3	1.7	3.6
Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth
1.6	1.1	2.6	13.8	3.7	3.6

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	-0.26	-0.24	6.96	2.32
MSCI EAFE Index	0.70	2.52	20.46	5.37
MSCI United Kingdom Index	0.83	3.29	15.71	6.12
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	0.74	3.21	26.46	6.29
MSCI Japan Index	0.96	1.56	14.04	2.89
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	0.13	1.51	33.34	8.50
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	0.03	1.47	30.51	10.51
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	-0.36	0.08	8.83	2.25
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GRE Index	-1.30	0.80	11.38	3.42

Source: FactSet

In the previous week, the Empire Fed manufacturing index also surprised to the upside for September.

- Initial jobless claims fell 23K to 259K in the week-ended September 16, better than the 302K consensus. The better-than-expected outcome reflected a 30K decline in Texas with the fading of the impact from Hurricane Harvey. Economists also noted that the effects of Hurricane Irma were smaller than expected. The four-week moving average rose 6K to 269K.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	09/22/17	09/15/17	12/31/16	06/22/17
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	1.25	1.25	0.75	1.25
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	1.44	1.38	1.20	1.35
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	2.26	2.20	2.43	2.15
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.30	5.33	5.72	5.39

Commodity Prices as of:	09/22/17	09/15/17	12/31/16	06/22/17
Gold (USD/oz)	1,297.50	1,325.20	1,151.70	1,249.40
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	50.66	49.89	53.72	42.74
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.79	2.84	2.43	2.51
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.92	2.93	2.50	2.60

Exchange Rates as of:	09/22/17	09/15/17	12/31/16	06/22/17
\$ per €	1.20	1.20	1.05	1.12
\$ per £	1.35	1.36	1.24	1.27
¥ per \$	111.94	111.05	116.64	111.34

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, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29
IFO Business Climate (Sep) Germany	New Home Sales (Aug) U.S. Conf. Board Consumer Confidence (Sep) U.S.	MBA Mortgage Applications (Sep 22) U.S. Durable Goods Orders (Aug P) U.S. Pending Home Sales MoM (Aug) U.S.	Business Climate Indicator (Sep) Euro Zone Initial Jobless Claims (Sep 23) U.S. Personal Consumption (2Q T) U.S. GDP Price Index (2Q T) U.S. Lloyds Business Barometer (Sep) U.K.	Mortgage Approvals (Aug) U.K. GDP YoY (2Q F) U.K. CPI Estimate YoY (Sep) Euro Zone Personal Income (Aug) 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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¹ As of 06/30/17, Voya IM assets of \$224 billion include proprietary insurance general account assets of \$90 billion calculated on a market value basis. Voya IM assets, as reported in Voya Financial, Inc. SEC filings, include general account assets valued on a statutory book value basis and total approximately \$217 billion. ² Above benchmark metrics are calculated on an annualized, gross-of-fees basis and include 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 06/30/17. If terminated and other non-discretionary and special purpose accounts had been included, results may have differed from that shown. ³ 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 06/30/17. If terminated and other accounts had been included, results may have differed from that shown. ⁴ Metrics are based on observations of rolling 3-year annualized returns over the last 30 months, calculated on an annualized, gross-of-fees 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 06/30/17. 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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