

Voya Global Perspectives

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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- Upbeat economic news and robust earnings propelled stocks to early new highs, but a late pullback led to mixed results for the week. Stocks fell after suggestions the Trump administration might move ahead with tariffs on Chinese imports. Oil prices rose, whereas gold fell. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield reached 2.9% but ended the week about flat.
- The Commerce Department revised second-quarter GDP growth from 4.1% to 4.2%. The increase was largely due to rising trade and inventories, which offset slightly slower personal consumption growth. The Chicago Fed National Activity Index declined to 0.13 in July after registering 0.48 in June, as the pace of growth from production-related indicators slowed. Positive readings indicate above-average economic growth.
- The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index® rose to 133.4 in August, its highest level since 2000. The release noted the historically high level should support consumer spending in the near term. The present situation and the expectations indexes both rose.
- U.S. consumer spending rose 0.4% in July, adding another month to steady gains this year. The rise partly reflected higher prices for goods and services, a sign that demand is strong. Consumer spending was the biggest factor driving the 4.2% annual rate of GDP growth in the second quarter.
- Higher consumer spending in July drove core personal consumption expenditures (core PCE) price index up to the Federal Reserve's 2% annual target rate for the first time in six years. The Fed considers core PCE, which excludes food and energy prices, a key indicator of the economy's longer-term inflation rate. The stronger data support expectations that the Fed will continue gradually raising interest rates.

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	08/31/18	12/31/17
Dow Jones Industrial Average	25,964.82	24,652.00
S&P 500 Index	2,901.52	2,676.00

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.79	2.56	6.73	6.99
S&P 500 Index	0.98	3.26	9.94	7.76
Russell 2000 Index	0.91	4.31	14.26	6.89
Russell MidCap Index	0.64	3.11	8.15	6.40
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	-0.12	0.64	-0.96	0.54
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.08	0.74	2.00	2.25
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	-0.57	1.60	-2.96	0.25
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	0.13	0.50	3.28	1.40

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Consumer Discretionary	1.85	5.13	19.39	10.93
Consumer Staples	-0.41	0.52	-4.33	9.32
Energy	-0.14	-3.30	4.75	-1.23
Financials	0.36	1.39	2.37	4.68
Health Care	1.06	4.37	13.31	13.08
Industrials	0.50	0.30	2.59	4.08
Materials	0.48	-0.45	-0.66	2.85
Real Estate	0.87	2.49	4.44	8.20
Technology	2.04	6.93	21.03	8.78
Telecom	-1.57	3.05	-3.36	7.95
Utilities	-0.49	1.12	3.33	5.86

U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		3-Months (%)	
Large Value 0.3	Large Growth 1.7	Large Value 3.7	Large Growth 16.4	Large Value 5.8	Large Growth 9.6
Mid Value 0.2	Mid Growth 1.2	Mid Value 4.0	Mid Growth 13.9	Mid Value 5.0	Mid Growth 8.5
Small Value 0.0	Small Growth 1.8	Small Value 9.9	Small Growth 18.5	Small Value 4.8	Small Growth 8.9

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	3-Months
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	0.01	0.10	-1.52	-0.51
MSCI EAFE Index	0.28	-1.92	-1.87	-0.70
MSCI United Kingdom Index	-0.81	-4.18	-4.32	-4.27
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	-0.14	-2.24	-1.46	1.45
MSCI Japan Index	1.72	0.23	-1.23	-1.89
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	1.17	-1.00	-4.73	-4.82
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	0.60	-2.67	-6.93	-4.52
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	-0.68	-1.92	-5.14	-0.91
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GRE Index	0.49	0.75	1.60	2.22

Source: FactSet

- Home prices continued to rise over the last 12 months. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index reported a 6.2% annual gain in June, down from 6.4% in May. Six of the 20 cities reported greater price increases in the year ended June versus the year ended May.
- July pending home sales declined 0.7% after rising 1.0% in June. It was the latest housing-market indicator to disappoint, following earlier misses in new and existing home sales.

Bond Rates (%) as of:	08/31/18	08/24/18	12/31/17	05/31/18
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	2.00	2.00	1.50	1.75
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	2.63	2.63	1.89	2.41
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	2.85	2.83	2.41	2.82
U.S. 30-Year Treasury Yield	3.01	2.98	2.74	2.99
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	6.36	6.30	5.59	6.50

Commodity Prices as of:	08/31/18	08/24/18	12/31/17	05/31/18
Gold (USD/oz)	1,206.70	1,213.30	1,309.30	1,304.70
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	69.80	68.72	60.42	67.04
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.97	2.96	2.66	3.14
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	2.65	2.70	3.28	3.06

Exchange Rates as of:	08/31/18	08/24/18	12/31/17	05/31/18
\$ per €	1.16	1.16	1.20	1.17
\$ per £	1.30	1.29	1.35	1.33
¥ per \$	110.89	111.22	112.65	108.64

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 3	Tuesday, September 4	Wednesday, September 5	Thursday, September 6	Friday, September 7
Markit Eurozone Mfg PMI (Aug) Euro Zone	PPI (Jul) Euro Zone	Markit Eurozone Svcs PMI (Aug) Euro Zone	Nonfarm Productivity (2Q18) U.S.	Leading & Coincident Indexes (Jul) Japan
Markit UK PMI Mfg (Aug) U.K.	Markit U.S. Mfg PMI (Aug) U.S.	Markit/CIPS UK Svcs PMI (Aug) U.K.	Markit U.S. Svcs PMI (Aug) U.S.	GDP (2Q18) Euro Zone
	ISM Mfg (Aug) U.S.	Retail Sales (Jul) Euro Zone	Durable Goods Orders (Jul) U.S.	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (Aug) U.S.
	Caixin China PMI Svcs (Aug) China		Household Spending (Jul) Japan	Unemployment Rate (Aug) U.S.
				Exports (Aug) China

Source: Bloomberg

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83% of our assets outperformed their benchmark on a 10-year basis.²

85% of the time our portfolios outperformed their benchmark on a rolling 5-year basis.³

87% of the time our portfolios outperformed their benchmark on a rolling 7-year basis.³

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¹As of 06/30/18. Voya Investment Management assets are calculated on a market value basis and include proprietary insurance general account assets of \$59 billion. The decline from \$227 billion as of 03/31/18 was largely due to the 06/01/18 closing of Voya Financial's sale of the majority of its annuities businesses, which resulted in a net \$18 billion transfer of assets. ²Above 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 06/30/18. If terminated and other non-discretionary and special purpose accounts had been included, results may have differed. ³Metrics are based on observations of rolling 5-year or 7-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 06/30/18. If terminated and other accounts had been included, results may have differed from that shown. Source of performance returns is Voya Investment Management, and further detailed information regarding these calculations is available upon request.

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