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POLICY-DRIVEN REBOUND

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EQUITIES

Data as of: 03/27/2020

Index	Price	WTD%	QTD%	YTD%
DJIA	21636.78	12.84	-24.18	-24.18
S&P 500	2541.47	10.26	-21.34	-21.34
Nasdaq	7502.38	9.05	-16.39	-16.39
Russell 2000	1131.99	11.65	-32.15	-32.15
Russell 1000 Growth	1484.56	10.22	-16.15	-16.15
Russell 1000 Value	972.12	11.14	-27.87	-27.87
Comm. Services	145.91	5.50	-19.67	-19.67
Cons. Disc.	790.18	11.08	-19.88	-19.88
Cons. Staples	550.05	6.54	-14.98	-14.98
Energy	217.56	12.18	-52.34	-52.34
Financial Svcs.	349.66	11.84	-31.63	-31.63
Health Care	990.69	8.08	-16.62	-16.62
Industrials	498.02	15.43	-27.57	-27.57
Info. Tech.	1383.04	10.50	-14.16	-14.16
Materials	278.30	9.50	-27.87	-27.87
Real Estate	193.83	15.41	-19.35	-19.35
Utilities	283.10	17.68	-13.78	-13.78
MSCI EAFE*	1561.60	12.07	-22.96	-22.96
MSCI EM*	851.28	6.04	-23.40	-23.40

* MSCI EAFE and MSCI EM values as of: 03/26/2020

- **Stocks rebounded sharply** this week even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread rapidly in the United States. The movement toward passage of the nearly \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus package and unprecedented actions from the Federal Reserve (Fed) helped stocks snap back. Slowing growth in new cases in some countries provided reassurance.
- After tumbling 34% from its February 19 record high through the March 23 low, the **S&P 500 Index** gained over 10% through Friday, including the biggest three-day rally since the 1930s. The **Dow Industrials** rallied 21% off its lows, causing some to call its bear market over, before pulling back on Friday. The **Nasdaq Composite** lagged slightly, but it remains the best-performing major index in 2020.
- **Small caps** outpaced their larger cap counterparts, while **value** stocks eked by **growth** for the week. **Utilities** topped the sector rankings, while **industrials** benefited from the fiscal stimulus package and outperformed. **Communication services** and **consumer staples** lagged.
- **US economic data** provided the anticipated evidence that recession has arrived. Jobless claims surged by over 3 million, nearly five times the all-time record. The Markit Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) data for the services sector, at 39.1 for March, provided further evidence of recession.
- **Emerging market equities** lagged through Thursday, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index gaining 6%. The developed international MSCI EAFE Index gain of 12% through Thursday approximated the S&P 500's move. Markets in Japan and Korea led, while China lagged.

FIXED INCOME, CURRENCIES, & COMMODITIES

Data as of: 03/27/20

Yield	Latest	EOW	EOQ	EOY
90 Day UST	0.02	0.05	1.55	1.55
2 Yr UST	0.24	0.37	1.58	1.58
10 Yr UST	0.69	0.92	1.92	1.92
30 Yr UST	1.26	1.55	2.39	2.39

Fixed Income*	% Return			
	Yield	WTD	QTD	YTD
US Agg	1.72	2.21	2.23	2.23
US Agg Govt.	0.66	1.27	7.69	7.69
US TIPS	0.93	4.43	2.94	2.94
Munis	2.07	7.27	-0.81	-0.81
HY Munis	5.17	10.71	-6.28	-6.28
Inv. Grade	3.83	5.17	-5.96	-5.96
High Yield	10.37	3.41	-15.32	-15.32
MBS	1.36	1.75	2.65	2.65
Global Agg	1.29	2.44	-0.96	-0.96
Intl. Treasuries	0.25	0.58	1.47	1.47
JPM EMBI	6.08	7.59	-7.55	-7.55

Currencies & Commodities

US Dollar	98.36	-4.33	2.05	2.05
EUR/USD	1.11	3.99	-0.70	-0.70
USD/JPY	107.95	-2.75	-0.62	-0.62
WTI Oil	21.55	-4.77	-64.71	-64.71
Gold	1624	9.36	6.60	6.60
Copper	2.17	-0.12	-22.45	-22.45

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The yield presented refers to the corresponding index except for the U.S. Treasury (UST) data, which is of individual Treasury note securities and not an index. The Currency and Commodity data presented are quotes of the exchange rate. This data is from FactSet.

- All **fixed income** indexes we track were up as financial markets rallied after monetary and fiscal policy measures were put in place to ease the burden of COVID-19 on the US economy. The US Treasury yield curve shifted down and flattened slightly as **10-year US Treasury** yields ended the week down 23 basis points (0.23%) at 0.69%. High-yield municipal bonds performed best among the indexes we track, with municipal bonds and emerging market bonds all having very strong showings. International sovereign debt was the worst weekly performer, but it still posted gains as markets digested the effects of the government stimulus packages.
- Oil prices** suffered a weekly decline of almost 5%, the fifth down week in a row, during which time the price has declined by almost 65%, as global recession fears continue to weigh heavily on prices. The **US dollar** lost all of its gains from the prior week as a more risk-on sentiment and aggressive Fed policies contributed to decreased demand for the greenback. **Gold** bounced back from two down weeks in a row with its biggest weekly increase since 2008. **Copper** is still trading near its 2015–16 lows amid demand concerns.
- Next week's **US economic calendar** will unfortunately feature another devastating jobless claims number on Thursday, providing investors with more recessionary economic data. Other data of note for next week includes Conference Board consumer confidence (Tuesday), the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) PMI for manufacturing (Thursday), and nonfarm payroll employment (Friday), where Bloomberg's consensus forecast is calling for 100,000 jobs lost in March.
- Internationally**, in terms of timely data reflecting economic activity in March, investors will get Markit's manufacturing and services surveys for the Eurozone and China.

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