

MARKET INSIGHTS

Weekly Market Recap January 2, 2012

Headlines

- Iran threatened to block the Strait of Hormuz.
- Spain forecasts a 2011 budget deficit of 8% of GDP.

Economic News

- Consumer confidence was unchanged in December.
- Jobless claims rose to 381,000.
- Business activity in Chicago continues to accelerate.
- Pending home sales rose more than expected.
- Next Week: ISM indices, Vehicle Sales, Employment.

Thought of the Week

As we head into 2012, it's worth taking a moment to look back at 2011 and consider some major market themes that led to the dispersion of returns across asset classes. Emerging market equities and commodities both suffered from investor anticipation of slowing global growth and negative currency effects. U.S. stock prices were certainly volatile in 2011, but in the end, prices ended up close to where they began and dividends contributed to positive total returns. Despite macro concerns, alternative asset classes like REITs and equity market neutral ended the year in positive territory while providing important diversification benefits. Finally, core fixed income had yet another strong year, with returns driven by a combination of coupon income and price appreciation as investors searched for safety among global risks.

Question of the week:

What was the lowest closing level of the yield on 10-year U.S. Treasury bonds in 2011?

Prior week's question:

As of Friday, the yield on Italian 10-year government bonds was 6.85%. Where were these yields at the end of 2010?

Answer to prior week's question:

On December 31, 2010, the yield on 10-year Italian government bonds was 4.81%.

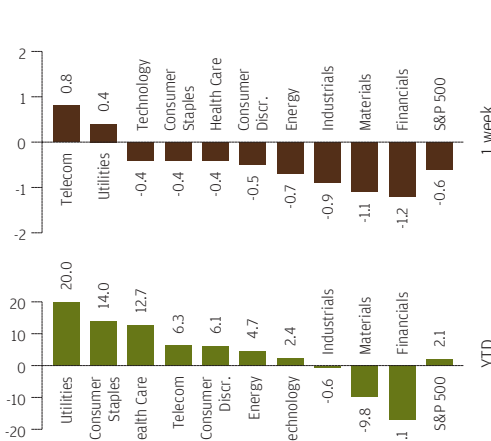
Index Levels	Friday Close 12/30/11	Prior Week 12/23/11	Year End 12/31/10	Year Ago 12/30/10
Dow Jones 30	12,218	12,294	11,578	11,570
S&P 500	1,258	1,265	1,258	1,258
Nasdaq	2,605	2,619	2,653	2,663
Russell 2000	741	748	784	790

Bond Rates

	Friday Close 12/30/11	Prior Week 12/23/11	Year End 12/31/10	Year Ago 12/30/10
Fed Funds Target	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2 Year Treasury	0.24	0.28	0.60	0.65
10 Year Treasury	1.87	2.03	3.30	3.37
10 Year Municipal	2.45	2.53	3.75	3.75
High Yield	8.36	8.45	7.51	7.53

Market Returns	1 week		YTD	
	Local	USD	Local	USD
S&P 500	-0.58	-0.58	2.11	2.11
MSCI - EAFE	0.64	0.82	-11.74	-11.73
United Kingdom	1.14	0.50	-1.79	-2.52
Europe ex-UK	0.99	0.80	-12.08	-14.49
Japan	0.87	2.39	-18.59	-14.19
Asia ex-Japan	-1.36	-1.16	-13.69	-15.38

S&P 500 Sector Returns



Style Returns

	V	B	G
L	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5
M	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7
S	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8

	V	B	G
L	0.4	2.1	2.6
M	-1.4	-1.5	-1.7
S	-5.5	-4.2	-2.9

Chart of the Week

A Look Back at 2011 Asset Class Performance
USD total returns, commodities shown as price return

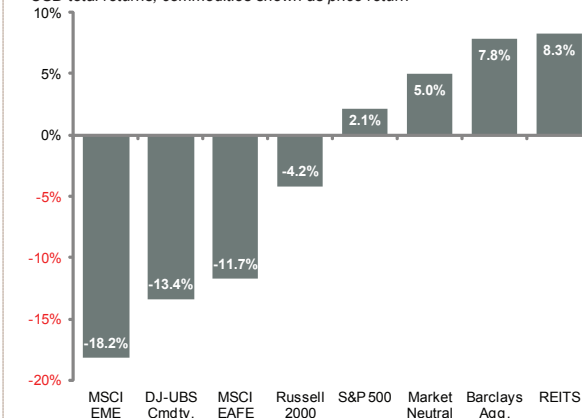


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Market Returns: All data represents total return including the reinvestment of dividends for stated period. Index: MSCI – EAFE; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: UK; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: Europe ex-UK; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: Japan; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: Asia ex-Japan; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: S&P 500 Index; provided by: IDC.

(MSCI EAFE is a Morgan Stanley Capital International Index that is designed to measure the performance of the developed stock markets of Europe, Australia, and the Far East).

Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Index (DJ-UBSCI) is a broadly diversified index composed of futures contracts on physical commodities. The index is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector. It includes 19 commodity futures in five groups.

Bond Rates: Fed Funds Target, EcoWin; 2 Year Treasury, IDC; 10 Year Treasury, IDC; 10 Year Muni, Barclays Capital; High Yield, Barclays Capital High-yield Index.

Consumer Rates: 6 Month CD, Federal Reserve; 30 Year Mortgage, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA); Prime Rate: Federal Reserve.

Commodities: Gold, EcoWin; Crude Oil (WTI), EcoWin; Gasoline, EcoWin.

Currency: Dollar per Pound, IDC; Dollar per Euro, IDC; Yen per Dollar, IDC.

Index Price Levels: Reflects closing price level for each index as of stated date. Dow Jones Industrial 30 (The Dow Jones is a price-weighted index composing of 30 widely-traded blue chip stocks.): IDC, S&P 500 Index (The S&P 500 Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, this world-renowned index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500 focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market.): IDC, NASDAQ Composite Index (The NASDAQ Index is a market-value weighted index of all common stocks listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange.): IDC, Russell 2000 Index: IDC. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

S&P Index Characteristics: Trailing P/E price is provided by Factset Pricing database while trailing earnings is provided by Compustat. Dividend Yield provided by FactSet Pricing database. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted Harmonic average using First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Marketcap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and Price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Standard & Poor's.

Russell 1000 Value Index, Russell 1000 Growth Index, and Russell 2000 Index Characteristics: Trailing P/E is provided directly by Russell. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average using First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Marketcap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and Price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Russell.

Sector Returns: Sectors are based on the GICS Classification model. Return data are calculated by FactSet using constituents and weights as provided by Standard & Poor's. Returns are cumulative total return for stated period, including reinvestment of dividends.

Style Returns: Style box returns based on Russell Indexes with the exception of the Large-Cap Blend box, which reflects the S&P 500 Index. All values are cumulative total return for stated period including the

reinvestment of dividends. The Index used from L to R, top to bottom are: S&P 500 Index (Index represents the 500 Large Cap portion of the stock market, and is comprised of 500 stocks as selected by the S&P Index Committee), Russell 1000 Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values), Russell 1000 Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values), Russell Mid Cap Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values), Russell Mid Cap Index (The Russell Midcap Index includes the smallest 800 securities in the Russell 1000), Russell Mid Cap Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values), Russell 2000 Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values), Russell 2000 Index (The Russell 2000 includes the smallest 2000 securities in the Russell 3000), Russell 2000 Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values).

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