

# Weekly Market Review December 7, 2015

### **News Headlines**

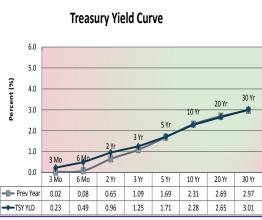
- President Obama addressed the nation on Sunday to lay out his approach to the rising threat of Islamic terrorism in wake of the San Bernadino massacre.
- Venezuela's opposition party claimed a majority of seats in the National Assembly signaling the first major power shift since the late Hugo Chavez took power in 1999.

#### **Economic News**

- ADP reported that the private sector added 217,000 jobs in November.
- Fed Chair Janet Yellon's recent comments signal she will likely support a rate increase at this month's upcoming meeting.
- November's Supply Management Manufacturing Index dropped from 50.1 to 48.6 indicating a contraction.

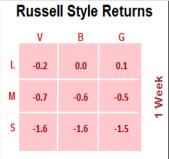
# **Key Commodity Prices**

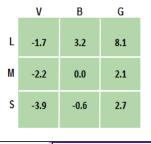
	Close*	1 Yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	39.97	69.22
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.05	3.33
Gold (oz)	1079	1194
Platinum (oz)	861	1237
Copper (lb)	2.07	2.93
Coffee (lb)	1.24	1.73
Cotton (lb)	0.65	0.59
Corn (bu)	3.73	3.68
Soybeans (bu)	9.02	10.29
*As of 12/4/15		

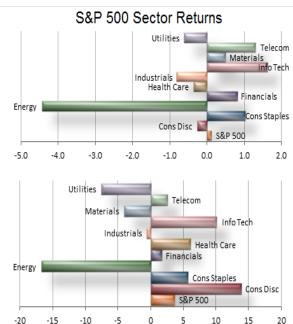


### Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.748
US\$ to buy Euro	1.089
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.511
Yen to buy US\$	123.116







Consumer Money Rates					
	YIELD / RATE (%)				
Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1-Yr Ago		
Federal-funds rate target	0-0.25	0-0.25	0-0.25		
Prime rate*	3.25	3.25	3.25		
Libor, 3-month	0.13	0.13	0.09		
Money market, annual yield	0.28	0.28	0.43		
Five-year CD, annual yield	1.40	1.42	1.56		
30-year mortgage, fixed	4.02	3.98	3.96		
15-year mortgage, fixed	3.23	3.14	3.19		
Jumbo mortgages, \$417,000-plus	4.52	4.45	4.27		
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	3.57	3.68	3.56		
New-car loan, 48-month	3.21	3.23	3.17		
Home-equity LOC, \$30,000	4.71	4.68	4.45		
* Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks.					

Major Markets Returns						
o	Closing Price	Tot Ret % - 1 Wk	Tot Ret % - YTD	Tot Ret % - 1 Yr	Tot Ret % - 5 Yr	
US Equities						
Dow Jones	17,848	0.36	2.55	2.21	12.23	
S&P 500	2,092	0.12	3.60	3.09	13.69	
NASDAQ	5,142	0.29	9.77	9.07	16.06	
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Foreign and REIT						
MSCI EAFE NR		-0.82	0.01	-2.97	4.30	
MSCI EM NR		-1.69	-13.19	-15.70	-3.90	
FTSE Nareit - All	REITS	-1.23	0.55	1.54	11.69	
Bonds						
BarCap Agg Bon	d	-0.12	0.69	1.07	3.19	
Citi Treasury 3 Mo	o T-Bill	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.05	
BarCap US High	Yield	-0.06	-2.22	-2.79	5.78	
BarCap US TIPS		-0.36	-0.95	-1.50	2.49	
ML Global Broad	Mrkt	0.25	-2.88	-2.98	1.22	



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