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#### **News Headlines**

- Nine people are dead and thirty hospitalized after immigrants were discovered in a hot tractor-trailer truck in San Antonio, TX.
- Last week President Donald Trump named Anthony Scaramucci as new communications director. Sean Spicer resigned from his position of White House press secretary and Sarah Huckabee Sanders was promoted as the new White House press secretary.
- Jared Kushner is scheduled to testify today before the Senate Intelligence Committee and the House Intelligence Committee on Tuesday regarding the ongoing Russian investigation.

#### **Economic News**

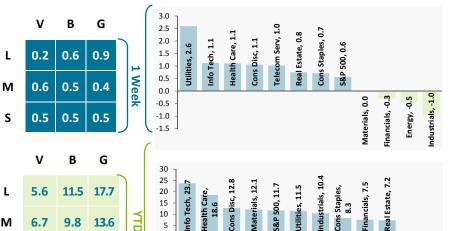
- The IMF scales down economic forecast for the U.S. from 2.3% to 2.1% growth.
- The European Central Bank met last week and kept its target interest rate unchanged at 0%.
- First-time U.S. unemployment applications dropped 15,000 to 233,000 for the week ending July 14th.

#### **Key Commodity Prices**

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYIVIEX	45.77	49.57
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.85	2.73
Gold (oz)	1,261	1,349
Platinum (oz)	940	1094
Copper (lb)	2.72	2.23
Coffee (lb)	1.33	1.47
Cotton (lb)	0.68	0.72
Corn (bu)	3.51	3.22
Soybeans (bu)	9.80	9.96

#### **Equity Style Returns**

# **S&P 500 Sector Returns**



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### **Fixed Income Returns**

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## **Key Currency Exchange Rates**

	<b>.</b>				US\$ to	0.798		
ı	Short	Int	Long		US\$ to	1.167		
Gov	0.2	0.5	0.7		US\$ to	US\$ to buy U.K. Pound		
Cor	0.2	0.7	1.7	1 Week	Yen to	111.134		
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HY	0.4	0.6	1.1		3.0			
l					2.5		30 Yr	
	Short	Int	Long		2.0	10 Y	20 Yr 'r	
Gov	1.1	2.6	3.2		J.5 1.0	2 Yr 3 Yr 5 Yr		
				_	1.0	6 Mo		
Cor	2.4	4.7	8.1	<b>T</b>	0.5	3 Mo		

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Prev Year 0.33

2 Yr

0.71

0.44

3 Yr

0.84

1.50

1.13

10 Yr

1.57

1.90

2.57

30 Yr

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2.81

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#### All information is as of the most recent price available as of the prior week's market close. Please see disclosure notes on the following page; this document is to be forwarded only in its entirety.

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## **Major Market Returns**

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<b>US Equities</b>	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	21,580	-0.22	10.67	19.52	13.79
S&P 500	2,473	0.56	11.67	16.60	15.08
NASDAQ	6,388	1.20	19.36	27.36	18.37
Foreign & REIT		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR	0.47	16.51	19.47	9.42	
MSCI EM NR	1.33	24.74	24.46	4.99	
FTSE Nareit - AL	0.64	6.27	-0.36	9.95	
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Bor	0.56	2.93	0.16	2.07	
Citi Treasury 3 M	0.07	0.30	0.46	0.15	
BBgBarc US High	0.59	5.86	10.37	6.80	
BBgBarc US TIPS	0.46	1.32	-0.23	-0.01	
ML Global Broad Mrkt		1.21	5.48	-0.13	1.04

### **Consumer Money Rates**

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	1.00-1.25	1.00-1.25	0.25-0.50
Prime rate*	4.25	4.25	3.50
Libor, 3-month	1.31	1.30	0.68
Money market, annual yield	0.32	0.33	0.26
Five-year CD, annual yield	1.44	1.44	1.21
30-year mortgage, fixed	3.96	3.99	3.52
15-year mortgage, fixed	3.15	3.21	2.80
Jumbo mortgages, \$417,000-plus	4.33	4.37	4.21
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	3.41	3.41	3.22
New-car loan, 48-month	3.06	3.09	3.13
Home-equity LOC, \$30,000	5.18	5.16	4.76

<sup>\*</sup> Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks



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