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#### **News Headlines**

- World leaders gathered at the G20 Summit last week to tackle difficult issues including trade, North Korea, and terrorism. Other issues such as energy and climate were discussed and protests erupted in Hamburg, Germany where the summit was held.
- North Korea successfully launched an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) last week on the 4th of July causing concern worldwide over North Korea's growing capabilities in missile technology and nuclear threat.
- Scorching temps out west continue to fuel wildfires. Thousands have been forced to evacuate.

#### **Economic News**

- The U.S. threatened trade sanctions against countries that support North Korea through trade.
- The Labor Department reported an additional 222,000 jobs were added in June.
- The Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that the change in Connecticut's GDP from the 2007 recession to Q42016 was -5.9%; the worst in the country.

#### **Key Commodity Prices**

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	44.23	50.56
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.80	2.60
Gold (oz)	1,210	1,377
Platinum (oz)	914	1084
Copper (lb)	2.64	2.12
Coffee (lb)	1.26	1.42
Cotton (lb)	0.68	0.65
Corn (bu)	3.61	3.35
Soybeans (bu)	9.70	10.64

#### **Equity Style Returns S&P 500 Sector Returns** Health Care, 0.0 S&P 500, 0.1 2 1 -0.1 0.1 0.3 Week Cons Staples, -0.8 Utilities, -0.9 Telecom Serv, -1.0 -1 -0.2 0.1 -0.4 -1 -2 0.1 0.2 G 20 Utilities, 7.8 Cons Staple: 7.2 15 9.4 14.3 10 5 7.7 11.5

#### **Fixed Income Returns**

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	US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.777
	US\$ to buy Euro	1.140
	US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.289
<b>\frac{1}{5}</b>	Yen to buy US\$	113.905

**Key Currency Exchange Rates** 

# -0.1 -0.3 -0.9 Treasury Yield Curve

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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	21,414	0.38	9.77	22.72	13.71
S&P 500	2,425	0.14	9.49	18.03	14.77
NASDAQ	6,153	0.23	14.97	27.65	17.39
Foreign & REIT	-	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR		-0.47	13.27	21.60	8.73
MSCI EM NR		-0.61	17.71	23.96	3.61
FTSE Nareit - AL	L REITS	-1.20	4.17	0.54	9.45
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Bor	nd	-0.37	1.90	-1.34	2.03
Citi Treasury 3 Mo T-Bill		0.07	0.30	0.46	0.15
BBgBarc US High	Yield	-0.24	4.68	11.39	6.72
BBgBarc US TIPS		-0.57	0.28	-2.30	-0.02
ML Global Broad	l Mrkt	-0.71	3.37	-3.64	0.81

#### **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	1.30	1.30	0.66
Money market, annual yield	0.33	0.33	0.27
Five-year CD, annual yield	1.39	1.38	1.19
30-year mortgage, fixed	4.08	4.00	3.43
15-year mortgage, fixed	3.27	3.21	2.73
Jumbo mortgages, \$417,000-plus	4.45	4.48	4.38
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	3.47	3.42	3.04
New-car loan, 48-month	3.14	3.08	3.19
Home-equity LOC, \$30,000	5.13	5.12	4.74

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



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