

News Headlines

- Tension grows in Middle East as the Iranian government vows to avenge the death of Major General Qassem Soleimani as the result of a U.S. airstrike last week. Iran announced it will not honor the nuclear agreement from 2015. The U.S. deployed additional troops to the region and security has been heightened in many U.S. cities and embassy locations around the world.
- The U.S. Senate remains in deadlock over impeachment proceedings regarding witness testimony. President Trump's impeachment trial is on hold as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has yet to send the articles of impeachment to the Senate.

Economic News

- The U.S. Census Bureau and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development jointly announced new construction in November 2019 was up 0.6% month-over-month.
- The Institute for Supply Management released the ISM Manufacturing PMI Index for December last week with the index falling deeper in contraction territory to 47.2, the lowest level since June 2009.

Key Commodity Prices

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	63.05	47.96
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.13	2.91
Gold (oz)	1,552	1,286
Platinum (oz)	986	803
Copper (lb)	2.80	2.65
Coffee (lb)	1.23	1.02
Cotton (lb)	0.66	0.70
Corn (bu)	3.83	3.57
Soybeans (bu)	9.22	8.62

Equity Style Returns

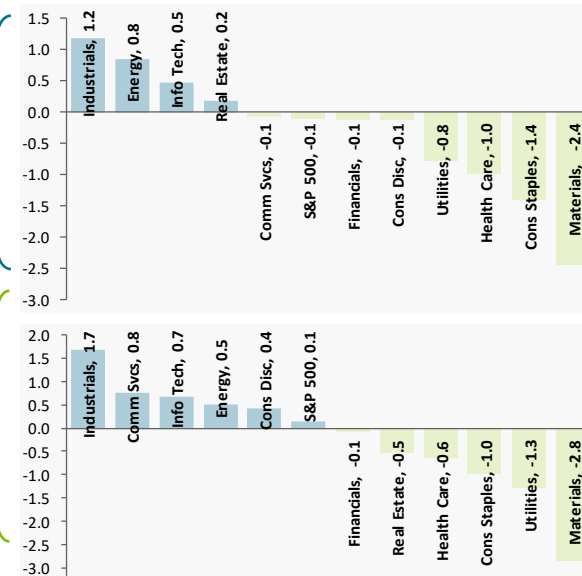
	V	B	G
L	-0.4	-0.1	0.2
M	-0.3	-0.1	0.3
S	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6

	V	B	G
L	-0.3	0.2	0.7
M	-0.5	-0.1	0.7
S	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4

1 Week

YTD

S&P 500 Sector Returns



Fixed Income Returns

	Short	Int	Long
Gov	0.2	0.6	0.8
Cor	0.2	0.5	0.6
HY	0.3	0.2	0.4

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Cor	0.2	0.5	1.3
HY	0.2	0.2	0.3

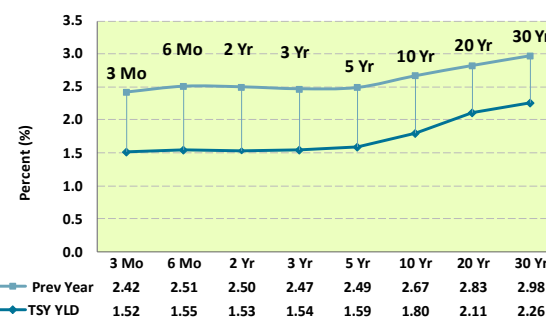
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Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.769
US\$ to buy Euro	1.116
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.308
Yen to buy US\$	108.110

Treasury Yield Curve



Major Market Returns

INDEX

US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	28,635	0.00	0.38	29.31	12.66
S&P 500	3,235	-0.12	0.15	34.82	11.73
NASDAQ	9,021	0.18	0.55	41.08	15.09

Foreign & REIT

	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR	-0.01	0.27	23.04	5.88
MSCI EM NR	0.48	0.83	21.44	5.84
FTSE Nareit - ALL REITS	0.22	-0.53	29.08	8.04

Bonds

	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Bond	0.40	0.54	8.56	3.11
1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF SPDR	0.03	0.02	2.06	0.89
BBgBarc US High Yield	0.21	0.20	14.37	6.17
BBgBarc US TIPS	0.47	0.46	8.86	2.58
ML Global Broad Mrkt	0.56	0.39	6.57	2.45

Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate

	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	1.50-1.75	1.50-1.75	2.25-2.50
Prime rate*	4.75	4.75	5.50
Libor, 3-month	1.90	1.96	2.80
Money market, annual yield	0.57	0.58	0.56
Five-year CD, annual yield	1.41	1.41	2.03
30-year mortgage, fixed	3.78	3.86	4.40
15-year mortgage, fixed	3.31	3.35	3.82
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	4.12	4.16	4.45
Five-year adj mortgage (ARM)	3.95	4.58	4.11
New-car loan, 48-month	4.46	4.47	4.59

* Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks



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