

News Headlines

- The House of Representatives passed the \$1.9T COVID-19 stimulus bill without bipartisan support last week and President Biden signed it into law on Thursday. Key elements of the bill encompass the extension of unemployment benefits for millions including the \$300.00 enhancement benefit extended until Sept 6. The majority of Americans will receive a \$1,400 stimulus check and the bill also includes a provision for an enhanced child tax credit for one year. Additional money for COVID-19 vaccinations, distribution and testing is also included along with money for K-12 schools and state and local governments.
- The Biden administration announced over the weekend it will send FEMA to help with the swelling surge of migrant children at the southern border. Authorities do not have proper facilities to deal with the inflow and migrant children are being held in crowded conditions.

Economic News

- The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index (preliminary) rose to a one year high of 83.0 in March up from 76.8 in February. Sentiment beat expectations boosted by anticipated stimulus relief and vaccination progress.
- The U.S. DOL's report on new jobless claims for the week ending March 6 came in at 712,000 down 42,000 from the prior week's revised level of 754,000.

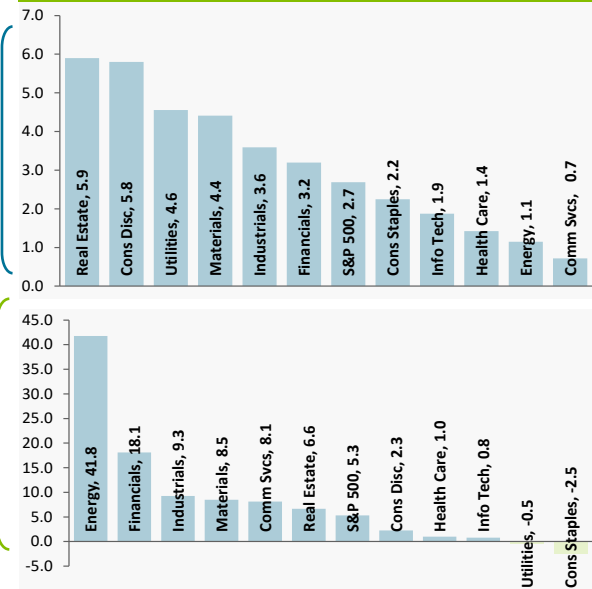
Key Commodity Prices

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	61.50	47.09
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.81	1.75
Gold (oz)	1729	1643
Platinum (oz)	1208	874
Copper (lb)	4.09	2.55
Coffee (lb)	1.32	1.08
Cotton (lb)	0.86	0.58
Corn (bu)	5.44	3.65
Soybeans (bu)	13.945	8.75

Equity Style Returns

	V	B	G
1 Week			
L	3.3	2.9	2.5
M	4.0	3.8	3.4
S	8.0	7.4	6.7
YTD			
L	11.4	5.4	-0.1
M	14.3	9.1	-0.2
S	28.8	19.3	10.6

S&P 500 Sector Returns



Major Market Returns

INDEX					
US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	32,779	4.17	7.60	58.09	16.47
S&P 500	3,943	2.69	5.33	61.78	16.55
NASDAQ	13,320	3.12	3.50	86.47	24.21
Foreign & REIT		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR		3.00	3.68	52.04	9.05
MSCI EM NR		0.70	4.64	55.97	13.60
FTSE Nareit - ALL REITS		5.52	7.63	27.85	7.91
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Bond		-0.43	-3.35	0.88	3.39
1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF SPDR		0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.98
BBgBarc US High Yield		-0.06	0.48	17.97	8.12
BBgBarc US TIPS		-0.13	-1.88	8.31	4.28
ML Global Broad Mrkt		-0.23	-4.05	2.43	3.09

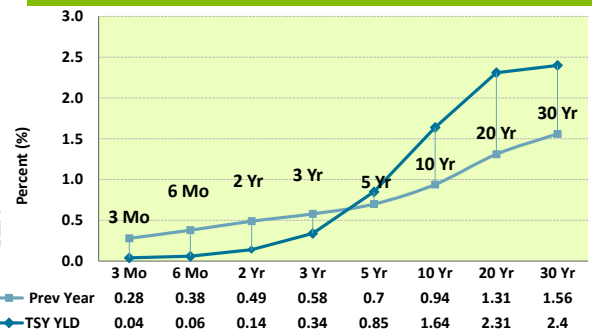
Fixed Income Returns

	Short	Int	Long
1 Week			
Gov	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9
Cor	-0.1	-0.5	-1.2
HY	0.1	0.0	-0.7
YTD			
Gov	-0.6	-3.1	-7.0
Cor	-0.7	-3.8	-9.6
HY	1.7	0.6	-0.9

Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.803
US\$ to buy Euro	1.192
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.392
Yen to buy US\$	109.090

Treasury Yield Curve



Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	000-025	000-025	100-125
Prime rate*	3.25	3.25	3.25
Libor, 3-month	0.18	0.18	0.74
Money market, annual yield	0.10	0.10	0.39
Five-year CD, annual yield	0.45	0.45	1.13
30-year mortgage, fixed	3.24	3.27	4.22
15-year mortgage, fixed	2.47	2.54	3.33
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	3.27	3.32	4.36
Five-year adj mortgage (ARM)	3.19	3.18	3.65
New-car loan, 48-month	4.03	4.03	4.45

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



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