

News Headlines

- The 2020 Olympics in Tokyo concluded on Sunday with the U.S. pulling in the most medals at 113 followed by China and Russia with 88 and 71 respectively. The U.S edged China 39 to 38 in the gold medal count.
- Afghan government defenses collapsed on Sunday in the key northern strategic hub of Kunduz as the Taliban continues to take advantage of the American withdrawal.
- Embattled New York Governor Andrew Cuomo fights to remain in office among increasing pressure to resign following the release on Tuesday of a lengthy report by the NY Attorney General detailing claims of sexual harassment.

Economic News

- The U.S. economy added 943k jobs in July as the unemployment rate fell to 5.4%. This marked the best job gain in 11 months and the lowest unemployment rate since the pandemic took hold in March 2020.
- New jobless claims fell slightly in June to 385k and they remain nearly twice as high as pre-pandemic levels. Continuing claims dropped by 181k to 13M for the week ending July 17.
- The U.S. trade deficit widened to a record \$75.7B in June as the resurgent American economy drove strong demand for foreign-made goods.

Key Commodity Prices

| | Close | 1 yr Ago |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX | 68.28 | 41.22 |
| Natural Gas (MMBtu) | 4.14 | 2.24 |
| Gold (oz) | 1763 | 2028 |
| Platinum (oz) | 1001 | 982 |
| Copper (lb) | 4.35 | 2.79 |
| Coffee (lb) | 1.69 | 1.11 |
| Cotton (lb) | 0.90 | 0.58 |
| Corn (bu) | 6.18 | 2.96 |
| Soybeans (bu) | 13.86 | 8.51 |

Equity Style Returns

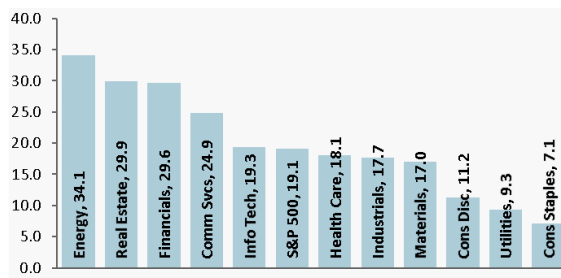
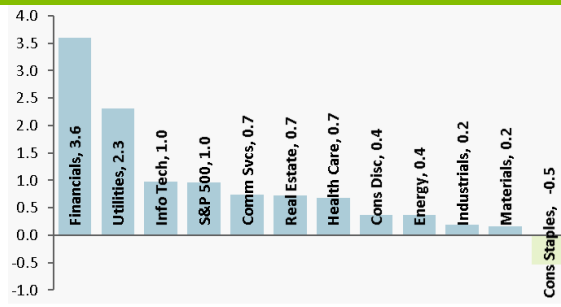
| | V | B | G |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| L | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| M | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| S | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 |

1 Week

| | V | B | G |
|---|------|------|------|
| L | 19.0 | 18.4 | 17.8 |
| M | 21.2 | 18.0 | 12.4 |
| S | 23.4 | 14.4 | 6.0 |

YTD

S&P 500 Sector Returns



Fixed Income Returns

| | Short | Int | Long |
|-----|-------|------|------|
| Gov | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| Cor | -0.2 | -0.6 | -1.2 |
| HY | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 |

1 Week

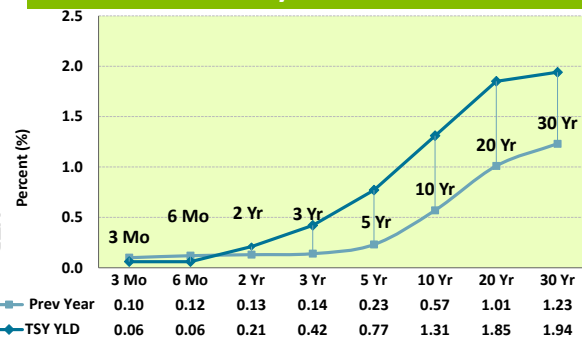
| | Short | Int | Long |
|-----|-------|------|------|
| Gov | -0.2 | -1.2 | -1.9 |
| Cor | 0.3 | -0.5 | -1.4 |
| HY | 4.5 | 3.6 | 6.9 |

YTD

Key Currency Exchange Rates

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar | 0.797 |
| US\$ to buy Euro | 1.176 |
| US\$ to buy U.K. Pound | 1.387 |
| Yen to buy US\$ | 110.230 |

Treasury Yield Curve



Major Market Returns

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| US Equities | Closing | 1 WK | YTD | 1 Year | 5 Year |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Dow Jones | 35,209 | 0.79 | 16.22 | 31.09 | 16.33 |
| S&P 500 | 4,437 | 0.96 | 19.12 | 34.53 | 17.46 |
| NASDAQ | 14,836 | 1.14 | 15.56 | 34.53 | 24.47 |
| Foreign & REIT | | 1 WK | YTD | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| MSCI EAFE NR | | 1.05 | 10.80 | 28.65 | 9.88 |
| MSCI EM NR | | 1.18 | 1.40 | 18.98 | 10.32 |
| FTSE Nareit - ALL REITS | | 0.41 | 26.57 | 35.23 | 8.54 |
| Bonds | | 1 WK | YTD | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| BBgBarc Agg Bond | | -0.42 | -0.92 | -1.29 | 3.15 |
| 1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF SPDR | | 0.00 | -0.06 | -0.08 | 0.96 |
| BBgBarc US High Yield | | -0.19 | 3.81 | 9.84 | 6.88 |
| BBgBarc US TIPS | | -0.72 | 3.69 | 5.49 | 4.55 |
| ML Global Broad Mrkt | | 0.16 | -2.04 | -0.27 | 2.50 |

Consumer Money Rates

| Interest Rate | Last | Wk Ago | 1 Yr Ago |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Federal-funds rate target | 000-025 | 000-025 | 000-025 |
| Prime rate* | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| Libor, 3-month | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.24 |
| Money market, annual yield | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.25 |
| Five-year CD, annual yield | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.68 |
| 30-year mortgage, fixed | 3.00 | 3.02 | 3.07 |
| 15-year mortgage, fixed | 2.28 | 2.31 | 2.62 |
| Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus | 3.03 | 3.05 | 3.10 |
| Five-year adj mortgage (ARM) | 2.86 | 2.86 | 3.23 |
| New-car loan, 48-month | 4.06 | 4.06 | 4.27 |

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



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