

## News Headlines

- South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years on Monday to tighten their defense against a growing North Korean nuclear threat.
- The People's Bank of China announced Monday that it would cut its five-year loan prime rate from 4.45% to 4.3% and its one year loan prime rate from 3.7% to 3.65%. This comes after China had lowered other interest rates last week as data showed the economy losing steam in July due to renewed Covid lockdowns and a deepening property downturn in the country.

## Economic News

- Housing Starts fell 9.6% in July to a 1.45-million-unit construction pace – the slowest in 17 months. Single-family starts are down 18.5% from July 2021, while multi-family starts are up 18.0%.
- Existing Home Sales in July fell 5.9% to a 4.8 million annual sales rate. This was the six month in a row of declining sales.
- U.S. Industrial Production hit a new record high in July rising 0.6%. Manufacturing led with a 0.7% increase while utilities fell 0.7%.

## Key Commodity Prices

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	90.77	62.32
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	9.34	3.84
Gold (oz)	1763	1783
Platinum (oz)	907	980
Copper (lb)	3.68	4.13
Coffee (lb)	2.12	1.70
Cotton (lb)	1.29	0.92
Corn (bu)	6.58	5.95
Soybeans (bu)	15.28	13.30

## Equity Style Returns

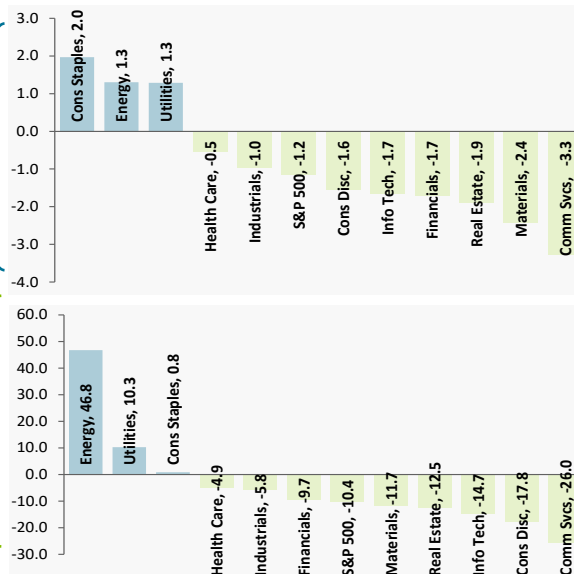
	V	B	G
L	-1.2	-1.4	-1.6
M	-1.7	-2.1	-2.8
S	-2.7	-2.9	-3.1

1 Week

	V	B	G
L	-4.8	-11.3	-17.2
M	-6.7	-11.5	-20.3
S	-6.3	-12.1	-18.0

YTD

## S&P 500 Sector Returns



## Fixed Income Returns

	Short	Int	Long
Gov	-0.2	-0.7	-1.3
Cor	-0.3	-1.2	-2.3
HY	-0.8	-1.2	-1.1

1 Week

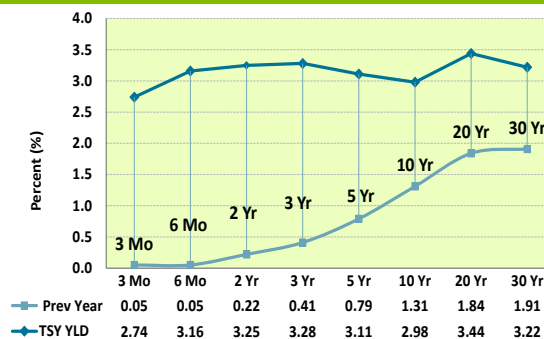
	Short	Int	Long
Gov	-4.3	-8.1	-13.7
Cor	-4.8	-11.2	-21.0
HY	-5.0	-8.2	-18.2

YTD

## Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.770
US\$ to buy Euro	1.000
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.179
Yen to buy US\$	137.010

## Treasury Yield Curve



## Major Market Returns

### INDEX

US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	33,707	-0.05	-6.02	-1.46	11.65
S&P 500	4,228	-1.16	-10.39	-2.58	13.76
NASDAQ	12,705	-2.58	-18.37	-11.99	16.42

### Foreign & REIT

	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR	-2.19	-16.17	-14.66	2.64
MSCI EM NR	-1.48	-16.91	-16.36	1.28
FTSE Nareit - ALL REITS	-2.02	-11.81	-1.91	8.28

### Bonds

	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Bond	-0.89	-9.70	-10.53	0.84
1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF SPDR	0.04	0.28	0.24	0.93
BBgBarc US High Yield	-1.21	-8.78	-7.24	3.28
BBgBarc US TIPS	-0.02	-6.37	-4.53	3.59
ML Global Broad Mrkt	-1.93	-14.63	-16.86	-1.31

## Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	225-250	225-250	000025
Prime rate*	5.50	5.50	3.25
Libor, 3-month	2.98	2.91	0.13
Money market, annual yield	0.15	0.14	0.08
Five-year CD, annual yield	1.86	1.83	0.44
30-year mortgage, fixed	5.68	5.55	3.03
15-year mortgage, fixed	4.94	4.97	2.33
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	5.70	5.56	3.06
Five-year adj mortgage (ARM)	4.34	4.24	2.86
New-car loan, 48-month	5.07	5.07	4.06

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



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