

WEEKLY COMMENTARY

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U.S. Equities

US stocks recorded a solid week of gains as Fed Chairman Powell, at a virtual Jackson Hole meeting, confirmed what the market already expected, that a reduction to the Fed's bond purchasing plan was near but interest rate hikes were still a way off.

The S&P 500 rose 1.5% to 4,509.27, its 52nd record close of 2021. The Nasdaq climbed 2.8% to 15,129.50, its 31st record of the year and the Dow finished the week up 1% at 35,455.80. The small cap Russell 2000 advanced 5%.

Treasuries

Fed Chairman Powell's comments on the reduction of assets purchases by the Fed starting in 2021 and a rising PCE inflation rate both supported a lift in bond yields this week. The 10-year Treasury note yield climbed 5.2 basis points this week, its largest one-week gain since June. The 30-year bond yield rose 4.4 basis points, but the 2-year bond slipped 1 basis point on the week.

Dollar

The ICE Dollar Index had its sharpest weekly decline since May with most of the damage coming Friday as Chairman Powell spoke of tapering and interest rates.

Gold

Gold prices closed above \$1,800.00 an ounce and near a four-week high. Gold gained about 2% on the week.

Crude Oil

US oil prices were up over 10% for the week as Hurricane Ida heads toward the gulf coast. Brent registered a nearly 11% gain on the week.

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Ticker	Last	%WEEKLY	%YTD
INDICES			
AMERICAS			
S&P 500 Index	4509.37	1.52	20.0555
DOW JONES INDUS	35455.8	0.96	15.8441
NASDAQ COMP INDX	15129.5	2.82	17.3896
EMEA			
Euro Stoxx 50 Pr	4190.98	1.05	17.968
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	472.34	0.76	18.3721
FTSE 100 INDEX	7148.01	0.85	10.6414
CAC 40 INDEX	6681.92	0.84	20.3644
DAX INDEX	15851.75	0.28	15.5478
IBEX 35 INDEX	8922.2	0.08	10.5094
UAE ADX INDEX	7625.01	0.06	51.1304
EGYPT HERMES INDEX	1196.519	2.59	6.1716
TADAWUL INDEX	11128.59	-0.65	28.069
ASIA/PACIFIC			
NIKKEI 225	27641.14	2.32	0.7177
HANG SENG INDEX	25407.89	2.25	-6.6954
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	7488.286	0.37	13.6811
SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	3522.157	2.77	1.4134
S&P BSE SENSEX INDEX	56124.72	1.44	17.5354

BONDS

US BENCHMARK			
US 2 Year	0.2151	-4.0161	77.6218
US Generic Govt 5 Yr	0.7995	2.2771	121.5909
US Generic Govt 10 Yr	1.307	4.1434	43.1231
UK BENCHMARK			
UK Gilts 2 Year	0.118	16.832	173.75
UK Gilts 5 Year	0.291	20.248	442.3529
UK Gilts 10 Yr	0.578	10.516	193.401
EU BENCHMARK			
EURO 2 Year	-0.736	1.604	-5.1429
EURO 5 Year	-0.708	5.348	4.065
EURO 10 Year	-0.423	14.545	25.6591
JP BENCHMARK			
Japan Govt 2Y Simple Yield	-0.108	11.475	6.087
Japan Govt 5Y Simple Yield	-0.108	14.961	0.9174
Japan Govt 10 Yr	0.027	145.455	28.5714
ENERGY			
WTI CRUDE FUTURE Oct21	68.74	10.62	43.1785
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Oct21	72.7	11.54	42.4094
GOLD			
GOLD 100 OZ FUTR Dec21	1819.5	1.990	-4.798

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