

Weekly Market Review

December 23, 2019

*Please note that beginning in January 2020 we will be switching the focus of the Weekly Market Review to be more forward looking, but still provide all of the economic metrics and data. There will also not be a Weekly Review next Monday, December 30th due to the holiday.

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

President Trump was impeached by the House of Representatives. House lawmakers voted to impeach President Trump, only the third time in American History. Next steps include a trial in the Senate to determine whether President Trump will remain in office, which is anticipated to take place in January of 2020. Despite this historic event, markets were largely unrattled, with most major indices at or near all-time highs.

US homebuilding increased in November, with permits for future construction surging to a 12.5-year high. The housing market appears to be regaining momentum after the Federal Reserve cut the federal funds rate three times in 2019, pushing down mortgage rates and increasing housing starts, which jumped 13.6% on a year-over-year basis in November.

NAFTA moved one step closer to being replaced. The House of Representatives voted to approve USMCA, a new trade deal among the US, Mexico, and Canada, replacing NAFTA. The bill will now head to the Senate. Main goals of the new treaty aim to help farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, workers, and consumers by opening new markets to American goods and reducing the cost of household staples such as drugs and groceries. Additionally, the treaty addresses new rules for technology and other services that ultimately will set the framework for an upgraded digital economy.

Talking Points

- Global equity markets were up broadly this week. US markets were led by the tech-heavy NASDAQ, with the DJIA, S&P 500 Index, and NASDAQ notching intraday record highs early Friday. International stocks were largely up; however, they trailed emerging markets, which posted strong returns for the week. Brazil and Argentina contributed significantly, while Turkey detracted.
- Treasury yields rose on Wednesday. The yield on the 10-Year U.S. Treasury Bill and the 30-Year U.S. Treasury Bond both rose 3.4 basis points to 1.92% and 2.35%, respectively, their highest levels since early November.
- Commodities rose, with the Bloomberg
 Commodity Index finishing marginally
 higher after an overall positive week.

 Within the index, oil prices jumped, lifted
 by the "phase-one" US-China trade deal
 that appears to have eased tensions.
- The US dollar ended the week higher against a basket of major trade partners' currencies. On Friday, the dollar was set for its best week since early November, after a number of encouraging US economic data releases, which make a near-term cut in interest rates less likely.
- In other economic news, third-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) remained at 2.1%, buoyed by strong consumer spending, the main engine of economic growth in the US. This uptick in spending was offset by a decrease in business investment, falling from 2.7% to 2.3%.

Last Price | Change | % Chg. | YTD %

Market Dashboard

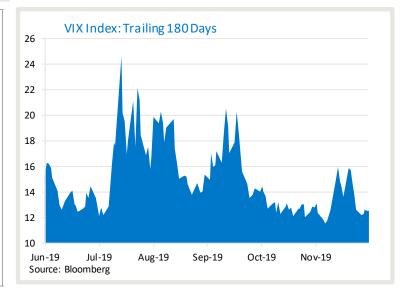
	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	3,221.22	52.42	1.65%	28.5%
Dow Industrials	28,455.09	319.71	1.14%	22.0%
Nasdaq	8,924.96	190.08	2.18%	34.5%
Russell 2000	1,671.90	33.93	2.07%	24.0%
Euro Stoxx Index	418.40	6.38	1.55%	23.9%
Shanghai Composite	3,004.94	37.26	1.26%	20.5%
MSCI ACWI	561.00	5.62	1.01%	23.1%
Source: Bloomberg; Index % cha	nge is based on լ	orice.		

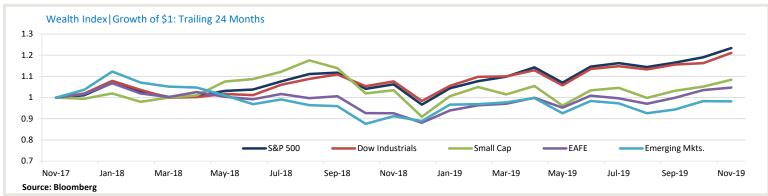
MSCI EM	1,106.63	19.72	1.81%	14.6%
10-Year US Treas.	1.92	10 bps	NM	NM
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Gold	\$1,478.23	\$1.75	0.12%	15.3%
Crude Oil	\$60.33	\$0.38	0.63%	24.1%
Dollar Index	97.71	0.53	0.55%	1.6%
VIX Index	12.51	-0.12	-0.95%	-50.8%

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Source: Bloc	omberg

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	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	1.28%	1.68%	2.00%	22.83%	28.68%	33.84%
	1.83%	1.77%	1.68%	23.81%	28.19%	34.54%
S	2.11%	2.07%	2.03%	19.97%	23.98%	27.82%
	Source: B	loomberg				

	% Wgt in	Week %	
	S&P 500	Chg.	YTD % Chg
Consumer Discretionary	9.7	1.46%	25.1%
Consumer Staples	7.2	1.21%	24.4%
Energy	4.3	2.52%	6.7%
Financials	13.1	0.50%	28.9%
Health Care	14.2	2.30%	18.9%
Industrials	9.1	0.26%	26.9%
Information Technology	23.0	1.92%	46.7%
Materials	2.6	1.19%	20.7%
Real Estate	2.9	2.66%	23.7%
Communication Services	10.4	2.54%	31.7%
Utilities	3.3	2.71%	22.2%





The Economy and Markets

Trade War Truce—Phase -One Deal - Ho-Ho-Ho or Ho-Ho-Hum

Does Kris Kringle's sack of goodies hold a solution to what the market and investors have been waiting for in the contentious US and Chinese trade war that has lasted 529 days? Or does a lump of coal await both? On Friday, December 13, US and Chinese officials announced they had reached a "phase-one" deal just days before the next tariff hike would become effective. The deal negates roughly \$160 billion of additional tariffs on consumer goods, including electronics, cell phones, computers, and Santa's favorite...toys. So what has changed? What has stayed the same? Where does the most work still need to be done? How will this all turn out?

The tit-for-tat trade war between the world's two largest economies has had far-reaching effects, with the International Monetary Fund estimating the fallout will slow global growth in 2019 to 3.0%, the slowest pace in a decade. Implications for the US and Chinese economies are far reaching. Perhaps the most publicized negative impact has been to US farmers, as Chinese tariffs on US agricultural products have resulted in a loss of nearly two-thirds of their exports, forcing the US government to offer them billions in aid. On the other side of the coin, numbers from China show third-quarter economic growth slowing to its lowest point in ten years. As a telling sign, China, the world's biggest auto market, saw vehicle sales drop 11.7% from a year earlier, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Also important to remember is the collateral damage caused to other economies, notably those in which GDP is derived from exports. A decrease in exports often forces companies to lower their growth estimates and, as a result, scale back investment, ultimately hurting future growth. Take Germany, for example, who derived roughly 40% of its GDP from exports in 2017. Currently, total US tariffs applied to Chinese goods are at \$550 billion. Chinese tariffs applied to US goods are at \$185 billion.

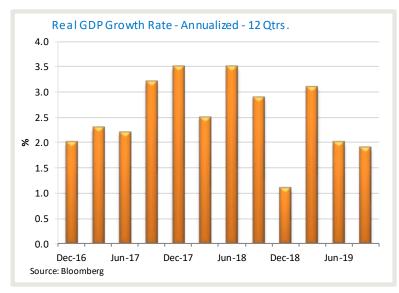
So what did the "phase-one" deal (expected to be signed in the first week of January) accomplish? The US agreed not to proceed with a 15% tariff on \$160 billion worth of consumer goods, and reduced the tariffs applied on September 1 to \$120 billion of Chinese goods from 15% to 7.5%. The initial 25% tariff on \$250 billion of Chinese imports would remain. In return, China agreed to purchase at least \$200 billion of US goods and services over the next two years. Beijing indicated it would substantially increase agricultural purchases as well, up to \$50 billion per year, according to President Trump.

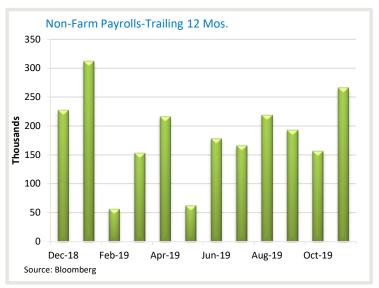
Between the tit-for-tat tariff amounts and percentages lies the more difficult and core issues. These are largely the structural reforms that precipitated the trade war, and many see them as necessary for US firms to compete on an equal playing field in China. These reforms include frequent complaints by US executives that they are forced to share or give away technology and ideas in return for access to the Chinese market. Also included is the alleged theft of American intellectual property, such as counterfeiting name brands and stealing trade secrets, as President Trump notes. Finally, many cite the frequent government subsidies Chinese companies enjoy that create a lopsided competitive environment. Although this list is not nearly inclusive, these challenges, among others, could derail what has been accomplished in the "phase-one" deal, which does not materially address any of these concerns.

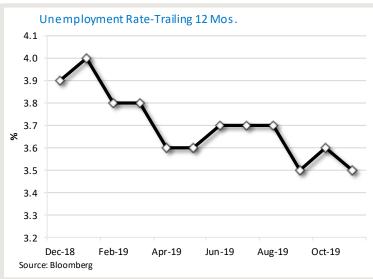
So big question..... how will this all turn out? Though many details are not yet available and appear murky, it is worth noting the trade talks have fallen apart previously, with President Trump and Chinese President Xi meeting at two international gatherings with the intention of a truce, only to end in a more combative stance. Although "phase-one" is a potential good starting point, is it possible the spirt of generosity and compromise will end with the holidays?

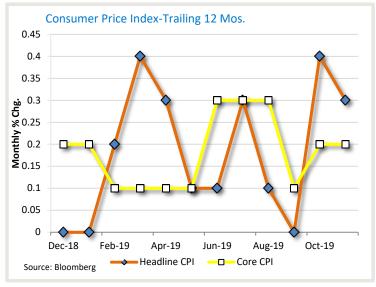
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Economic Data

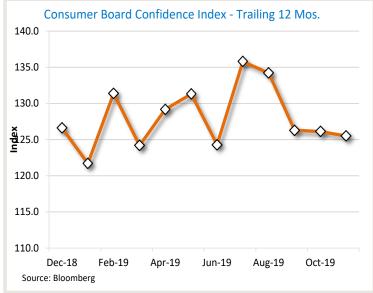












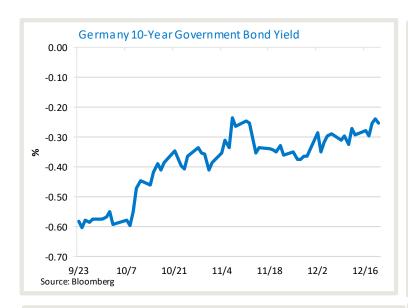
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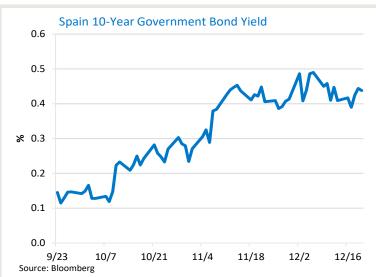
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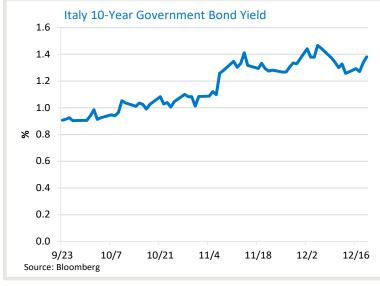
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.25	-4 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	1.42	-8 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	1.40	-14 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	0.44	-3 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.02	-4 bps	NM	NM

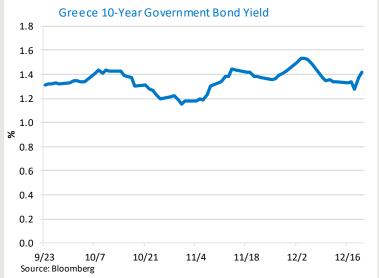
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France 10-Yr. Govt.	0.05	-5 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	0.06	-7 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	0.41	-4 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	-0.12	-4 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	0.78	1 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









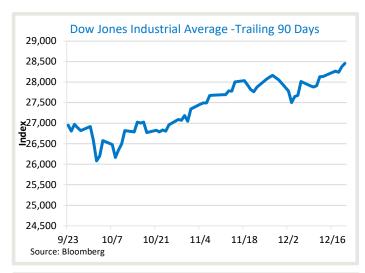
Equities

WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
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8,924.96	190.08	2.18%	34.51%
561.00	5.62	1.01%	23.1%
1,106.63	19.72	1.81%	14.6%
17,118.44	115.80	0.68%	19.52%
44,505.64	284.91	0.64%	6.96%
115,121.10	2576.70	2.29%	31.01%
418.40	6.38	1.55%	23.92%
7,582.48	229.04	3.11%	12.70%
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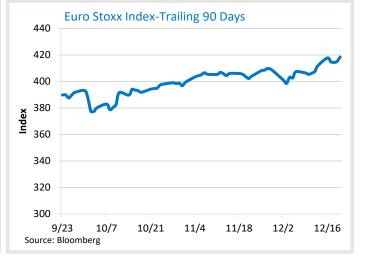
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	10,679.37	250.10	2.40%	26.69%
CAC 40 Index (France)	6,021.53	102.51	1.73%	27.29%
DAX Index (Germany)	13,318.90	36.18	0.27%	26.14%
Irish Overall Index	7,199.29	10.26	0.14%	31.38%
Nikkei 225	23,816.63	-206.47	-0.86%	19.00%
Hang Seng Index	27,871.35	183.59	0.66%	7.84%
Shanghai Composite	3,004.94	37.26	1.26%	20.49%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	2,204.18	33.93	1.56%	7.99%
Taiwan Taiex Index	11,959.08	31.35	0.26%	22.94%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,677.56	-14.00	-0.83%	14.60%
MOEX Index (Russia)	3,015.93	19.93	0.67%	27.29%

Source: Bloomberg; Index % change is based on price.









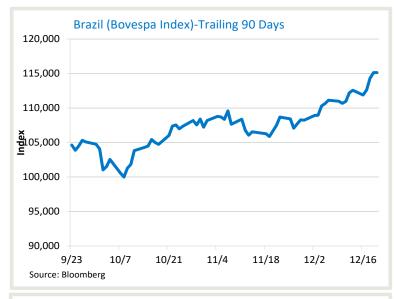
Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

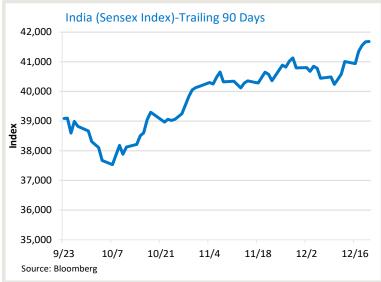
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Mexico IPC	44,505.64	284.91	0.6%	7.0%
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	115,121.10	2576.70	2.3%	31.0%
MOEX Index (Russia)	3,015.93	19.93	0.7%	27.3%
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,108.30	14.89	1.4%	12.3%
Turkey (Istanbul)	111,176.75	700.20	0.6%	21.8%
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,272.24	37.51	3.0%	-0.4%
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,583.76	-4.08	-0.2%	-8.8%
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	8,291.39	285.62	3.6%	5.9%
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	764.02	5.48	0.7%	-21.8%
Palestine	522.83	-2.73	-0.5%	-1.2%

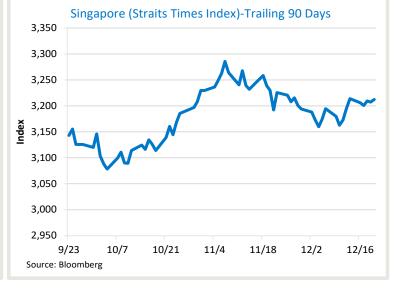
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	27,871.35	183.59	0.7%	7.8%
India (Sensex 30)	41,681.54	0.00	0.0%	15.6%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,610.18	39.02	2.5%	-4.8%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,212.39	-1.66	-0.1%	4.7%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,572.92	-0.99	-0.1%	0.6%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	6,284.37	87.05	1.4%	1.5%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	40,832.99	-83.60	-0.2%	10.2%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	956.41	-9.77	-1.0%	7.2%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	6,044.73	-44.94	-0.7%	-0.1%
Cambodia (Laos)	685.47	16.20	2.4%	-18.1%

Source: Bloomberg; Index % change is based on price.









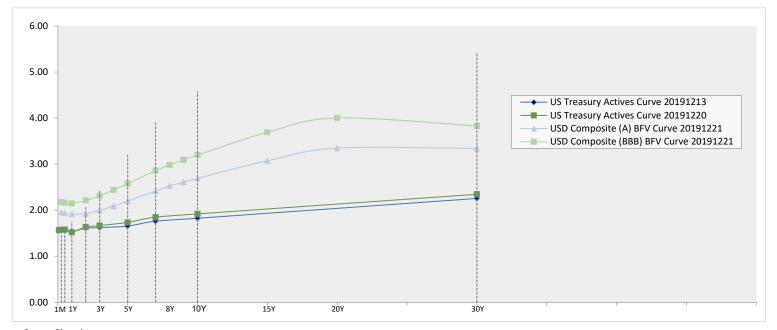
Interest Rates

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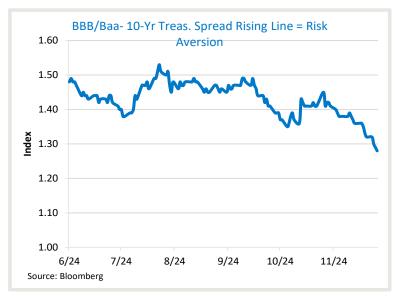
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1.63%	0 bps	NM	NM
1.73%	8 bps	NM	NM
1.92%	10 bps	NM	NM
2.35%	10 bps	NM	NM
-0.25%	-4 bps	NM	NM
0.05%	-5 bps	NM	NM
1.40%	-14 bps	NM	NM
1.76%	7 bps	NM	NM
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	4.75%	0.00	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	1.75%	0.00	NM	NM
Discount Rate	2.25%	0.00	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	1.93%	3 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	2.74%	2 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	2.74%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	3.21%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







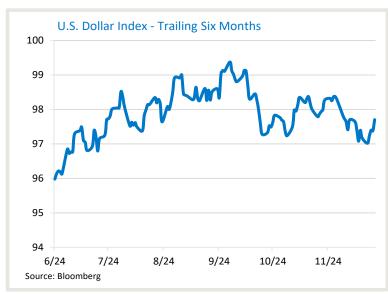
Currencies

SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	97.70	0.533	0.55%	1.59%
Euro	1.11	-0.004	-0.40%	-3.40%
Japanese Yen	109.47	0.090	-0.08%	0.20%
British Pound	1.30	-0.034	-2.54%	1.87%
Canadian Dollar	1.32	-0.001	0.11%	3.69%

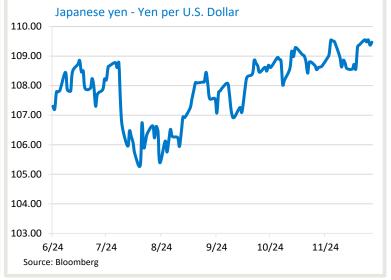
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	7.01	0.030	-0.43%	-1.83%
Swiss Franc	0.98	-0.003	0.28%	0.06%
New Zealand Dollar	0.66	0.001	0.11%	-1.68%
Brazilian Real	4.10	-0.010	0.24%	-5.45%
Mexican Peso	18.94	-0.108	0.57%	3.79%

Source: Bloomberg









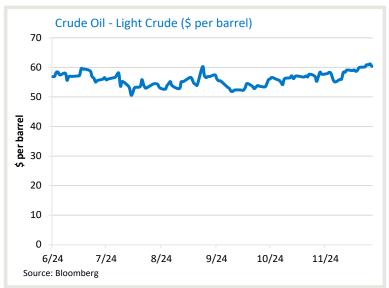
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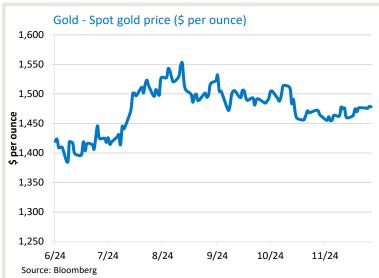
Commodities

SELECTED COMMODITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Bloomberg Comm. ldx.	80.39	0.98	1.23%	4.79%
Crude Oil	\$60.33	\$0.38	0.63%	24.15%
Natural Gas	\$2.33	\$0.04	1.57%	-23.87%
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.55	-\$0.01	-0.27%	13.12%
Heating Oil	201.87	3.33	1.68%	16.43%
Gold Spot	\$1,478.28	\$1.75	0.12%	15.25%
Silver Spot	\$17.20	\$0.26	1.51%	10.93%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$911.34	-\$17.64	-1.90%	14.51%
Corn	387.75	6.75	1.77%	-4.73%
Wheat	542.25	9.75	1.83%	-2.03%
Soybeans	938.25	16.75	1.82%	-1.63%
Sugar	13.54	0.04	0.30%	2.97%
Orange Juice	104.15	4.25	4.25%	-21.37%
Aluminum	1,797.00	29.00	1.64%	-2.65%
Copper	6,215.00	85.00	1.39%	4.19%









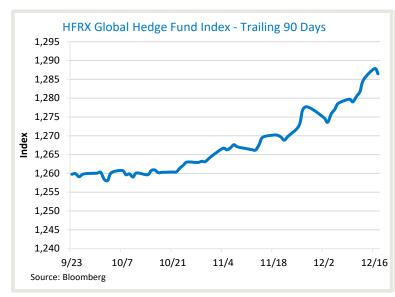
Alternative Investments

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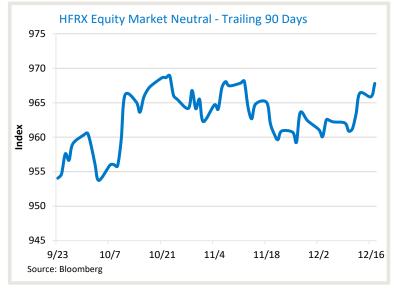
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1288.21	1.23	0.10%	8.09%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	963.89	0.74	0.08%	-0.57%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1269.26	-1.24	-0.10%	10.30%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1612.14	2.43	0.15%	8.82%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1105.07	2.28	0.21%	4.39%

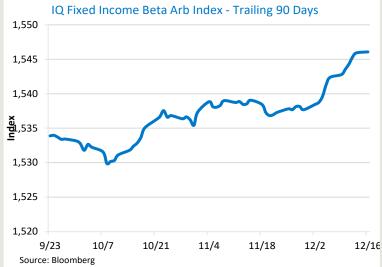
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Special Situation Index	1305.55	1.89	0.15%	7.74%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1823.54	4.84	0.27%	0.21%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	829.43	1.80	0.22%	5.20%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1179.10	2.04	0.17%	4.83%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1547.44	1.51	0.10%	5.80%

Source: Bloomberg; Index % change is based on price.

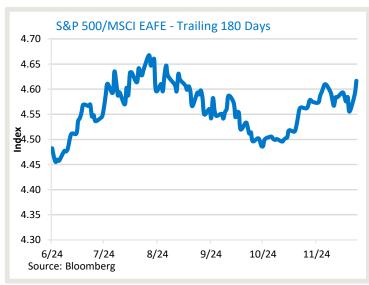


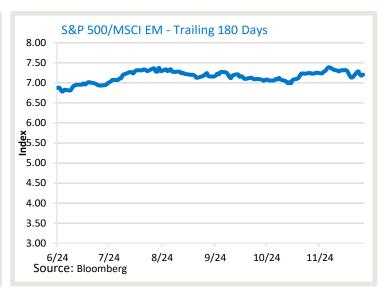


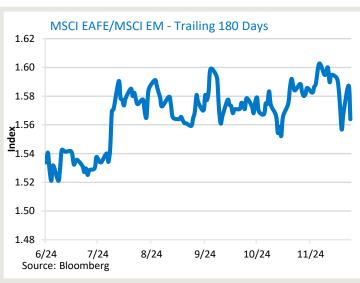




Portfolio Construction



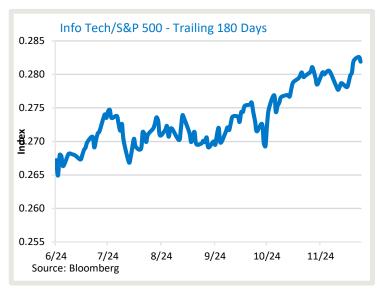




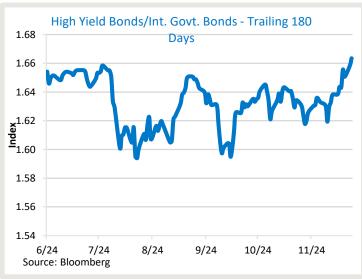




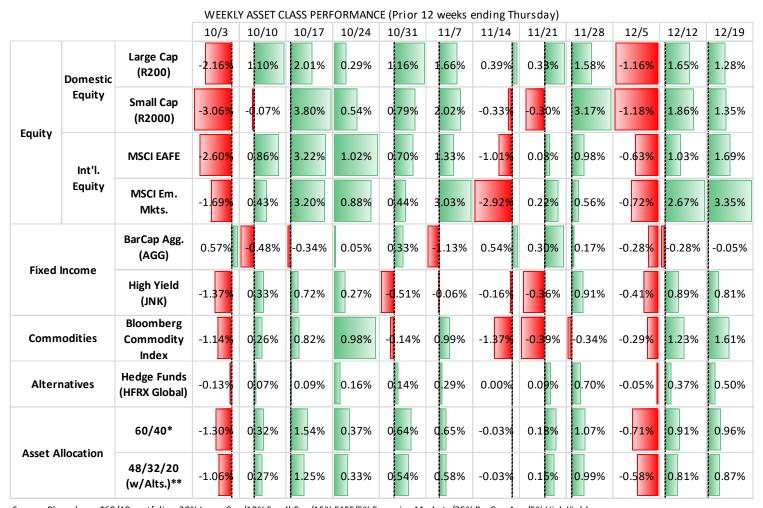
Portfolio Construction (continued)











 $Source: Bloomberg; *60/40\ portfolio = 30\%\ Large\ Cap/10\%\ Small\ Cap/15\%\ EAFE/5\%\ Emerging\ Markets/35\%\ BarCap\ Agg./5\%\ High\ Yield.$

^{**48/32/20} portfolio = 24% Large Cap/8% Small Cap/12% EAFE/4% Emerging Markets/28% BarCap Agg./4% High Yield/20% HFRX Global Index.

RELATIVE STRENGTH MATRIX ((BASED ON 30-DAY RSI)

	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Int'l. Developed	Emerging Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.09	1.07	1.04	1.03	1.05	1.02	0.98	1.35	1.15	1.40	1.05
Large Cap Growth	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.07	1.04	1.03	1.06	1.02	0.99	1.36	1.15	1.41	1.05
Large Cap Value	0.96	0.95	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.02	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.98	0.94	1.29	1.10	1.34	1.00
Mid Cap Core	0.94	0.94	0.98	1.00	1.03	1.01	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.96	0.93	1.27	1.08	1.32	0.99
Mid Cap Growth	0.92	0.91	0.96	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.93	0.90	1.24	1.05	1.29	0.96
Mid Cap Value	0.93	0.93	0.98	0.99	1.02	1.00	0.97	0.96	0.98	0.95	0.92	1.26	1.07	1.31	0.98
Small Cap Core	0.96	0.96	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.03	1.00	0.99	1.02	0.98	0.95	1.30	1.11	1.35	1.01
Small Cap Growth	0.97	0.97	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.04	1.01	1.00	1.02	0.99	0.95	1.31	1.11	1.36	1.02
Small Cap Value	0.95	0.95	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.02	0.98	0.98	1.00	0.97	0.93	1.28	1.09	1.33	0.99
Int'l. Developed	0.98	0.98	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.02	1.01	1.03	1.00	0.97	1.33	1.13	1.38	1.03
Emerging Markets	1.02	1.01	1.06	1.08	1.11	1.09	1.05	1.05	1.07	1.04	1.00	1.37	1.17	1.43	1.06
REITs	0.74	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.73	1.00	0.85	1.04	0.78
Commodities	0.87	0.87	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.92	0.89	0.86	1.18	1.00	1.22	0.91
Int. Bond	0.71	0.71	0.74	0.76	0.78	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.75	0.73	0.70	0.96	0.82	1.00	0.75
High Yield	0.95	0.95	1.00	1.01	1.04	1.02	0.99	0.98	1.01	0.97	0.94	1.29	1.10	1.34	1.00

Source: Bloomberg

The Relative Strength Matrix provides an indication of how the various asset classes have performed relative to one another over the past 30 days. A number greater than 1.0 indicates that the asset class in the far left column has outperformed the corresponding asset class in the top row over the past 30 days. A number below 1.0 means the asset class on the left has underperformed the asset class at the top. The green shading indicates outperformance, and the red shading indicates underperformance.

Index Overview & Key Definitions

Fed, The Fed or FED refers to the Federal Reserve System, the central bank of the United States. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is the monetary policymaking body of the Federal Reserve System. Fed Funds Rate, the interest rate at which a depository institution lends funds maintained at the Federal Reserve to another depository institution overnight. The European Central Bank (ECB) is the central bank for Europe's single currency, the euro. The ECB's main task is to maintain the euro's purchasing power and thus price stability in the euro area. The euro area comprises the 19 European Union countries that have introduced the euro since 1999. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rate is a measurement of the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States. Basis Point(s) is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument. The basis point is commonly used for calculating changes in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of a fixed-income security. A separately managed account (SMA) is an individual managed investment account offered typically by a brokerage firm through one of their brokers or financial consultants and managed by independent investment management firms (often called money managers for short) and have varying fee structures. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services. The Producer Price Index (PPI) program measures the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output. The prices included in the PPI are from the first commercial transaction for many products and some services. Core CPI is an additional CPI Index, excludes energy and food item price changes, and measures the "core" or "underlying" rate of inflation. The PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) Index of Prices is a US--wide indicator of the average increase in prices for all domestic personal consumption. Using a variety of data including U.S. Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index prices, it is derived from personal consumption expenditures; essentially a measure of goods and services targeted towards individuals and consumed by individuals. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector. The PMI is based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment. Brexit is a commonly used term for the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. The Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Survey monitors manufacturing plants selected according to geographic distribution, industry mix and size in the Tenth Federal Reserve District. West Texas Intermediate (WTI), also known as Texas light sweet, is a grade of crude oil used as a benchmark in oil pricing. Risk Premium is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield. LIBOR or ICE LIBOR (previously BBA LIBOR) is a benchmark rate, which some of the world's leading banks charge each other for short-term loans. It stands for Intercontinental Exchange London Interbank Offered Rate and serves as the first step to calculating interest rates on various loans throughout the world.

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