

Monday Morning Musings

Performance Through Last Week End

Worst	S&P 500 TR USD 0.4	Bloomberg Commodity TR USD 19.5	Bloomberg Commodity TR USD 24.4	r A J
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	Wilshire Liquid Alternative TR USD 0.0	Wilshire Liquid Alternative TR USD -4.1	Wilshire Liquid Alternative TR USD -4.0	
	FTSE WGBI NonUSD Hdg USD -0.2	FTSE WGBI NonUSD Hdg USD -6.6	S&P 500 TR USD -5.0	٦ ۴
	MSCI ACWI Ex USA GR USD -0.2	BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD -9.1	FTSE WGBI NonUSD Hdg USD -8.5	ر ا
	BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD -1.0	S&P 500 TR USD -12.2	BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD -10.1	E
	S&P Global Property TR USD -1.9	S&P Global Property TR USD -15.5	S&P Global Property TR USD -12.0	ι c
	Bloomberg Commodity TR USD -3.2	MSCI ACWI Ex USA GR USD -15.5	MSCI ACWI Ex USA GR USD -16.4	c
	Last Week	Year-To-Date	1 Year	1
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And now for some good news on the economic front. Domestic employers added 528,000 jobs last month. This means we have recovered all the jobs lost from the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally, the unemployment rate fell to 3.5% in July from 3.6% in June. This, too, is now as low as pre-pandemic levels. And finally, average hourly wages increased by 5.2% over the past 12 months. While on the face of it this is tremendous, thanks to inflation, in real terms this translates into a 3.9% wage loss. Not good.

Yet, thanks to the strong jobs report last week, the FOMC will continue with their hawkish rate increases at their meeting in September. The Fed is attempting to slow economic activity to bring down a 40-year high in inflation. And the unfortunate reality is the only way to do that is through an economic contraction, i.e., recession.

Across the pond, the Bank of England is doing the same thing. Thursday this institution raised rates by the most in 25 years. Most predictions are that the U.K. will fall into recession later this year.

The markets turned in a "ho-hum" week over the past five trading days as domestic stocks rose 0.4% while liquid alts and cash were flat. All other asset classes lost money on the week. YTD and over the past year, commodities are still outpacing others by wide margins. July inflation readings come out this week. Happy Monday.

Economic Data	Current	Previous
GDP (QoQ) - Q2	-0.9%	-1.6%
Unemployment Rate - Jul	3.5%	3.6%
Consumer Confidence - Jul	95.7	98.4
CPI (YoY) - Jun	9.1%	8.6%
Core Retail Sales (MoM) - Jun	1.0%	0.6%

Economic Calendar for the Week

Monday

Tuesday

No Significant Releases

EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook
Core CPI (MoM) (Jul) CPI (YoY) (Jul) Crude Oil Inventories
Initial Jobless Claims PPI (MoM) (Jul)

40.0

1 Year Risk-Reward

Foreign Bonds 30.0 ▼ U.S. Stocks • Liquid Alternatives 20.0 Wednesdav Global Real Estate 10.0 ٠ Commodiies Cash 0.0 V Foreign Stocks Thursday -10.0 ٠ -20.0 Return -30.0 Friday No Significant Releases -10.0 0.0 10.0 20.0 30.0 40.0 Std Dev

U.S. Bonds

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Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond TR USD

The index measures the performance of investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM passthroughs), ABS, and CMBS. It rolls up into other Bloomberg flagship indices, such as the multi-currency Global Aggregate Index and the U.S. Universal Index, which includes high yield and emerging markets debt.

FTSE WGBI Non-USD Hedged USD

The index measures the performance of fixed-rate, local currency, investment-grade sovereign bonds of all WGBI countries except the United States and is stated in US dollar terms. It is a subset of Citigroup World Government Bond Index (WGBI).

S&P 500 TR USD

The index measures the performance of 500 widely held stocks in US equity market. Standard and Poor's chooses member companies for the index based on market size, liquidity and industry group representation. Included are the stocks of industrial, financial, utility, and transportation companies. Since mid 1989, this composition has been more flexible and the number of issues in each sector has varied. It is market capitalization-weighted.

MSCI ACWI Ex USA GR USD

The index measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the particular regions, excluding USA equity securities, including developed and emerging market. It is free float-adjusted market-capitalization weighted.

Wilshire Liquid Alternative TR USD

Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index aims to deliver a precise, broad market measure for the performance of diversified liquid alternative investment strategies that are implemented in mutual fund structures.

Bloomberg Commodity TR USD

The index measures the performance of future contracts on physical commodities which traded on US echanges and London Metal Exchange. The commodity weightings are based on production and liquidity, subject to weighting restrictions applied annually.

S&P Global Property TR USD

The index defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded property companies. The index is ideal for a range of investing activities, including benchmarking active funds and setting the foundation for passive funds. The S&P Global Property divides into two sub-indices: S&P Developed Property and S&P Emerging Property.

ICE BofA 1-3 Month US Treasury TR USD

Is an unmanaged index tracking 1-3 month U.S. government securities. The index is produced by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

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