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# WEEKLY MARKET SNAPSHOT

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CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL PLANNING

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The economic data were mixed, but consistent with the theme of global softness and domestic strength. Unit auto sales improved further in September - and, combined with the August data on personal income and spending, suggest that inflation-adjusted consumer spending (70% of GDP) is on track to have expanded at an annual pace of 3.5% to 4.0% in 3Q15. The trade deficit in goods widened sharply in August, with that split evenly between stronger imports (despite lower oil prices) and weaker exports. Net exports and an inventory correction are expected to subtract significantly from 3Q15 GDP growth, but underlying domestic demand appears to have remained strong.

The September Employment Report disappointed, but was hardly a disaster. Nonfarm payrolls rose less than the median forecast, while the two previous months saw downward revisions. Market participants appear to have been leaning in the wrong direction, likely braced for an upside surprise (relative to expectations). Note that seasonal adjustment can be tricky in September, due to the start of the school year and the end of the summer travel season. It's possible that increased seasonal hiring in May and June simply led to more seasonal layoffs in August and September. Prior to seasonal adjustment, the economy added 1.5 million jobs in education, about what we saw a year ago. However, non-education jobs fell by 958,000, vs. 812,000 last year. The unemployment rate held steady, but labor force participation dropped (although not for the key 25 to 54 age cohort, suggesting seasonal adjustment issues for teenagers and young adults). Average hourly earnings were flat, up 2.2% y/y (in comparison, the Consumer Price Index rose 0.3% over the 12 months ending in August).

Next week, the economic calendar thins. The ISM Non-Manufacturing Index has some market-moving potential. The IMF will issue its latest World Economic Outlook on Tuesday. Fed policy meeting minutes are unlikely to tell us anything new, but there's always a chance that the financial markets will take something out of context.

### Indices

	Last	Last Week	YTD return %
DJIA	16272.01	16201.32	-8.70%
NASDAQ	4627.08	4734.48	-2.30%

S&P 500	1923.82	1932.24	-6.56%
MSCI EAFE	1654.98	1639.29	-6.76%
Russell 2000	1097.55	1137.54	-8.89%

### Consumer Money Rates

	Last	1 year ago
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Fed Funds	0.13	0.07
30-year mortgage	3.86	4.19

### Currencies

	Last	1 year ago
Dollars per British Pound	1.513	1.619
Dollars per Euro	1.120	1.262
Japanese Yen per Dollar	119.930	108.890
Canadian Dollars per Dollar	1.327	1.116
Mexican Peso per Dollar	16.923	13.455

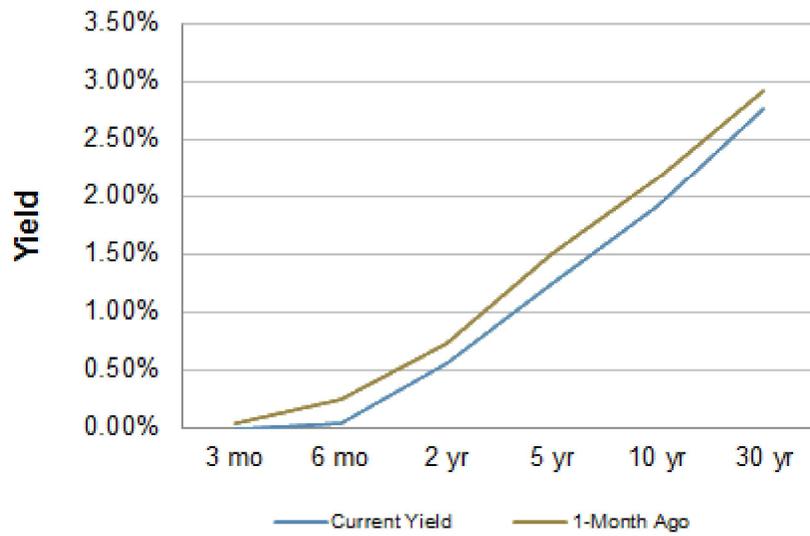
### Commodities

	Last	1 year ago
Crude Oil	44.74	90.73
Gold	1113.61	1213.82

### Bond Rates

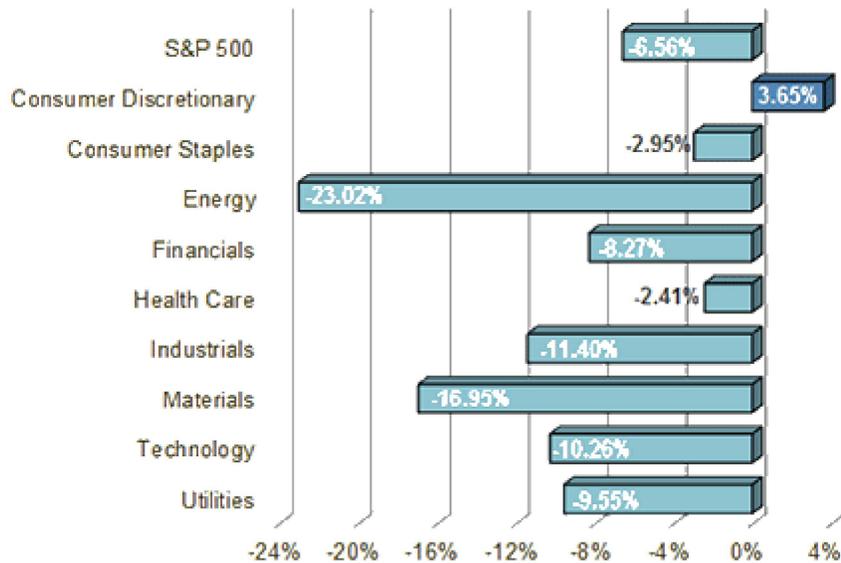
	Last	1 month ago
2-year treasury	0.63	0.72
10-year treasury	1.92	2.15
10-year municipal (TEY)	3.25	3.44

### Treasury Yield Curve – 10/02/2015



As of close of business 10/01/2015

**S&P Sector Performance (YTD) – 10/02/2015**



As of close of business 10/01/2015

**Economic Calendar**

<b>Oct 5</b>	—	ISM Non-Manufacturing Index (September)
<b>Oct 6</b>	—	

		Trade Balance (August)
		IMF World Economic Outlook
<b>Oct 8</b>	—	Jobless Claims (week ending October 3) FOMC Minutes (September 16-17)
<b>Oct 9</b>	—	Import Prices (September)
<b>Oct 12</b>	—	Columbus Day (bond market closed)

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