

# WEEKLY MARKET SNAPSHOT

CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL PLANNING

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The October employment report was much stronger than anticipated. However, figures should be considered in their proper context. Nonfarm payrolls rose by 271,000, with a net upward revision to the two previous months of +12,000. Due to the start of the school year, seasonal adjustment can be tricky in October (we added 1.152 million jobs before seasonal adjustment, versus 1.081 million in October 2014). The strong (adjusted) gain in payrolls for October followed two soft months. The three-month average, which reduces much of the monthly noise, was 187,000 (+181,000 for the private-sector) - that's slower than we saw last year, but still well beyond the +120,000 pace that would be consistent with the growth in the working-age population. The unemployment rate was essentially unchanged, but was rounded down to 5.0% (from 5.1%). Average hourly earnings rose 0.4%, versus flat in September, up 2.5% y/y.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen suggested that a December rate hike was possible. That should not have been a surprise. Recall that the Fed was close to raising short-term interest rates in September, but delayed, citing possible downside risks from global economic and financial developments. The downside risks now appear to be a lot less worrisome. U.S. exports have declined, but not sharply (largely reflecting lower prices for food and raw materials). The October employment report boosted market expectations of a December rate increase, sending stock prices lower, lifting bond yields, and sending the dollar higher.

Next week, the economic calendar thins out. The bond market will take Veterans Day off. The important economic data arrive at the end of the week. Retail sales are expected to have picked up in October. Seasonal adjustment will reduce the impact of lower gasoline prices in the PPI, while core inflation is likely to remain low.

### Indices

	Last	Last Week	YTD return %
DJIA	17863.43	17755.80	0.23%
NASDAQ	5127.74	5074.27	8.27%
S&P 500	2099.93	2089.41	1.99%
MSCI EAFE	1758.31	1759.41	-0.93%

Russell 2000	1190.69	1165.63	-1.16%
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### Consumer Money Rates

	Last	1 year ago
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Fed Funds	0.11	0.09
30-year mortgage	3.99	4.02

### Currencies

	Last	1 year ago
Dollars per British Pound	1.538	1.589
Dollars per Euro	1.086	1.249
Japanese Yen per Dollar	121.890	114.470
Canadian Dollars per Dollar	1.317	1.144
Mexican Peso per Dollar	16.579	13.634

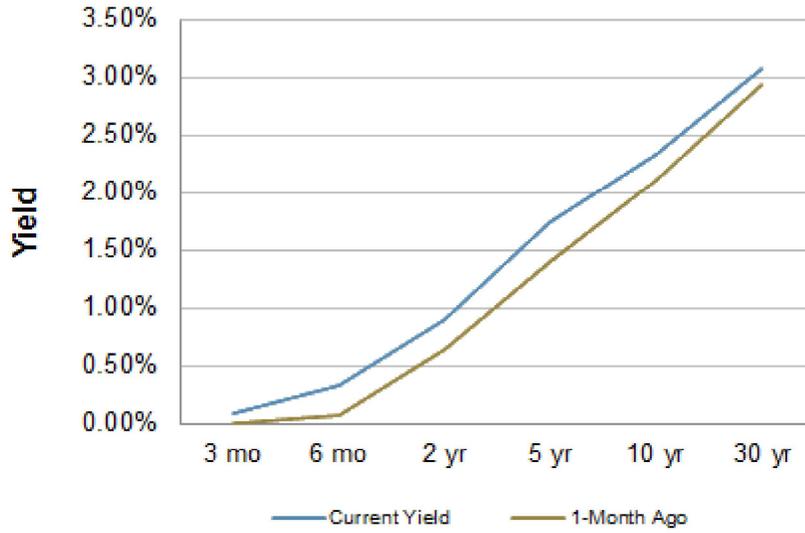
### Commodities

	Last	1 year ago
Crude Oil	45.20	78.68
Gold	1107.85	1145.90

### Bond Rates

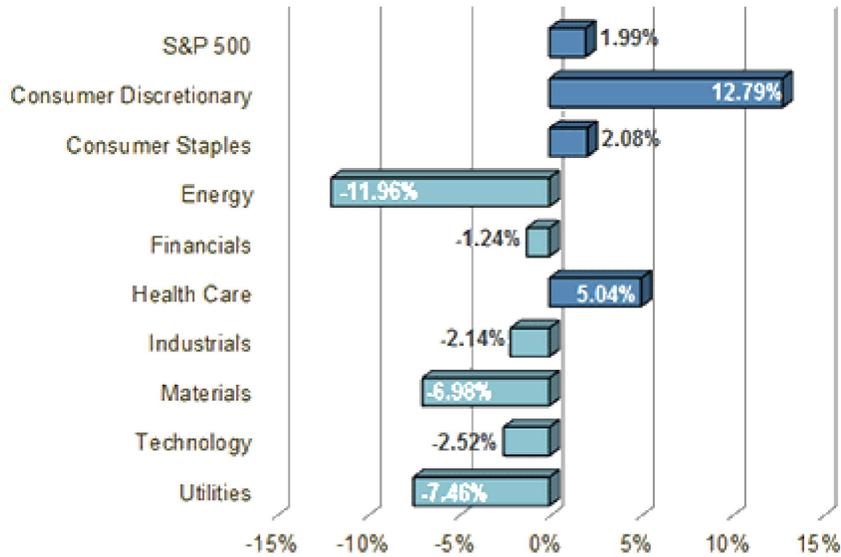
	Last	1 month ago
2-year treasury	0.90	0.64
10-year treasury	2.32	2.11
10-year municipal (TEY)	3.35	3.19

### Treasury Yield Curve – 11/06/2015



As of close of business 11/05/2015

**S&P Sector Performance (YTD) – 11/06/2015**



As of close of business 11/05/2015

**Economic Calendar**

Nov 10 — Import Prices (October)  
 Small Business Optimism (October)

<b>Nov 11</b>	—	Veterans Day (bond market closed)
<b>Nov 12</b>	—	Jobless Claims (week ending 11/7)
<b>Nov 13</b>	—	Producer Price Index (October) Retail Sales (October) Business Inventories (September) UM Consumer Sentiment (mid-November)
<b>Nov 17</b>	—	Consumer Price Index (October) Industrial Production (October)
<b>Nov 18</b>	—	Building Materials, Housing Starts (October) FOMC Minutes (October 27-28)

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