

# WEEKLY MARKET SNAPSHOT

CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL PLANNING

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The economic data were mixed, but generally consistent with moderately strong growth. The ISM surveys went in opposite directions – the manufacturing index was softer than anticipated, while the non-manufacturing index exceeded expectations. Unit auto sales rebounded. The July Employment Report was about as expected. Nonfarm payrolls rose by 215,000, with a net upward revision to May and June of +14,000. That put the three-month average at 235,000 (a 2.82 million annual rate). The unemployment rate held steady at 5.3%. The employment/population ratio was flat, unchanged over the past six months. Average hourly earnings rose 0.2%, up a lackluster 2.1% year-over-year.

Markets remained focused on the Fed. Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart (a voting member of the FOMC in 2015) said (speaking only for himself, not the FOMC) that "we are in good shape" for an initial rate hike in September. However, he also said that "I don't think it would be a big policy error to wait somewhat longer."

Next week, the calendar is relatively light until Thursday. The retail sales report should reflect the rebound in auto sales and is likely to be relatively strong otherwise (watch for revisions to June). The Producer Price Index should continue to suggest an absence of inflationary pressures within the production pipeline. Industrial production figures are expected to be mixed across industries, but up slightly in general.

### Indices

	Last	Last Week	YTD return %
DJIA	17419.75	17745.98	-2.26%
NASDAQ	5056.44	5128.79	6.76%
S&P 500	2083.56	2108.63	1.20%
MSCI EAFE	1875.28	1858.97	5.66%
Russell 2000	1215.85	1232.07	0.93%

### Consumer Money Rates

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	Last	1 year ago
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Fed Funds	0.14	0.06
30-year mortgage	4.00	4.14

### Currencies

	Last	1 year ago
Dollars per British Pound	1.559	1.683
Dollars per Euro	1.091	1.334
Japanese Yen per Dollar	124.830	102.360
Canadian Dollars per Dollar	1.317	1.098
Mexican Peso per Dollar	16.394	13.323

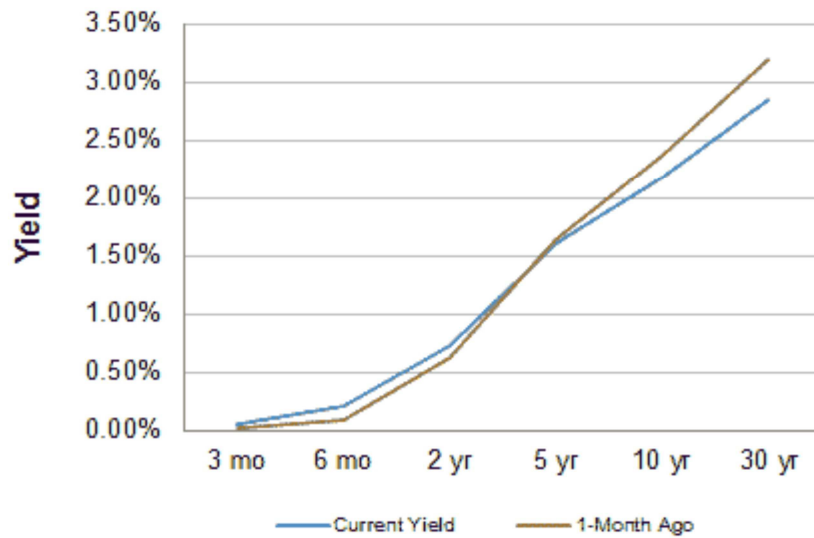
### Commodities

	Last	1 year ago
Crude Oil	44.66	96.92
Gold	1086.18	1289.99

### Bond Rates

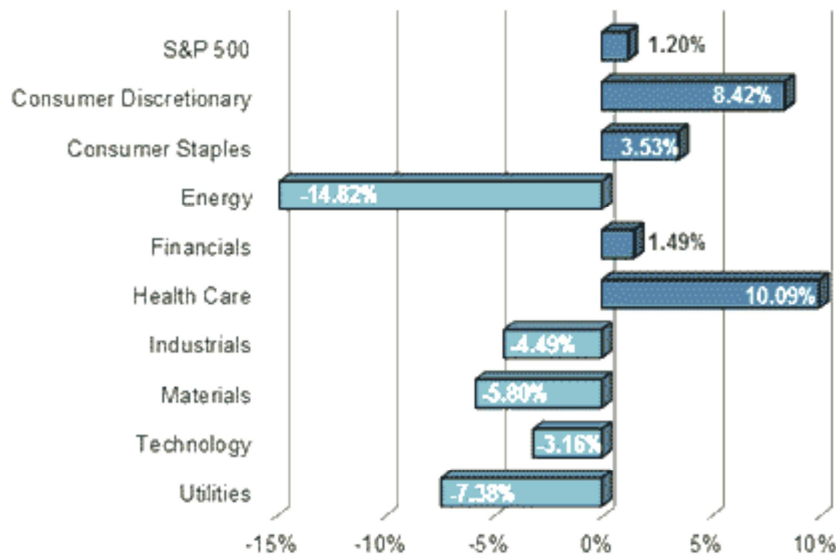
	Last	1 month ago
2-year treasury	0.72	0.62
10-year treasury	2.18	2.37
10-year municipal (TEY)	3.52	3.50

### Treasury Yield Curve – 08/07/2015



As of close of business 8/06/2015

**S&P Sector Performance (YTD) – 08/07/2015**



As of close of business 8/06/2015

**Economic Calendar**

<b>Aug 11</b>	—	Nonfarm Productivity (2Q15)
<b>Aug 12</b>	—	Job Opening and Labor Turnover Survey (June)

<b>Aug 13</b>	—	Jobless Claims (week ending August 8) Import Prices (July) Retail Sales (July)
<b>Aug 14</b>	—	Producer Price Index (July) Industrial Production (July) Consumer Sentiment (mid-August)
<b>Aug 18</b>	—	Building Permits, Housing Starts (July)
<b>Aug 19</b>	—	Consumer Price Index (July) FOMC Minutes (July 28-29)

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