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# WEEKLY MARKETSNAPSHOT

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CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL PLANNING

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In its monetary policy statement, the Federal Open Market Committee recognized that *“economic activity has been expanding moderately after having changed little during the first quarter.”* Labor market slack has *“diminished somewhat.”* Growth in consumer spending has been *“moderate,”* while the housing sector *“has shown some improvement.”* In the revised Summary of Economic Projections, Fed officials lowered their forecasts of 2015 GDP growth, but raised slightly their expectations for growth in 2016 and 2017. Fed Chair Janet Yellen repeated that policymakers believe *“the first increase in the federal funds rate will be appropriate when it has seen further improvement in the labor market and is reasonably confident that inflation will move back to its 2% objective over the medium term.”* However, she emphasized that *“the initial increase should not be overstated: The stance of monetary policy will likely remain highly accommodative for quite some time after the initial increase in the federal funds rate,”* adding that *“although policy will be data dependent, economic conditions are currently anticipated to evolve in a manner that will warrant only gradual increases in the target federal funds rate.”*

Economic data were mixed, consistent with a moderate pickup in growth in 2Q15. While there were no major surprises in the policy statement and Yellen covered no new ground in her post-FOMC press conference, financial market participants seemed relieved once that was out of the way. However, Greece remained an ongoing concern, as debt negotiations with the IMF broke down and a run on the banks began.

Next week, the economic data have some potential to surprise (monthly changes in durable goods orders and new home sales are notoriously erratic). However, these figures aren't going to alter the bigger picture. The third estimate (second revision) of first quarter GDP growth (a -0.7% annual rate in the second estimate) is expected to be revised to show a smaller decline (or perhaps a slight increase). May personal income and spending figures should help fill in the consumer picture for 2Q15. This is currently being billed as the final make-or-break point in Greece's crisis, but every other time has ended with the can being kicked further down the road. We'll see.

### Indices

	Last	Last Week	YTD return %
DJIA	18115.84	18039.37	1.64%
NASDAQ	5132.95	5082.51	8.38%
S&P 500	2121.24	2108.86	3.03%
MSCI EAFE	1881.39	1895.53	6.00%

Russell 2000	1284.68	1268.92	6.64%
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### Consumer Money Rates

	Last	1 year ago
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Fed Funds	0.13	0.09
30-year mortgage	4.08	4.20

### Currencies

	Last	1 year ago
Dollars per British Pound	1.590	1.695
Dollars per Euro	1.140	1.357
Japanese Yen per Dollar	122.700	102.190
Canadian Dollars per Dollar	1.217	1.087
Mexican Peso per Dollar	15.199	13.089

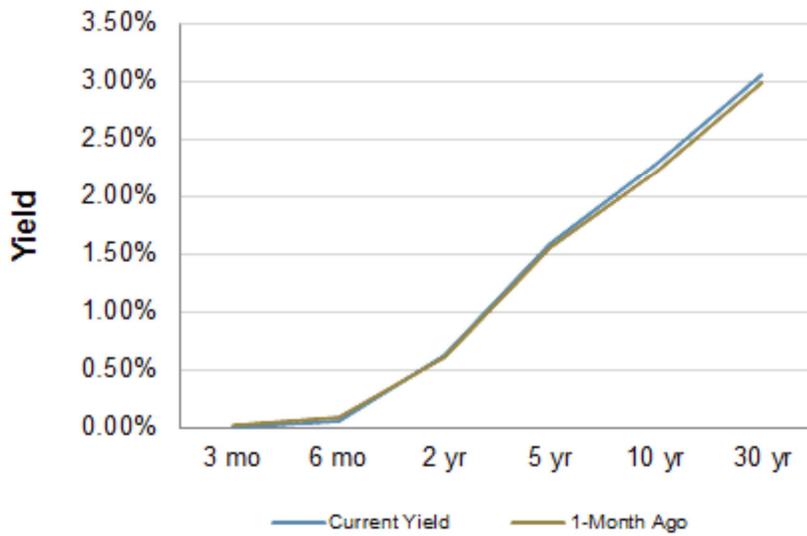
### Commodities

	Last	1 year ago
Crude Oil	60.45	105.97
Gold	1195.85	1270.98

### Bond Rates

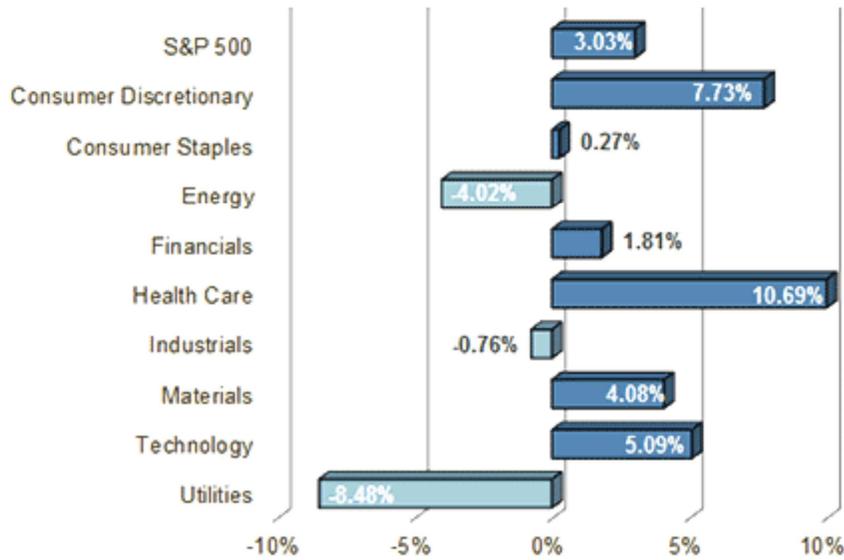
	Last	1 month ago
2-year treasury	0.66	0.61
10-year treasury	2.35	2.21
10-year municipal (TEY)	3.60	3.58

### Treasury Yield Curve – 06/19/2015



As of close of business 6/18/2015

**S&P Sector Performance (YTD) – 06/19/2015**



As of close of business 6/18/2015

**Economic Calendar**

<b>June 22</b>	—	Existing Home Sales (May)
<b>June 23</b>	—	Durable Goods Orders (May) New Home Sales (May)
<b>June 24</b>	—	Real GDP (third estimate)
<b>June 25</b>	—	Jobless Claims (week ending June 20) Personal Income and Spending (May)

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