



Benchmark Performance by Asset Class			
	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
U.S. Large Cap Equities	1.79%	-0.21%	6.18%
U.S. Small Cap Equities	4.42%	2.11%	-6.76%
International Developed Equities	1.53%	0.01%	-7.08%
Emerging Markets Equities	2.21%	0.01%	-1.15%
Global Equities	1.68%	-0.17%	1.20%
U.S. Bonds	-0.09%	-0.05%	6.74%
Intermediate Municipal Bonds	-0.05%	-0.04%	3.17%
High Yield Bonds	0.89%	0.16%	0.78%
Oil	-7.07%	-6.88%	-46.63%
Gold	2.21%	0.64%	22.15%
Key Rates	10/2/2020	12/31/2019	10/2/2019
U.S. 2 Year Treasury Note	0.13	1.58	1.48
U.S. 10 Year Treasury Note	0.70	1.92	1.60

### Week in Review:

- Equities finished last week higher overall but ended on a down note following President Trump's early-Friday announcement that he tested positive for COVID-19. Meanwhile, the Democratic-led House of Representatives passed a \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill which includes another \$1,200 check for eligible Americans and a continuation of an additional \$600 per week in unemployment benefits. The bill has little chance of becoming law however, as the Republican-controlled Senate has indicated a willingness to pass a much smaller bill in the \$1 trillion range. The more likely outcome is a compromise somewhere in between (the White House has proposed a \$1.6 trillion relief package). As negotiations were underway, Commerce Department data showed a 2.7% drop in personal income in August due to the expiration of the aforementioned \$600/week in extra unemployment benefits. The decrease in personal income threatens to temper consumer spending which could put the economic recovery at risk.
- Data released by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics last week revealed a slowdown in the pace of the recovery in the labor market. According to the data, the US added 661,000 jobs on September after adding an average of 1.6 million per month in July and August. The country has now recovered just 11.4 million of the 22.2 million jobs lost between February and April. The unemployment rate ticked down to 7.9% in September from 8.4% in August - however, that was accompanied by a discouraging 0.3 percentage point decline in the labor force participation rate.
- Last week had two high-profile direct listings as Denver-based data management firm Palantir, and workflow software company Asana, which is headquartered in San Francisco, went public. Direct listings offer private companies a way to take their shares to the public markets without going through the expensive and tedious initial public offering (IPO) process. Currently companies who list directly on public exchanges cannot raise additional capital, as is done through a traditional IPO. However, it does allow companies to avoid the scrutiny that usually comes with Wall Street underwritten IPOs. The lack of transparency has some investors concerned - especially since the Securities and Exchange Commission has recently begun loosening the rules on additional capital raising through the direct listing process, which is likely to encourage more firms to take that route.
- JP Morgan admitted to manipulating precious metals and US Treasuries markets over an eight-year period in a tactic known as "spoofing." Spoofing involves a trader placing large trades, with no intention of buying or selling at those prices, in order to move markets in their favor. The company reached a settlement of approximately \$920 million in fines and penalties to the Department of Justice, Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission.

### Economic Calendar:

- FOMC Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, October 7th
- Jobless Claims - Thursday, October 8th

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*Indices Used: U.S. Large Cap equities: Russell 1000 Index, U.S. Small Cap Equities: Russell 2000 Index, International Developed Equities: MSCI EAFE Index, Emerging Market Equities: MSCI Emerging Markets Index, U.S. Bonds: Barclays Aggregate Bond Index, U.S. 10 Year Treasury Note: Bloomberg 10 Yr. Treasury Note, Municipal Bonds: Barclays Intermediate Municipal Bond Total Return Index, High Yield Bonds: Barclays U.S. High Yield Total Return Index, Oil: Bloomberg WTI Crude Sub-Index Total Return Index, Gold: Bloomberg Gold Sub-Index Total Return Index*

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