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News Headlines

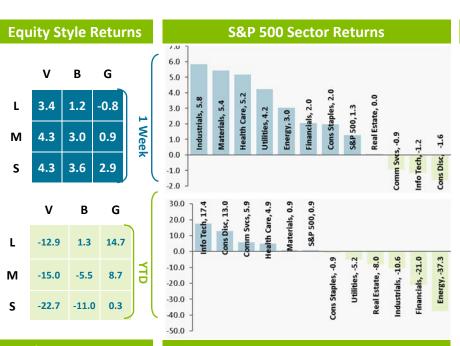
- Latest figures show over 14.50M confirmed cases of the coronavirus worldwide with over 606K deaths. The U.S. now has over 3.7M confirmed cases with over 140K deaths. CT has almost 48K cases and 4,396 associated deaths.
- The U.S. set a new daily record of more than 77,000 cases on Thursday as the outbreak continues to surge across the southern states. Vermont is the only state with no COVID-19 related deaths in the last 30 days.

Economic News

- Weekly claims for unemployment benefits fell a 15th consecutive week to 1.3 million last week. Unemployment rates fell in 42 states last month, and rose in 5.
 Massachusetts (17.4%), New Jersey, (16.6%), and New York (15.7%) had the highest state unemployment rates, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Housing Starts jumped 17.3% in June to a 1.2 million annual pace.
- Retail sales rose 7.5% in June, are up 1.1% from June 2019, and are just 0.6% below February's pre-COVID high.

Key Commodity Prices

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	40.59	55.63
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	1.72	2.25
Gold (oz)	1,810	1,427
Platinum (oz)	827	857
Copper (lb)	2.89	2.74
Coffee (lb)	0.92	1.07
Cotton (lb)	0.59	0.58
Corn (bu)	3.21	4.37
Soybeans (bu)	8.81	8.77



Fixed Income Returns

	Short	Int	Long	
Gov	0.0	0.1	0.1	
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	Short	Int	Long	
Gov	4.2	8.7	12.4	
Cor	3.7	6.6	10.7	T T
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Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.736
US\$ to buy Euro	1.143
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.257
Yen to buy US\$	107.030

Treasury Yield Curve



Major Market Returns

US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	26,672	2.32	-5.30	0.44	10.76
S&P 500	3,225	1.27	0.89	10.22	10.93
NASDAQ	10,503	-1.08	17.67	29.64	16.35
Foreign & REIT	T	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR		2.20	-7.69	-1.00	2.36
MSCI EM NR		-1.22	-3.96	2.47	4.76
FTSE Nareit - AL	L REITS	0.86	-14.80	-9.59	5.26
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Boi	nd	0.23	6.96	9.67	4.44
1-3 Mth T-Bill ET	F SPDR	0.00	0.41	1.22	0.98
BBgBarc US High	ı Yield	1.14	-1.66	2.03	5.26
BBgBarc US TIPS		0.51	7.18	9.19	4.04
ML Global Broad	l Mrkt	0.22	4.64	6.23	4.05

Consumer Money Rates

Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
0.00-0.25	0.00-0.25	225-250
3.25	3.25	5.50
0.27	0.27	2.28
0.26	0.27	0.70
0.69	0.71	1.87
3.14	3.15	3.90
2.73	2.71	3.33
3.19	3.18	4.25
3.06	3.11	4.22
4.26	4.29	4.66
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^{*} Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks



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