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News Headlines

- The U.S. economy shrunk in Q2 at an annualized rate of 32.9%, the worst showing since 1958. Spending on services and healthcare took the biggest hits.
- Democrats and Republicans continue to negotiate after failing to come to terms on another round of coronavirus stimulus over the weekend. One of the key sticking points continues to be the federal boost to unemployment assistance, which was set at \$600/week in March but recently lapsed.

Economic News

- New unemployment claims rose 12,000 last week to 1.434M while continuing claims rose 847,000 to 17.02M.
- Orders for Durable Goods rose 7.3% in June, following May's big jump of 15.1%. In spite of two consecutive months of strong increases, orders still remain 16% below February's level.
- U.S. Consumer Spending rose 5.6% in June, following May's increase of 8.5%. The rise was led by Healthcare spending which was up 14%.
- Gold prices surged to a new all time high last week, briefly touching over \$2,000/oz.

Key Commodity Prices

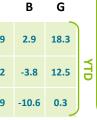
	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	40.27	55.66
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	1.80	2.12
Gold (oz)	1,986	1,458
Platinum (oz)	908	844
Copper (lb)	2.86	2.57
Coffee (lb)	1.09	0.97
Cotton (lb)	0.59	0.55
Corn (bu)	3.04	3.98
Soybeans (bu)	8.76	8.29

Equity Style Returns

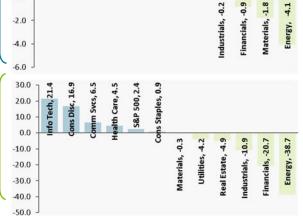
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Week





S&P 500 Sector Returns Cons Staples, 0.9 Health Care, 0.4 S&P 500, 1.8



Fixed Income Returns

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	Short	Int	Long	1
Gov	0.1	0.3	0.5	
Cor	0.2	0.4	0.1	1 Week
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Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.746
US\$ to buy Euro	1.178
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.308
Yen to buy US\$	105.840

Treasury Yield Curve



Major Market Returns

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US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	26,428	-0.15	-6.14	0.83	11.05
S&P 500	3,271	1.75	2.38	11.96	11.49
NASDAQ	10,745	3.70	20.40	32.78	17.25
Foreign & REIT	ī	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR		-2.12	-9.28	-1.67	2.10
MSCI EM NR		1.76	-1.72	6.55	6.15
FTSE Nareit - AL	L REITS	4.17	-11.81	-6.38	5.89
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Boi	nd	0.30	7.72	10.12	4.47
1-3 Mth T-Bill ET	F SPDR	0.00	0.41	1.15	0.98
BBgBarc US High	ı Yield	0.84	0.71	4.14	5.88
BBgBarc US TIPS		0.71	8.44	10.38	4.18
ML Global Broad	l Mrkt	0.91	6.80	8.29	4.25

Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	0.00-0.25	0.00-0.25	200-225
Prime rate*	3.25	3.25	5.25
Libor, 3-month	0.24	0.24	2.24
Money market, annual yield	0.26	0.26	0.72
Five-year CD, annual yield	0.69	0.70	1.85
30-year mortgage, fixed	3.10	3.16	3.77
15-year mortgage, fixed	2.72	2.74	3.23
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	3.14	3.21	4.18
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	3.23	3.20	4.17
New-car loan, 48-month	4.27	4.26	4.65

^{*} Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks



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