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#### **News Headlines**

- The total number of confirmed cases of COVID has topped 25M worldwide. The U.S. continues to lead in total number of cases at just over 6M but newly reported U.S. cases of 37K are well below the recent peak of 77K.
- At the Fed's annual policy conference in Jackson Hole WY last week, Chairman Powell hinted that the Fed may keep interest rates at the current low level for a long time to help stimulate tepid inflation.
- President Trump accepted the Republican nomination for president on Thursday evening as the RNC wrapped up it convention. Mr. Trump emphasized law and order in his speech, banking on images of chaotic protests in places such as Portland OR and Kenosha WI.

#### **Economic News**

Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX

Natural Gas (MMBtu)

Gold (oz)

Platinum (oz)

Copper (lb)

Coffee (lb)

Cotton (lb)

Corn (bu)

Soybeans (bu)

- The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index fell to 84.8 in August from July's level of 91.7 reflecting concerns over whether additional stimulus will be forthcoming.
- Personal income rose 0.4% in July led by gains in the private sector which more than offset declines in government transfer payments.
- Initial unemployment claims last week came in at 1,006,000, a decrease of 98,000 from the prior week's revised level.

**Key Commodity Prices** 

Close 1 yr Ago

55.10

2.29

1,529

942

2.53

0.94

0.57

3.55

8.28

42.97

2.66

1,975

933

3.00

1.14

0.60

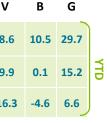
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9.37

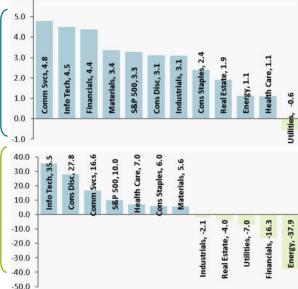
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**S&P 500 Sector Returns** 

# **Key Currency Exchange Rates**

|     | Short | Int  | Long |        |
|-----|-------|------|------|--------|
| Gov | 0.0   | -0.1 | -0.9 |        |
| Cor | 0.1   | -0.3 | -2.2 | T Week |
| нү  | 0.7   | 0.8  | 0.6  |        |
|     |       |      |      |        |

**Fixed Income Returns** 

|     | Short | Int | Long |        |
|-----|-------|-----|------|--------|
| Gov | 4.3   | 8.7 | 11.5 |        |
| Cor | 4.3   | 7.1 | 8.0  | 4<br>T |
| НҮ  | -0.9  | 0.7 | 15.1 |        |

| US\$ to buy Euro US\$ to buy U.K. Pound | 0.764   |
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| . ,                                     | 1.191   |
| Van ta book ucc                         | 1.335   |
| Yen to buy US\$                         | 105.370 |



### **Major Market Returns**

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| US Equities       | Closing | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
|-------------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dow Jones         | 28,654  | 2.64  | 2.03   | 12.74  | 14.22  |
| S&P 500           | 3,508   | 3.29  | 9.97   | 23.86  | 14.32  |
| NASDAQ            | 11,696  | 3.40  | 31.17  | 50.34  | 20.68  |
| Foreign & REIT    | •       | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| MSCI EAFE NR      |         | 1.69  | -4.58  | 7.39   | 4.60   |
| MSCI EM NR        |         | 2.76  | 2.28   | 18.90  | 9.01   |
| FTSE Nareit - AL  | L REITS | 2.08  | -10.64 | -7.46  | 7.00   |
| Bonds             |         | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| BBgBarc Agg Boi   | nd      | -0.51 | 6.60   | 6.12   | 4.27   |
| 1-3 Mth T-Bill ET | F SPDR  | 0.00  | 0.41   | 0.99   | 0.98   |
| BBgBarc US High   | ı Yield | 0.75  | 1.61   | 4.82   | 6.46   |
| BBgBarc US TIPS   |         | 0.34  | 9.00   | 8.09   | 4.44   |
| ML Global Broad   | l Mrkt  | -0.02 | 6.24   | 4.99   | 4.06   |

## **Consumer Money Rates**

| Interest Rate                   | Last      | Wk Ago    | 1 Yr Ago  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Federal-funds rate target       | 0.00-0.25 | 0.00-0.25 | 2.00-2.25 |
| Prime rate*                     | 3.25      | 3.25      | 5.25      |
| Libor, 3-month                  | 0.25      | 0.26      | 2.13      |
| Money market, annual yield      | 0.23      | 0.24      | 0.72      |
| Five-year CD, annual yield      | 0.66      | 0.67      | 1.74      |
| 30-year mortgage, fixed         | 3.15      | 3.05      | 3.68      |
| 15-year mortgage, fixed         | 2.59      | 2.61      | 3.21      |
| Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus | 3.20      | 3.07      | 4.55      |
| Five-year adj mortage (ARM)     | 3.29      | 3.21      | 4.19      |
| New-car loan, 48-month          | 4.19      | 4.26      | 4.64      |

<sup>\*</sup> Base rate posted by 70% of the nation's largest banks

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