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#### **News Headlines**

- President Trump announced that a vaccine for COVID-19 could be available as soon as October.
- · Wildfires have recently burned more that 2M acres in California and are forcing the evacuations of thousands of people. Over 200 people had to be rescued over the long weekend by helicopter. Record heat and power outages have compounded the problems in the state. The U.S. Forest Service temporarily closed down multiple national forests in southern and central California on Monday due to the ongoing fire threat.

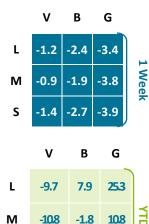
#### **Economic News**

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced on Friday that 1.4M new jobs were added in August. The unemployment rate fell to 8.4%, down from 10.2% in July.
- The Services PMI reading for the month of August showed continued expansion in the U.S. service sector but at a slower pace as the index fell slightly from 58.1 in July to down to 56.9 in August.
- The August ISM Manufacturing Index remains in expansion territory at 56.0, up 1.8 from the July reading of 54.2.

### **Key Commodity Prices**

|                           | Close | 1 yr Ago |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX | 39.77 | 56.52    |
| Natural Gas (MMBtu)       | 2.59  | 2.50     |
| Gold (oz)                 | 1,934 | 1,516    |
| Platinum (oz)             | 908   | 950      |
| Copper (lb)               | 3.05  | 2.62     |
| Coffee (lb)               | 1.23  | 0.94     |
| Cotton (Ib)               | 0.60  | 0.57     |
| Corn (bu)                 | 3.43  | 3.44     |
| Soybeans (bu)             | 9.49  | 8.20     |

# **Equity Style Returns**

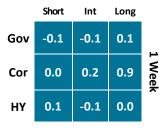




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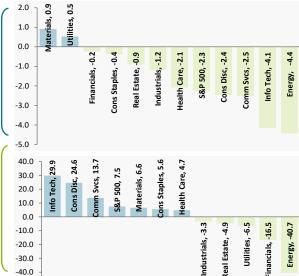
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#### **Fixed Income Returns**



|     | Short | Int | Long |   |
|-----|-------|-----|------|---|
| Gov | 4.2   | 8.6 | 11.6 |   |
| Cor | 4.3   | 7.3 | 8.9  | Ĭ |
| НҮ  | -0.9  | 0.6 | 15.1 |   |

## **S&P 500 Sector Returns**



### **Key Currency Exchange Rates**

| US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar | 0.765   |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| US\$ to buy Euro            | 1.184   |
| US\$ to buy U.K. Pound      | 1.324   |
| Yen to buy US\$             | 106.230 |
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## **Treasury Yield Curve**



### **Major Market Returns**

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| US Equities          | Closing | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
|----------------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dow Jones            | 28,133  | -1.73 | 0.27   | 9.32   | 14.57  |
| S&P 500              | 3,427   | -2.27 | 7.48   | 18.94  | 14.57  |
| NASDAQ               | 11,313  | -3.25 | 26.91  | 43.24  | 20.61  |
| Foreign & REIT       |         | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| MSCI EAFE NR         |         | -2.07 | -6.56  | 3.07   | 5.09   |
| MSCI EM NR           |         | -1.95 | 0.28   | 13.55  | 9.43   |
| FTSE Nareit - AL     | L REITS | -0.79 | -11.35 | -10.58 | 7.78   |
| Bonds                |         | 1 WK  | YTD    | 1 Year | 5 Year |
| BBgBarc Agg Bor      | nd      | 0.82  | 7.39   | 6.82   | 4.40   |
| 1-3 Mth T-Bill ET    | F SPDR  | 0.00  | 0.40   | 0.95   | 0.98   |
| BBgBarc US High      | ı Yield | -0.04 | 1.57   | 4.59   | 6.40   |
| BBgBarc US TIPS      |         | -0.21 | 8.77   | 8.14   | 4.48   |
| ML Global Broad      | l Mrkt  | -0.14 | 6.09   | 4.96   | 4.00   |
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#### 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      | 0.25      | 2.10      |
| Money market, annual yield      | 0.23      | 0.23      | 0.71      |
| Five-year CD, annual yield      | 0.65      | 0.65      | 1.70      |
| 30-year mortgage, fixed         | 3.09      | 3.18      | 3.65      |
| 15-year mortgage, fixed         | 2.55      | 2.61      | 3.19      |
| Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus | 3.13      | 3.24      | 4.66      |
| Five-year adj mortage (ARM)     | 3.30      | 3.29      | 4.28      |
| New-car loan, 48-month          | 4.18      | 4.19      | 4.65      |

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



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