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News Headlines

- President Trump nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett as a successor to Justice Ginsberg for the Supreme Court. Republicans plan to move forward with televised Senate confirmation hearings starting the second week in October and hope to have the confirmation to a vote by the end of October. The confirmation hearings will be a major battle between Republicans and Democrats leading up to the election.
- The first 2020 presidential debate between President Trump and Joe Biden will be held tomorrow night in Cleveland, OH just 35 days before the election.
- Worldwide coronavirus cases have climbed to over 33M with over 998K deaths. The U.S. currently has over 7M confirmed cases with over 204K coronavirus related deaths.

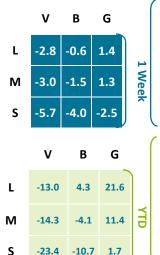
Economic News

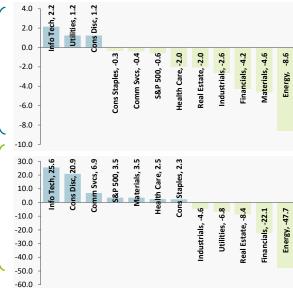
- The U.S. DOL's report on new jobless claims for the week ending September 19 came in at 870,000, up 4,000 from the prior week's revised level of 866,000. Continuing claims fell 167,000 to 12.58M.
- The National Association of Realtors reported last week that U.S. existing home sales rose 2.4% month over month in August to an annualized rate of 6M homes, the highest level since December 2006.

Key Commodity Prices

	Close	1 yr Ago
Dom Crude Oil (bbl)-NYMEX	40.25	55.91
Natural Gas (MMBtu)	2.81	2.40
Gold (oz)	1,866	1,506
Platinum (oz)	846	928
Copper (lb)	2.97	2.58
Coffee (lb)	1.04	1.01
Cotton (Ib)	0.62	0.61
Corn (bu)	3.51	3.61
Soybeans (bu)	9.72	8.44

Equity Style Returns





S&P 500 Sector Returns

Fixed Income Returns

	Short	Int	Long	
Gov	0.0	0.1	0.4	
Cor	-0.2	-0.7	-1.1	1 Week
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	Short	Int	Long	
Gov	4.4	9.0	12.5	
Cor	4.1	6.9	8.5	4 <u>T</u>
HY	-2.0	-0.9	11.4	

Key Currency Exchange Rates

US\$ to buy Canadian Dollar	0.747
US\$ to buy Euro	1.163
US\$ to buy U.K. Pound	1.275
Yen to buy US\$	105.570

Treasury Yield Curve



Major Market Returns

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US Equities	Closing	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
Dow Jones	27,174	-1.75	-3.07	3.18	13.47
S&P 500	3,298	-0.61	3.53	12.64	13.58
NASDAQ	10,914	1.13	22.48	36.43	19.73
Foreign & REIT	-	1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
MSCI EAFE NR		-4.21	-8.48	-0.82	4.77
MSCI EM NR		-4.42	-3.29	7.72	8.58
FTSE Nareit - ALL REITS		-2.38	-15.19	-14.28	5.88
Bonds		1 WK	YTD	1 Year	5 Year
BBgBarc Agg Boi	nd	-0.09	6.83	7.43	4.26
1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF SPDR		0.00	0.40	0.83	0.99
BBgBarc US High Yield		-1.53	-0.11	2.33	6.37
BBgBarc US TIPS		-0.13	8.96	9.70	4.64
ML Global Broad Mrkt		-0.87	5.76	5.95	3.95

Consumer Money Rates

Interest Rate	Last	Wk Ago	1 Yr Ago
Federal-funds rate target	0.00-0.25	0.00-0.25	1.75-2.00
Prime rate*	3.25	3.25	5.00
Libor, 3-month	0.23	0.23	2.10
Money market, annual yield	0.22	0.22	0.75
Five-year CD, annual yield	0.63	0.64	1.57
30-year mortgage, fixed	2.96	2.96	3.89
15-year mortgage, fixed	2.53	2.52	3.37
Jumbo mortgages, \$484,850-plus	2.93	2.98	4.31
Five-year adj mortage (ARM)	2.86	2.85	4.42
New-car loan, 48-month	4.14	4.18	4.64

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



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