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In this week's recap: Confidence in Fed helps spark market rally.

Weekly Economic Update

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THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Stocks posted solid gains for the week, buoyed by the release of Fed meeting minutes and upbeat earnings from mid-size and discount retailers.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 6.24%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 advanced 6.58%. The Nasdaq Composite index gained 6.84% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, rose 2.09%. ^{1,2,3}

A GOOD WEEK

The stock market staged a broad rally last week, ignited by the release of minutes from the May's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. The meeting notes eased concerns that the Fed might pursue a more aggressive monetary tightening stance than the Street had anticipated.

Investor sentiment rose owing to solid earnings and encouraging guidance from several mid-size and discount retailers, which eased concerns about the health of the American consumer. A smaller rise in the personal consumption expenditures price index, the Fed's preferred measure of inflation, triggered a strong rally on Friday. The powerful move ended seven straight weeks of stock losses. ⁴

FED MINUTES

The minutes from May's FOMC meeting were released last week. They confirmed the likelihood of at least two successive 50 basis point interest rate hikes. The minutes also indicated they might need to raise rates to a level that acts to restrict economic growth, something that Fed Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged might be a painful process. ⁵

Not all Fed members are fully committed to the more aggressive rate hikes. Last week, Atlanta Fed president Raphael Bostic wrote that a pause in rate increases in September might be appropriate. He joined other members in suggesting that economic conditions may warrant reconsideration of additional rate hikes beyond those already signaled by Powell. ⁶

TIP OF THE WEEK



A strategy is better than an assumption when it comes to couples and money. Discuss your financial goals together and stick to the approach you make to pursue them.

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Tuesday: Consumer Confidence.

Wednesday: Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Manufacturing Index. Jobs Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS).

Thursday: Automated Data Processing (ADP) Employment Report. Jobless Claims. Factory Orders.

Friday: Employment Situation. Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Services Index.

Source: Econoday, May 27, 2022

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THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Tuesday: Salesforce, Inc. (CRM), HP, Inc. (HPQ).

Wednesday: MongoDB, Inc. (MDB).

Thursday: Broadcom, Inc. (AVGO), Hormel Foods Corporation (HRL), DocuSign (DOCU), CrowdStrike (CRWD).

Source: Zacks, May 27, 2022

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“Deep breaths are very helpful at shallow parties.”

BARBARA WALTERS

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	33,212.96	+6.24%	-8.60%
NASDAQ	12,131.13	+6.84%	-22.46%
MSCI-EAFE	2,010.46	+2.09%	-13.94%
S&P 500	4,158.24	+6.58%	-12.76%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	2.74%	-0.04%	+1.22%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, May 27, 2022; Treasury.gov, May 27, 2022

Weekly performance for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and NASDAQ Composite Index is measured from the close of trading on Friday, May 20, to Friday, May 27, close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, May 20, open to Thursday, May 26, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



There are 2 nouns in the English language that become men's names when you capitalize them – and when you capitalize them, you alter

their pronunciation. Name either or both of these 2 nouns, both of which end in 'b'.

LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: Two trains are crossing America from coast to coast, traveling over 3,000 miles of track. The Gentle Zephyr is going west at 70mph; the Western Wind is headed east at 80mph. So which train will be closer to the east coast when they roll by each other in Kansas?

ANSWER: Neither. When the trains meet, they will be at the same point - therefore the same distance from the east coast.

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