FFA Private Bank FFA Weekly Market Insights

January 4, 2016

YTD %

-35.0

-30.5

-19.1

-10.4

-11.9

-24.4

-25.5

YTD %

-10.2

-5.4

0.4

0.8

-10.9

19.1

8.1

9.3

Global Overview: US markets ended the year mixed with the S&P and the Dow in negative territory YTD at -0.7% and -2.2% respectively, while the Nasdag finished the year positive at +5.7% YTD, largely driven by "FANG" stocks, demonstrating lesser market breadth (typically seen in later cycles). Last week, equities traded on expectedly seasonally lower volumes with mixed economic data (consumer confidence rose and home sales prices increased more than expected, offset by very weak Chicago PMI reading, lower pending home sales as well as initial jobless claims rising to 287K, the highest level since July 2015, although remains low by historical standards). US 10-year Treasury yields rose to 2.27% while the curve flattened from likely slower growth expectations on the longer-end and Fed rate normalization on the shorter-end. European equities ended the year on a mixed note with the Stoxx 600 at +6.8% on a YTD basis, although well below the year's peak levels (and lower on a USD basis), whereas the FTSE 100 underperformed European peers ending the year down -4.9%, given its commodity-heavy constituents. Oil ended the year down more than -30% capping a second straight year as one of the worst performing commodities on overproduction, continued glut and stronger US Dollar (US Dollar index +9% YTD), despite significant cuts in CAPEX and reduction in US drilling rigs. Gold ended the year down -10%, its third straight annual decline, likely driven by US monetary policy amid prospect of higher US interest rates, stronger US Dollar, weaker inflation and bearish financial positioning. Overnight, Chinese stocks were halted for the remainder of the session after losing more than -7% as manufacturing activity contracted for the tenth consecutive month in December, with the Caixin China manufacturing purchasing managers index falling to 48.2 from 48.6, vs. a consensus of 49.0 as well as from Yuan devaluation. Important US macro data this week include ISM manufacturing PMI, Redbook index, ADP employment change, Markit services PMI, ISM non-manufacturing PMI. EIA crude oil change, initial jobless claims, unemployment rate and nonfarm payrolls. Other macro data include EU Markit manufacturing PMI. EU core CPI. EU Markit services PMI. EU PPI. EU unemployment rate. EU consumer confidence, EU retail sales and CNY Caixin services PMI. Earnings reports to come Monsanto, RPM International, Bed Bad & Beyond, Constellation Brands, Walgreens Boots Alliance and Acuity Brands among others.

Previous Week Macro Data	Actual		Equities	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	EPS %	F
US Dallas Fed manuf. business ind. (Dec)	-20.1	-7.0	S&P 500	2 0 4 2 0	0.02	0.7	F 2	1
US Redbook index (YoY) (Dec 25)	2.5%	-		2,043.9	-0.83	-0.7	5.3	1
US S&P/Case Shiller home price ind. (YoY)	5.5%	5.4%	Dow Jones	17,425.0		-2.2	-1.8	1
US Consumer confidence (Dec)	96.5	93.8	NASDAQ	5,007.4		5.7	12.8	2
EU Private loans (YoY) (Nov)	1.4%	-	Russell 2000	1,135.9	-1.63	-5.7	5.7	1
US Pending home sales (YoY) (Nov)	2.7%	3.6%	STOXX 600	365.8	-0.13	6.8	14.6	1
US EIA crude oil Δ (Dec 25)	2.63M	-2.50M	FTSE 100	6,242.3	-0.20	-4.9	14.4	1
US Initial jobless claims (Dec 25)	287K	270K	NIKKEI 225	19,033.7	-1.80	9.1	4.5	1
US Chicago PMI (Dec)	42.9	49.8	Shanghai Index	3.539.2	-8.75	9.4	21.1	1
CNY NBS manufacturing PMI (Dec)	49.7	-	S&P Pan Arab	658.6	0.39	-17.2	10.1	1
Upcoming Week Macro Data	Cons.	Prior	MSCI ACWI	1,716.3	-0.31	-3.3	6.0	1
M CNY Caixin manufacturing PMI (Dec)	49.0	48.6	MSCI EM	794.1	-1.23	-17.0	-2.5	1
M EU Markit manufacturing PMI (Dec)	53.1	53.1	Fixed Income	-	-		alue	Yie
M US ISM manufacturing PMI (Dec)	49.0	48.6	Fixed Income					
T EU Core CPI (YoY) (Dec)	-	0.9%	Barclays Global	00 0		4	42.1	1
T US Redbook index (YoY) (Jan 1)	-	2.5%	Barclays Global	Agg. – Co	orporate	2	27.7	3
W CNY Caixin services PMI (Dec)	-	51.2	Barclays Global	High Yiel	d	1,0)37.9	8
W EU Markit services PMI (Dec)	53.9	53.9	Markit CDX N.A	. Investm	ent Grade	8	8.3	Ν
W EU PPI (YoY) (Dec)	-3.2%	-3.1%	Markit CDX N.A	. High Yie	ld	1	01.2	Ν
W US ADP employment Δ (Dec)	198K	217K	Markit iTraxx E				3.7	N
W US Markit services PMI (Dec)	55.0	53.7					-	
W US ISM non-manufacturing PMI (Dec)	56.0	55.9	Markit iTraxx IT	X Crossov	ver	3	35.1	Ν
W US EIA crude oil ∆ (Jan 1)	-	2.63M						
Th EU unemployment rate (Nov)	-	10.7%			S&P 500 S	ector YT	D (%)	
Th EU Consumer confidence (Dec)	-5.7	-5.7			50. 5000			
Th EU Retail sales (YoY) (Nov)	2.0%	2.5%	10.0					
Th US Initial jobless claims (Jan 1)	-	287K	5.0				_	
F US Unemployment rate (Dec)	5.0%	5.0%	-5.0 —					
F US Nonfarm payrolls (Dec)	200K	211K	-10.0 -15.0					
			-20.0 — —					

Upcoming Week Key Earnings

W Monsanto, RPM International

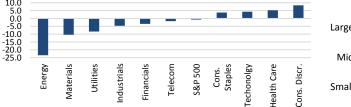
Th Bed Bad & Beyond, Constellation Brands, Walgreens Boots Alliance

F Acuity Brands

Upcoming Week Policy & Related Events

- T UK BOE credit conditions survey (Q2)
- W US FOMC minutes
- Th EU ECB monetary policy meeting accounts. US Fed Evans speech

Equities	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	EPS %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,043.9	-0.83	-0.7	5.3	18.0	2.1
Dow Jones	17,425.0	-0.72	-2.2	-1.8	15.4	2.6
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S&P Pan Arab	658.6	0.39	-17.2	10.1	11.4	4.2
MSCI ACWI	1,716.3	-0.31	-3.3	6.0	15.8	3.4
MSCI EM	794.1	-1.23	-17.0	-2.5	10.8	3.1
Fixed Income			۷	alue	Yield %	YTD %
Barclays Global	Aggregat	e	4	42.1	1.8	-3.2
Barclays Global	Agg. – Co	rporate	2	27.7	3.1	-3.6
Barclays Global	High Yield	ł	1,	037.9	8.1	-2.7
Markit CDX N.A	. Investme	ent Grade	8	38.3	NA	NA
Markit CDX N.A	. High Yiel	d	1	01.2	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx E	urope		(53.7	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx IT	X Crossov	er	3	35.1	NA	NA



Rates	Value	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.9	1.03
Treasuries 10-Yr	99.8	2.27
Treasuries 30-Yr	99.7	3.02
Gilts 10-Yr	100.4	1.91
Bunds 10-Yr	104.0	0.58
French 10-Yr	100.7	0.95
Italian 10-Yr	104.1	1.55
Spanish 10-Yr	103.8	1.71
Greek 10-Yr	71.4	8.03
JGBs 10-Yr	100.4	0.25

Volatility	Value	YTD %
S&P 500 VIX	18.2	-5.2
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	22.2	-15.3
Crude Oil VIX	46.2	-7.8
Interest Rate VIX	81.8	-3.5

Investment Style YTD (%)

	Value	Blend	Growth
irge	-5.6	-0.7	3.8
Vid	-8.4	-3.7	0.8
nall	-8.1	-3.4	1.5

FFA Equity Ideas

- ARM Holdings plc (ARM)
- Airbus (AIR)

Commodities

Oil-Brent

Natural Gas

Oil-WTI

Gold

Silver

Copper

S&P GSCI

Currencies

EUR-USD

GBP-USD

USD-JPY

USD-CHF

AUD-USD

USD-CAD

USD-SEK

Dollar Index

Value

37.7

37.5

2.3

1069.3

13.9

209.2

311.7

Value

1.0862

1.4736

120.22

1.0021

0.7286

1.3839

8.4412

98.631

- Suncor (SU)
- Siemens (SIE)
- Commercial International Bank (COMI)

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