

Global Overview: US equities closed higher for the week with the Dow at +0.8%, the S&P at +1.2% and the Nasdaq at +1.2% while volatility eased as the Fed left rates unchanged in September and lowered its growth and inflation projections and moderated its interest rate hike path for the medium term. Fed Chair Yellen suggested there was still room for monetary policy tightening by year-end and risks to economic outlook are roughly “balanced”. US Dollar weakened and 2-year and 10-year Treasury yields ended the week lower following the Fed’s decision while precious and base metals traded higher. Oil closed lower despite softer US Dollar and unexpected drawdown in US crude inventories as Saudi and Iranian sources ruled out an agreement during this week’s three-day meeting in Algeria. European equities closed higher with the Stoxx 600 at +2.2% mainly on Fed and BoJ announcements although weighed by weaker-than-expected manufacturing data from Germany which renewed concerns over slower EU economic recovery. UK equities closed higher with the FTSE 100 at +3.0% on Fed, BoJ and higher commodity prices although BoE warned of “a challenging period of uncertainty and adjustment” facing UK economy. Japanese equities closed higher with the Nikkei 225 at +1.4% on BoJ shift in monetary policy with objectives including a steeper yield curve, 10y JGB yields at 0% and an “inflation-overshooting commitment”. Firmer Yen in August weighed on exports leading to an unexpected trade deficit. Chinese equities closed lower with the Shanghai Composite at -2.9% while emerging markets outperformed with the MSCI EM at +3.6% mainly benefitting from low interest rate environment in the US. Inflows into EM bond funds increased while equity funds in global and emerging markets witnessed outflows on uncertainty over US and Japanese monetary policy.

	Actual	Cons.
US Housing starts (MoM) (Aug)	-5.8%	-1.7%
JPY Merchandise trade balance total (Aug)	¥-18.7B	¥202.3B
JPY BoJ interest rate decision	-0.1%	-0.1%
US EIA crude oil Δ (Sep 16)	-6.2M	-
US Fed interest rate decision	0.5%	0.5%
US Initial jobless claims (Sep 16)	252K	261K
EU Markit PMI composite (Sep)	52.6	52.8
US Markit manufacturing PMI (Sep)	51.4	52.0
Upcoming Week Macro Data	Cons.	Prior
M US New home sales change (MoM) (Aug)	0.60M	0.65M
T US S&P/Case-Shiller home price ind. (YoY) (Jul)	5.1%	5.1%
T US Markit composite PMI (Sep)	-	51.5
T US Consumer confidence (Sep)	99.8	101.1
W US Durable goods orders (Aug)	-1.5%	4.4%
W US EIA crude oil Δ (Sep 23)	-	-6.2M
Th EU Economic sentiment indicator (Sep)	-	103.5
Th US Initial jobless claims (Sep 23)	260K	252K
Th US GDP annualized (Q2)	1.2%	1.1%
Th US Goods trade balance (Aug)	\$-62B	\$-59B
Th UK Gfk consumer confidence (Sep)	-5.0	-7.0
Th JPY Core CPI (YoY) (Aug)	0.1%	0.3%
Th JPY Unemployment rate (Aug)	3.0%	3.0%
Th JPY Industrial production (MoM) (Aug)	0.5%	0.5%
F UK GDP (QoQ) (Q2)	0.6%	0.6%
F EU Unemployment rate (Aug)	10.0%	10.1%
F EU Core CPI (YoY) (Sep)	0.9%	0.8%
F US Personal spending (MoM) (Aug)	0.2%	0.3%
F US Core PCE- Price index (MoM) (Aug)	0.2%	0.1%
F US Personal income (MoM) (Aug)	0.2%	0.4%

Upcoming Week Policy & Related Events

M 15th International Energy Forum, JPY BoJ Kuroda, EU ECB Mersch & Nowotny, EU ECB Draghi, US Fed Tarullo, Kashkari & Kaplan, BoJ Monetary policy meeting minutes, US Presidential Debate

T US Fed Fischer

W EU ECB Draghi, US Fed Kashkari, Bullard, Evans, Mester & George

Th JPY BoJ Kuroda, US Fed Harker, Lockhart, Powell & Kashkari, US Fed Yellen, EU ECB Constancio, JPY BoJ Summary of Opinions

Upcoming Week Key Earnings

M Carnival

T Nike, Cintas

W Paychex, BlackBerry

Th PepsiCo, Accenture, Costco, ConAgra

F McCormick

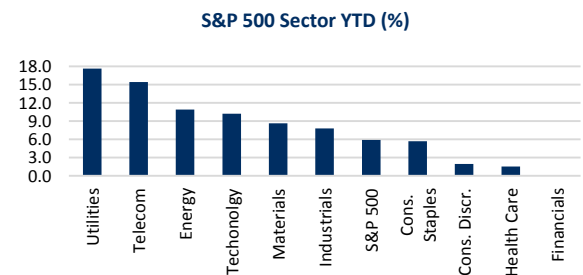
Equities	Value	1 Day %	1 Week %	YTD %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,164.69	▼-0.57	▲1.19	5.91	19.60	2.13
Dow Jones	18,261.45	▼-0.71	▲0.76	4.80	17.58	2.62
NASDAQ	5,305.75	▼-0.63	▲1.17	5.96	23.04	1.18
Russell 2000	1,254.62	▼-0.70	▲2.44	10.45	19.96	1.35
STOXX 600	345.34	▼-0.72	▲2.23	-5.60	18.21	3.58
FTSE 100	6,909.43	▼-0.03	▲2.97	10.69	23.36	3.98
Nikkei 225	16,754.02	▼-0.32	▲1.42	-13.08	18.10	1.99
Shanghai Index	3,002.85	▼-0.68	▼-2.88	-15.07	14.91	2.00
S&P Pan Arab	620.41	▲0.55	▼-1.65	-6.03	11.38	4.00
MSCI ACWI	1,716.74	▼-0.66	▲3.12	0.03	17.77	3.35
MSCI EM	917.50	▼-0.37	▲3.62	15.53	13.71	2.47

Credit	Value	Yield %	YTD %
Barclays Global Aggregate	485.09	1.46	10.1
Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate	247.64	2.25	8.8
Barclays Global High Yield	1,185.09	5.94	14.2
Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade	76.91	NA	NA
Markit CDX N.A. High Yield (Price)	104.64	NA	NA
Markit CDX Emerging Markets	93.70	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover	243.15	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx Europe	46.43	NA	NA

Rates	Value	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.99	0.76
Treasuries 10-Yr	98.97	1.61
Treasuries 30-Yr	98.02	2.34
Gilts 10-Yr	107.29	0.73
Bunds 10-Yr	100.90	-0.09
French 10-Yr	100.47	0.20
Italian 10-Yr	103.68	1.20
Spanish 10-Yr	109.10	0.95
Greek 10-Yr	70.08	8.35
JGBs 10-Yr	101.60	-0.06

Commodities	Value	YTD %
Oil-Brent	46.50	24.7%
Oil-WTI	45.01	21.5%
Natural Gas	2.98	27.5%
Gold	1341.90	26.4%
Silver	19.57	41.3%
Copper	219.00	2.6%
S&P GSCI CME	351.53	12.8%

Currencies	Value	YTD %
EUR-USD	1.1226	3.4%
GBP-USD	1.2963	-12.0%
USD-JPY	100.8800	-16.1%
USD-CNY	6.6702	2.7%
USD-CHF	0.9702	-3.2%
AUD-USD	0.7620	4.6%
USD-CAD	1.3170	-4.8%
USD-SEK	8.5395	1.2%
DXY Index	95.4600	-3.2%



	Investment Style YTD (%)		
	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	6.7	5.9	5.1
Mid	12.6	10.9	9.2
Small	15.0	13.0	11.3

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