# Capital Markets Snapshot

# **U.S. Economy**

- Capacity utilization improved for a third straight month in June, but durable goods manufacturing capacity utilization remained
   -7.7% below last June's level, which analysts viewed as a signal for contraction in capital equipment spending through year-end.
- The NAHB Housing Market Index rose from 58 to 72 (exp. 61) in July as homebuilder sentiment jumped back to pre-COVID levels.
   Current sales, sales expectations, and buyer traffic all improved as the housing market remained a bright spot for the U.S. economy.
- The program providing \$600 in additional weekly unemployment benefits expired as policymakers negotiated the next package.

### **U.S. Markets**

- U.S. equities advanced over the past two weeks, but momentum slowed toward the end of the period. Small-cap equities (Russell 2000 +3.2%) outperformed large-cap equities (S&P 500 +1.0%), and tech companies (NASDAQ Composite -2.4%) underperformed.
- High yield credit spreads compressed from 5.97% to 5.04% and the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Corporate Index posted a total return of 2.7%, leading the credit space over the last two weeks.
- With about 25% of S&P 500 companies reporting, Q2 2020 earnings and revenue have contracted -16.5% and -8.8% respectively, though both have shrunk less than street estimates.

# **International Economy**

- After months of debate, the European Commission ironed out a
   €750 billion support package, financed by joint debt issuance. Of
   the €750 billion, €390 billion will be allocated in the form of
   grants, and the remaining €360 billion will be provided as loans.
- Chinese GDP grew at a pace of +3.2% YoY in Q2, up from -6.8% in Q1 and ahead of expectations (+2.4%). However, retail sales contracted -1.8% YoY (exp. +0.5% YoY). China's benchmark lending rates held steady as policy focus shifted to risk management.
- Excluding the volatile auto fuel component, U.K. retail sales bounced back in June, and grew 1.7% year-over-year (exp. -3.7%).

### **International Markets**

- Tensions between the United States and China continued to escalate, as the U.S. sent a warship near the Spratly Islands, which the Chinese consider their own. The U.S. also shut down the Chinese consulate in Houston on allegations of espionage.
- International developed equities (MSCI EAFE +2.6%) outpaced large-cap U.S. equities (S&P 500 +1.0%) and emerging market equities (MSCI EM -0.7%) which trimmed month-to-date gains.
- Precious metals spot prices surged over the two-week period in dollar terms as U.S. dollar weakness persisted. Spot gold prices advanced from \$1799/oz to \$1902/oz, a freshall-time high level.

#### **CAPACITY UTILIZATION**



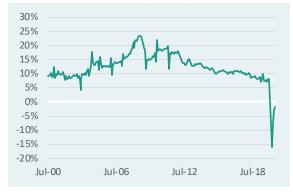
Source: Federal Reserve, as of 6/30/20

#### **HIGH YIELD CREDIT SPREADS**



Source: Bloomberg, as of 7/24/20

#### **CHINESE RETAIL SALES (YoY%)**



Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, as of 6/30/20

#### \*PRECIOUS METALS SPOT PRICES



Source: Bloomberg, as of 7/24/20



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#### MARKET PERFORMANCE

#### **Equities**

S&P 500 TR USD Russell 2000 TR USD MSCI ACWI NR USD MSCI EAFE NR USD MSCI EM NR USD

#### Fixed Income

Barclays US Treasury US TIPS TR USD
Barclays US Treasury TR USD
Barclays Long Term US Treasury TR USD
Barclays US Agg Bond TR USD
Barclays US Credit TR USD
Barclays High Yield Corporate TR USD
JPM EMBI Global Diversified TR USD

#### Other

Bloomberg Commodity TR USD Wilshire US REIT TR USD MSCI Currency Factor Mix ER USD

Last Two Weeks 7/13/2020 - 7/24/2020		MTD		QTD		YTD	
Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev
1.00	13.57	3.82	13.75	3.82	13.75	0.62	43.51
3.18	24.27	1.86	23.30	1.86	23.30	-11.36	53.34
1.17	10.94	4.51	12.28	4.51	12.28	-2.03	34.94
2.62	14.65	4.55	14.50	4.55	14.50	-7.31	29.46
-0.67	19.71	7.05	23.62	7.05	23.62	-3.42	29.75

0.97	1.29	1.58	1.98	1.58	1.98	7.68	9.32
0.46	1.85	0.79	2.42	0.79	2.42	9.58	7.60
1.73	7.10	3.34	8.89	3.34	8.89	25.25	24.39
0.65	1.26	1.19	1.65	1.19	1.65	7.40	5.81
1.58	1.88	2.80	2.39	2.80	2.39	7.75	9.81
2.72	3.54	3.82	3.77	3.82	3.77	-0.13	13.70
2.01	4.22	2.97	4.38	2.97	4.38	0.12	15.58

2.28	9.77	4.90	8.80	4.90	8.80	-15.45	19.52
0.23	19.90	-0.65	20.78	-0.65	20.78	-18.30	53.89
-0.15	1.04	-0.20	1.17	-0.20	1.17	-0.74	3.63

Source: Morningstar, Data as of last available market close, Top/bottom two highlighted.

#### **ECONOMIC DATA - RELEASED**

Date Country	Event	Freq	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Surprise
07/13/20 UK	Industrial Production YoY	М	May	-20.4%	-20.0%	0.3
07/14/20 EC	Industrial Production WDA YoY	М	May	-18.9%	-20.9%	-0.7
07/14/20 EC	ZEW Survey Expectations	М	Jul		59.6	
07/14/20 US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	M	Jun	97.8	100.6	2.2
07/14/20 US	CPI YoY	М	Jun	0.6%	0.6%	0.0
07/14/20 US	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	М	Jun	1.1%	1.2%	1.1
07/15/20 US	Empire Manufacturing	М	Jul	10.0	17.2	1.1
07/15/20 US	Capacity Utilization	М	Jun	67.8%	68.6%	0.8
07/16/20 EC	ECB Deposit Facility Rate	D	16-Jul	-0.50%	-0.50%	
07/16/20 US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	М	Jun	5.0%	7.5%	1.6
07/16/20 US	Phila delphia Fed Business Outlook	М	Jul	20.0	24.1	0.9
07/16/20 US	NAHB Housing Market Index	М	Jul	61	72	3.8
07/17/20 US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	М	Jul P	79.0	73.2	-2.7
07/22/20 US	Existing Home Sales	М	Jun	4.75m	4.72m	-0.1
07/23/20 US	Continuing Claims	W	11-Jul	17100k	16197k	-3.2

## **ECONOMIC DATA - NEXT TWO WEEKS**

Date	Country	Event	Freq	Period	Prior	Surv(M)	Std Dev
07/27/20	GE	IFO Business Climate	М	Jul	86.2	89.2	0.8
07/27/20	US	Durable Goods Orders	M	Jun P	15.7%	7.0%	4.4
07/27/20	US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	M	Jul	-6.1	-4.8	2.5
07/28/20	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	M	Jul	98.1	94.5	2.5
07/29/20	US	Advance Goods Trade Balance	M	Jun	-\$74.3b	-\$74.2b	2.2
07/29/20	JN	Retail Sales YoY	M	Jun	-12.3%	-5.7%	2.3
07/29/20	GE	GDP WDA YoY	Q	2QP	-2.3%	-10.9%	1.7
07/30/20	EC	Economic Confidence	M	Jul	75.7	82.0	1.7
07/30/20	US	GDP Annualized QoQ	Q	2QA	-5.0%	-34.0%	3.6
07/31/20	EC	GDP SA YoY	Q	2QA	-3.1%	-13.9%	1.3
07/31/20	EC	CPI Core YoY	M	Jul P	0.8%	0.7%	0.1
07/31/20	US	PCE Core Deflator YoY	M	Jun	1.0%	1.0%	0.0
08/05/20	US	ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	M	Jul	57.1	54.5	0.5
08/07/20	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	М	Jul	4800k	1900k	1730.9
08/07/20	US	Unemployment Rate	М	Jul	11.1%	9.9%	0.7

Source: Bloomberg

