# Capital Markets Snapshot

#### **U.S. Economy**

- The Fed revised its outlook for full year GDP growth in 2020 from -6.5% (June 10<sup>th</sup> projection) to -3.7%. However, the 2021 and 2022 growth forecasts were cut from 5.0% to 4.0%, and from 3.5% to 3.0% respectively. The 2023 growth forecast was 2.5%.
- The unemployment rate in August dropped from 10.2% to 8.4%, well below the Fed's previous year-end target of 9.3%. The Fed issued a revised year-end U-3 unemployment rate target of 7.6%.
- The housing market remained a bright spot within the economy, and the NAHB Housing Market Index rose from 78 to 83 (exp. 78), the highest reading in the survey's 35-year history.

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

- The Federal Open Market Committee met expectations and left policy rates unchanged in September. The committee integrated its average inflation targeting approach and stated it will aim to achieve inflation moderately above the 2% target for some time.
- U.S. equities largely sold off, extending losses that began toward the beginning of the month. The S&P 500 Index declined 3.1%, leaving month-to-date performance at -5.1%. The tech-heavy NASDAQ faced continued selling pressure and declined 4.6%.
- High yield credit (-0.1%) held up relatively well considering the risk-off sentiment; spreads only climbed from 5.07% to 5.17%.

### **International Economy**

- Europe appears to have plunged into a second wave of COVID-19 case growth. The trailing 7-day average daily case growth of E.U. countries and the U.K. combined reached grew to nearly 40K.
   Cases growth appears to be accelerating in France and in Spain.
- The Bank of England voted unanimously to leave its policy rate unchanged at 0.10%, but reportedly discussed how to implement negative interest rate policy in the future. Futures markets are now pricing in negative interest rates in the U.K. by mid-2021.
- The European Central Bank relaxed banks' required leverage ratios, allowing them to make more loans with less capital.

#### **International Markets**

- International developed equities (MSCI EAFE +2.3%) and emerging market equities (MSCI EM +0.9%) both outperformed U.S. large cap equities (S&P 500 Index -3.1%) in U.S. dollar-terms.
- Irish (MSCI Ireland +6.1%) and South Korean equities (MSCI Korea +5.4%) were among the top performers globally. U.S. investors in South Korean equities benefitted from substantial currency tailwinds as the won appreciated about 2% relative to the dollar.
- The grains sector (+6.3%) continued to provide support for the broad Bloomberg Commodity Index (+0.8%). Soybean meal (+8.1%), soybeans (+7.8%) and corn (+5.7%) led the way.

#### FED GDP GROWTH PROJECTIONS



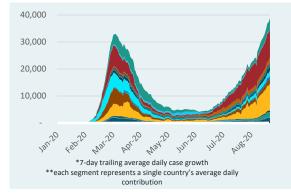
Source: Federal Reserve, as of 9/16/20

#### MAX DRAWDOWN FROM PRIOR PEAKS



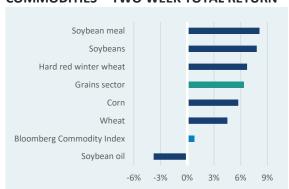
Source: Bloomberg, as of 9/18/20

#### COVID-19 DAILY NEW CASES (E.U. PLUS U.K.)



Source: Bloomberg, as of 9/20/20

#### **COMMODITIES – TWO WEEK TOTAL RETURN**



Source: Bloomberg, as of 9/18/20



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#### **MARKET PERFORMANCE**

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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 9/7/2020 - 9/18/2020		MTD		QTD		ΓD
Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev	Return	Std Dev
-3.08	23.78	-5.08	26.27	7.48	16.22	4.17	39.33
0.16	22.88	-1.53	24.09	6.89	19.92	-6.98	47.99
-1.01	16.63	-2.98	18.81	8.40	12.76	1.62	31.50
2.25	7.14	0.16	10.62	7.77	13.12	-4.46	26.71
0.90	11.64	0.74	13.50	12.16	17.11	1.19	27.06
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0.30	1.96	-0.48	2.89	2.92	3.20	9.10	8.41
0.23	2.40	0.06	4.14	0.09	3.30	8.82	6.95
0.60	8.28	0.25	14.11	-0.02	11.66	21.19	22.41

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0.23	2.40	0.06	4.14	0.09	3.30	8.82	6.95
0.60	8.28	0.25	14.11	-0.02	11.66	21.19	22.41
0.16	1.52	0.07	3.28	0.75	2.55	6.93	5.31
0.35	1.61	0.31	5.01	2.10	3.94	7.01	8.91
-0.12	1.81	-0.22	2.11	5.45	3.06	1.44	12.17
-1.02	2.62	-0.02	5.51	4.22	4.27	1.34	13.92

0.80	10.23	-0.47	10.07	12.33	10.96	-9.46	18.21
-2.60	24.99	-2.26	23.01	2.41	19.95	-15.78	48.57
-0.23	2.17	0.05	2.21	-0.84	1.94	-1.38	3.37

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
09/07/20	JN	Household Spending YoY	M	Jul	-3.7%	-7.6%	-2.7
09/07/20	JN	Eco Watchers Survey Outlook SA	M	Aug	39.1	42.4	1.3
09/08/20	IT	Retail Sales YoY	M	Jul	-1.9%	-7.2%	-2.8
09/08/20	EC	Household Cons QoQ	Q	2Q	-12.2%	-12.4%	-0.2
09/08/20	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	M	Aug	99.0	100.2	1.2
09/09/20	CA	Bank of Canada Rate Decision	D	9-Sep	0.25%	0.25%	
09/10/20	IT	Industrial Production WDA YoY	M	Jul	-9.8%	-8.0%	1.3
09/10/20	EC	ECB Deposit Facility Rate	D	10-Sep	-0.50%	-0.50%	
09/10/20	US	PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	M	Aug	0.3%	0.6%	2.9
09/10/20	US	Continuing Claims	W	29-Aug	12904k	13385k	3.2
09/10/20	UK	Monthly GDP (3M/3M)	M	Jul	-7.5%	-7.6%	-0.1
09/11/20	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	M	Aug	1.6%	1.7%	1.0
09/15/20	US	Empire Manufacturing	M	Sep	6.9	17.0	3.4
09/16/20	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	M	Aug	1.0%	0.6%	-0.7
09/16/20	US	FOMC Rate Decision (Lower Bound)	D	16-Sep	0.00%	0.00%	

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

Date	Country	Event	Freq	Period	Prior	Surv(M)	Std Dev
09/22/20	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	M	Sep	18	12	1.9
09/23/20	EC	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	M	Sep P	51.7	51.9	0.5
09/23/20	EC	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	M	Sep P	50.5	50.5	0.9
09/23/20	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	M	Sep P	53.1	53.5	0.8
09/23/20	US	Markit US Services PMI	M	Sep P	55.0	54.5	0.6
09/24/20	GE	IFO Expectations	M	Sep	97.5	98.0	0.7
09/29/20	US	Advance Goods Trade Balance	M	Aug	-\$79.3b	-\$81.5b	2.9
09/29/20	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	M	Sep	84.8	87.5	3.6
10/01/20	EC	Unemployment Rate	M	Aug	7.9%		
10/01/20	US	Personal Spending	M	Aug	1.9%	1.0%	0.2
10/01/20	US	ISM Manufacturing	M	Sep	56.0	55.3	0.3
10/02/20	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	M	Sep	1371k	950k	0.0
10/02/20	US	Unemployment Rate	M	Sep	8.4%	8.2%	0.1
10/02/20	US	Labor Force Participation Rate	M	Sep	61.7%		
10/02/20	US	Underemployment Rate	M	Sep	14.2%		

Source: Bloomberg

