

# Market Perspectives

## Weekly equity markets snapshot

As of April 2, 2021

### Market related news for the week ending April 2, 2021

- Stock indexes were down Monday after it was revealed Archegos Capital Management was forced to liquidate large positions in U.S. media stocks and Chinese internet companies. Credit Suisse and Nomura warned of a "significant" impact on first quarter results with the banks down 15% and 16% respectively.
- Tuesday the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury jumped to 1.749%, the highest in 14 months.
- Wednesday President Biden unveiled a \$2.25 trillion infrastructure plan. The four-part, eight-year plan breaks down into \$620 billion for transportation and \$650 billion for measures including clean water and high-speed broadband. The bill also earmarks \$580 billion for manufacturing, including \$180 billion in the biggest non-defense R&D program on record. Finally, \$400 billion will be directed toward care for the elderly and disabled. As expected, the emphasis was on sustainability and green projects, with money for modernizing the electric grid, as well as building, preserving and retrofitting homes and commercial buildings. The plan is to pay for the program with corporate income tax rising to 28% from 21% and a global minimum tax of 21%.
- Friday March Non-farm Payrolls increased 916,000 (vs. 660,000 expectations) with significant upward revisions to prior months' job gains. The payroll figures showed broad-based gains across industries, led by a 280,000 surge in leisure and hospitality. Construction payrolls jumped 110,000 after dipping in February amid severe winter weather. Education employment also climbed as more schools reopened. Additionally, the unemployment rate fell to 6% (vs. 6.2% prior) and the participation rate ticked up as well.

### Market levels

	04/02/21	12/31/20	Market Low
Dow	33,153	30,606	6,547 (3/09)
S&P 500®	4,020	3,756	677 (3/09)
NASDAQ	13,480	12,888	1,268 (3/09)
VIX	17.33	22.75	56.7 (1/09)

### Market total returns

	1 Week	QTD	YTD	2020
Dow	1.64%	0.52%	8.85%	9.72%
S&P 500®	2.84%	1.18%	7.42%	18.39%
NASDAQ	3.88%	1.76%	4.77%	45.06%
Russell Midcap®	2.86%	1.44%	9.69%	17.10%
Russell 2000®	3.28%	1.51%	14.39%	19.93%
MSCI EAFE (Net)	1.38%	0.51%	4.01%	7.82%
MSCI EM (Net)	3.68%	1.44%	3.76%	18.31%
FTSE NAREIT All Eq	2.89%	1.89%	10.37%	-5.08%

### Global returns<sup>1</sup>

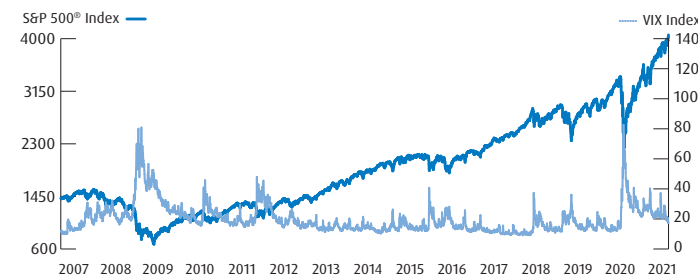
EAFE countries	1 Week	YTD	Emerging countries	1 Week	YTD
UK	0.96%	5.37%	MSCI BRIC	4.01%	1.61%
Germany	3.32%	10.12%	Brazil	1.32%	-3.16%
France	2.53%	10.23%	Russia	2.84%	5.19%
Switzerland	0.35%	5.30%	India	3.28%	4.95%
Japan	2.84%	7.70%	China	3.05%	-0.19%
Australia	0.59%	5.24%	S. Korea	2.63%	7.45%

<sup>1</sup> See page 3 for global returns country-specific indices.

### Real assets

	04/02/21	12/31/20	YTD
Gold	\$1,729.31	\$1,898.36	-8.91%
Oil	\$61.45	\$48.69	26.21%
Nat Gas	\$2.64	\$2.56	3.29%
Bloomberg Commod.	\$83.83	\$78.05	7.40%
USD Index	\$92.93	\$89.94	3.33%
USD/EUR	\$1.18	\$1.22	-3.59%

### Featured chart: Implied stock market volatility and the S&P 500® Index



### Style returns

#### One week

	Large	Mid	Small
V	1.93%	2.09%	2.92%
G	3.96%	4.45%	3.67%

#### Year-to-date

	Large	Mid	Small
V	12.28%	14.39%	22.84%
G	2.55%	1.36%	6.58%

Russell Value and Growth Indices

### Index characteristics

	Trlg P/E	Fwd P/E	Div Yield	Earn Yield
S&P 500®	28.46	20.10	1.49	3.51
MSCI EAFE	22.45	15.39	2.85	4.45
MSCI EM	20.35	13.41	2.34	4.91
Russell 1000®	28.20	20.62	1.42	3.55
Russell 2000®	21.93	26.72	0.86	4.56

### S&P sector performance

	Weight	1 Week	QTD	YTD
Information technology	27.0%	4.7%	2.1%	4.1%
Health care	12.8%	1.4%	-0.2%	3.0%
Consumer discretionary	12.5%	3.0%	1.0%	4.1%
Financials	11.3%	1.9%	1.3%	17.4%
Telecommunications	11.1%	3.0%	2.1%	10.3%
Industrials	8.8%	2.3%	0.4%	11.9%
Consumer staples	6.1%	1.0%	-0.2%	0.9%
Energy	2.8%	2.2%	2.7%	34.3%
Materials	2.7%	2.3%	0.9%	10.1%
Utilities	2.6%	1.2%	0.0%	2.8%
REITs	2.4%	3.0%	1.6%	10.3%

Source: Bloomberg.

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Market conditions and trends will vary. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

### Economic news for the week ending April 2, 2021

- Tuesday: S&P Case Shiller 20-City House Price Index for January was up 1.2% or 11.1% year-on-year. The gain was higher than expected and the largest gain since 2006.
- Tuesday: CB Consumer Confidence for March was 109.7, much higher than expected and up from February's 90.4.
- Wednesday: ADP Non-Farm Employment for March was 517,000.
- Wednesday: Chicago PMI for March came in at 66.3, higher than expected and up from February's 59.5.
- Wednesday: Pending Home Sales for February fell 10.6%, far greater than expected.
- Thursday: Manufacturing PMI for March was 59.1.
- Thursday: ISM Manufacturing PMI for March was 64.7.
- Thursday: Initial Jobless Claims were 719,000, higher than expected and up from the prior 658,000. Continuing Claims were 3,794,000.
- Friday: Non-Farm Payrolls for March were 916,000 far higher than expected.

### Economic events for the week ending April 9, 2021

(all times listed are Eastern)

- Monday: Markit Composite PMI for March at 9.45am.
- Monday: Services PMI for March at 9.45am.
- Monday: Factory Orders for February at 10.00am.
- Monday: ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI for March at 10.00am.
- Tuesday: JOLTs Job Openings for February at 10.00am.
- Thursday: Initial Jobless Claims at 8.30am.
- Friday: PPI for March at 8.30am.

### Bond market returns

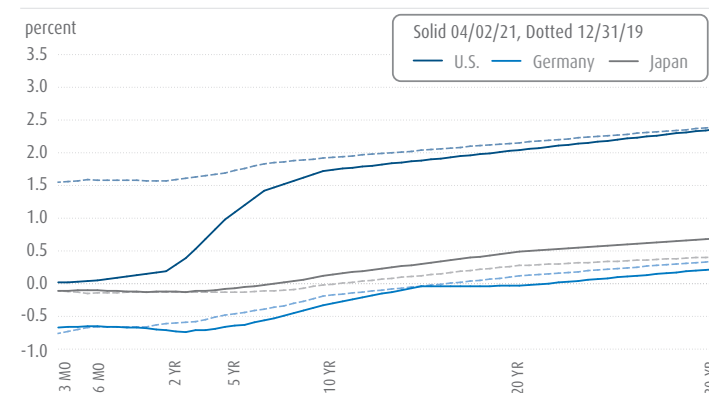
	U.S. Aggregate	Intermediate Gov't/Credit	U.S. Treasury	Inv. Grade Corporates	MBS	1-10-Yr Municipals	High Yield	EM Corporates
1-Week Total Return	0.00%	-0.22%	-0.25%	0.52%	-0.12%	0.04%	0.45%	0.04%
MTD Total Return	0.10%	-0.07%	0.06%	0.35%	-0.07%	0.04%	0.18%	0.14%
3-Month Total Return	-3.28%	-1.93%	-4.20%	-4.32%	-1.17%	-0.22%	1.03%	-1.17%
YTD Total Return	-3.28%	-1.93%	-4.20%	-4.32%	-1.17%	-0.22%	1.03%	-1.17%
12-Month Total Return	0.64%	1.93%	-4.83%	9.38%	-0.30%	6.07%	25.73%	17.32%
Effective Duration (years)	6.50	4.20	6.88	8.55	4.25	3.81	3.86	4.89
Effective Maturity (years)	8.51	4.50	8.12	12.11	5.76	5.91	6.51	6.90
Yield to Worst	1.63%	1.03%	1.03%	2.27%	1.85%	0.70%	4.15%	3.91%
OAS (basis points)	32	24	NA	89	14	NA	302	299
Average OAS (from January 1997)	63	55	NA	153	55	NA	550	491

### Key rates

	This week	Prior week	Most recent quarter-end	2020 year-end
2-Year Treasury	0.19	0.14	0.16	0.12
5-Year Treasury	0.98	0.87	0.94	0.36
10-Year Treasury	1.72	1.68	1.74	0.92
2-Year AAA Muni	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.13
5-Year AAA Muni	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.21
10-Year AAA Muni	1.07	1.07	1.07	0.68
2-Year A Corporate	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.32
5-Year A Corporate	1.36	1.30	1.33	0.77
10-Year A Corporate	2.45	2.45	2.47	1.62

### Fixed income markets

Developed markets | Government Bond yield curves





<sup>1</sup> Global returns shown on page one represent the following indices: FTSE 100 Index (UK), Deutsche Borse AG German Stock Index (Germany), CAC 40 Index (France), Swiss Market Index (Switzerland), Nikkei-225 Stock Average (Japan), S&P/ASX 200 (Australia), MSCI BRIC Index, Ibovespa Brasil Sao Paulo Stock Exchange Index (Brazil), Russian Trading System Cash Index (Russia), S&P BSE Sensex Index (India), Korea Stock Exchange KOSPI Index (South Korea), The Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index (China).

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**NASDAQ Composite Index** is a market-cap weighted index of the more than 3,000 common equities listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

**VIX Index**—The Chicago Board Options Exchange Market Volatility Index is a measure of implied volatility of S&P 500 index options, often referred to as the “fear” index.

**MSCI BRIC Index** (NDUEBRIC) is a free float weighted equity index designed to measure performance of the following four emerging market country indices: Brazil, Russia, India and China.

**NIKKEI 225 Index** is a price-weighted average of 225 top-rated Japanese companies listed in the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

**KOSPI Index** is a capitalization-weighted index of all common shares on the Korean Stock Exchanges.

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**CAC 40 Index** is a modified cap-weighted index of 40 companies on the Paris Bourse.

**Swiss Market Index** is an index of the largest and most liquid stocks traded on the Geneva, Zurich, and Basle Stock Exchanges.

**S&P/ASX 200** measures the performance of the 200 largest index-eligible stocks listed on the ASX by float-adjusted market capitalization. Representative liquid and tradable, it is widely considered Australia’s preeminent benchmark index. The index is float-adjusted.

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### Other Definitions

**Duration:** incorporates a bond's yield, coupon, final maturity and call features into one number, expressed in years, that indicates how price-sensitive a bond or portfolio is to changes in interest rates. Effective duration can also be defined as the approximate percentage change in a security's price that will result from a 1% (100-basis-point) change in its yield.

**Yield to Worst:** lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. This yield measure takes in to account any bond calls or sinking funds.

**OAS:** acronym for "option adjusted spread" which is the spread that has to be added to the Treasury yield curve in a pricing model (including embedded options) to discount a security to match its market price.

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