

Market related news for the week ending March 16, 2018

- Monday President Trump blocked a proposed merger between Broadcom and Qualcomm citing national security concerns.
- Tuesday GE fell 4.5% after JP Morgan reiterated its underperform rating and cut the company's price target to 11 from 14.
- Wednesday President Trump named Larry Kudlow as National Economic Council director, replacing Gary Cohn.
- Wednesday Sears Holdings shares rose 7.4% in after-hours trading after the company reported fiscal fourth quarter net income of \$182 million, or \$1.69 a share, compared with losses of \$607 million, or 5.67 a share in the same period a year ago.
- Thursday Adobe Systems reported after hours, beating estimates on revenue and earnings. Guidance also exceeded estimates. The stock traded at an all-time high Friday.
- Thursday marked the 10-year anniversary of Bear Stearns' demise when they were bought by JP Morgan for pennies on the dollar.
- Thursday Dollar General's quarterly comparable store sales beat Wall St estimates. The discount retailer also said it expects a higher full-year profit forecast than analysts' expectations. The stock rose \$4.24 to \$93.44.
- Toys R Us moved to liquidate its U.S. operations, after filing for bankruptcy last September.
- Investors poured a record \$43.3 billion into equity funds last week according to Bank of America. This was the highest amount since they started reporting these flows in 2002.

Market levels

	3/16/18	12/31/17	Market Low
Dow	24,947	24,719	6,547 (3/09)
S&P 500®	2,752	2,674	677 (3/09)
NASDAQ	7,482	6,903	1,268 (3/09)
VIX	15.80	11.04	56.7 (1/09)

Market total returns

	1 Week	QTD	YTD	2017
Dow	-1.51%	1.47%	1.47%	28.11%
S&P 500®	-1.20%	3.37%	3.37%	21.82%
NASDAQ	-1.02%	8.64%	8.64%	29.73%
Russell Midcap®	-0.63%	2.52%	2.52%	18.50%
Russell 2000®	-0.65%	3.54%	3.54%	14.63%
MSCI EAFE (Net)	0.20%	0.05%	0.05%	25.03%
MSCI EM (Net)	0.52%	4.97%	4.97%	37.28%
REITS	1.34%	-6.21%	-6.21%	8.67%

Global returns¹

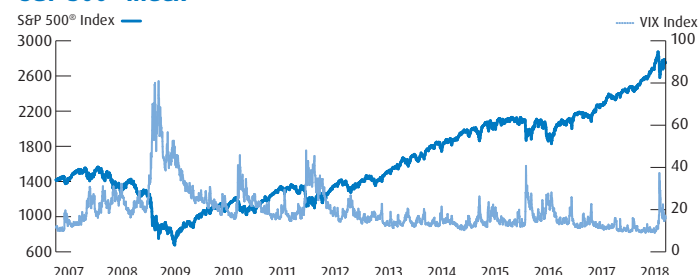
EAFE countries	1 Week	YTD	Emerging countries	1 Week	YTD
UK	-0.81%	-5.92%	MSCI BRIC	0.78%	7.13%
Germany	0.35%	-4.09%	Brazil	-1.72%	11.10%
France	0.16%	-0.52%	Russia	-2.43%	8.71%
Switzerland	0.08%	-4.11%	India	-0.31%	-2.42%
Japan	0.97%	-4.72%	China	-1.13%	-1.11%
Australia	-0.17%	-0.32%	S. Korea	1.40%	1.07%

¹ See page 3 for global returns country-specific indices.

Real assets

	3/16/18	12/31/17	YTD
Gold	\$1,314.35	\$1,303.05	0.87%
Oil	\$62.34	\$60.40	3.21%
Natural Gas	\$2.69	\$2.75	-2.22%
DJUBS	\$87.36	\$88.17	-0.91%
USD Index	\$90.23	\$92.12	-2.05%
USD/EUR	\$1.23	\$1.20	2.37%

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



Style returns

One week

	Large	Mid	Small
V	-1.23%	-0.59%	-0.38%
G	-1.04%	-0.68%	-0.89%

Year-to-date

	Large	Mid	Small
V	0.24%	-0.11%	0.62%
G	6.42%	5.90%	6.26%

Russell Value and Growth Indices

Index characteristics

	Trlg P/E	Fwd P/E	Div Yield	Earn Yield
S&P 500®	21.97	15.95	1.94	4.55
MSCI EAFE	15.48	13.49	3.33	6.46
MSCI EM	15.52	11.63	2.65	6.44
Russell 1000®	22.06	16.15	1.88	4.53
Russell 2000®	21.74	20.77	1.14	4.60

S&P sector performance

	Weight	1 Week	QTD	YTD
Information technology	25.2%	-1.0%	10.5%	10.5%
Financials	14.8%	-2.4%	3.9%	3.9%
Health care	13.8%	-0.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Consumer discretionary	12.5%	-0.7%	7.1%	7.1%
Industrials	10.1%	-2.0%	1.5%	1.5%
Consumer staples	7.4%	-2.0%	-6.0%	-6.0%
Energy	5.5%	-0.8%	-6.0%	-6.0%
Materials	2.8%	-3.2%	-1.8%	-1.8%
Utilities	2.7%	2.6%	-3.7%	-3.7%
REITS	2.6%	1.6%	-4.8%	-4.8%
Telecommunications	1.9%	-0.7%	-4.9%	-4.9%

Economic news for the week ending March 16, 2018

- Tuesday: The Consumer Price Index for February came in as expected at 0.2% for a year-on-year reading of 2.2%.
- Wednesday: PPI-FD for February came in at 0.2%, down from January's 0.4%. Year-on-year producer prices rose 0.1% to 2.8%.
- Wednesday: Retail Sales for February missed expectations by a wide margin, falling 0.1%. The year-on-year rate was up 0.1% to 4.0%.
- Thursday: The Empire State Manufacturing Survey for March registered 22.5 versus a consensus of 15.0. New orders and backlogs were unusually strong.
- Thursday: The Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Survey for March came in at 22.3. The new orders component recorded an 11.2 point gain to hit 35.7. Unfilled orders were 20.1 with a 5.6 monthly gain.
- Friday: Housing Starts for February fell 7.0% to a lower-than-expected 1.236 million. Permits fell 5.7% to 1.298 million.
- Friday: Industrial Production for February rose 1.1%, higher-than-expected.
- Friday: Consumer Sentiment for March (p) rose to 102.0, a 14 year high.

Economic events for the week ending March 23, 2018 (all times listed are Eastern)

- Tuesday: FOMC meeting begins
- Wednesday: Existing Home Sales for February at 10.00am
- Wednesday: FOMC Meeting Announcement at 2.00pm
- Thursday: PMI Composite Flash for March at 9.45am
- Friday: Durable Goods Orders for February at 8.30am
- Friday: New Home Sales for February at 10.00am

Bond market returns

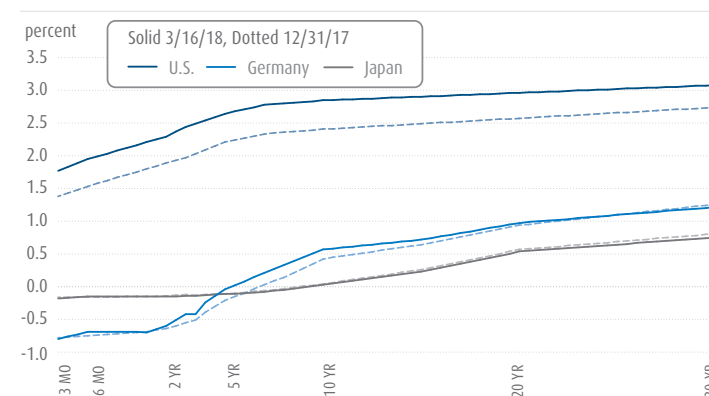
	U.S. Aggregate	Intermediate Gov't/Credit	U.S. Treasury	Inv. Grade Corporates	MBS	1-10-Yr Municipals	High Yield	EM Corporates
1-Week Total Return	0.22%	0.05%	0.32%	0.17%	0.18%	0.01%	-0.19%	-0.05%
MTD Total Return	0.09%	0.02%	0.27%	-0.25%	0.15%	0.04%	-0.34%	-0.17%
3-Month Total Return	-2.10%	-1.37%	-2.03%	-2.85%	-1.67%	-0.82%	-0.38%	-0.95%
YTD Total Return	-2.00%	-1.32%	-1.83%	-2.80%	-1.67%	-0.75%	-0.59%	-1.07%
12-Month Total Return	1.43%	0.54%	0.53%	3.12%	1.00%	1.83%	4.77%	4.50%
Effective Duration (years)	6.12	4.01	6.14	7.47	5.20	4.10	4.07	4.63
Effective Maturity (years)	8.47	4.39	7.68	11.02	7.60	5.88	6.22	6.44
Yield to Worst	3.18%	2.87%	2.61%	3.79%	3.36%	2.23%	6.19%	4.97%
OAS (basis points)	39	31	NA	104	27	NA	339	236
Average OAS (from January 1997)	63	55	NA	153	55	NA	550	491

Key rates

	This week	Prior week	Most recent quarter-end	2016 year-end
2-Year Treasury	2.29	2.26	1.89	1.19
5-Year Treasury	2.64	2.65	2.21	1.93
10-Year Treasury	2.85	2.90	2.41	2.45
2-Year AAA Muni	1.58	1.56	1.55	1.23
5-Year AAA Muni	2.01	1.99	1.69	1.80
10-Year AAA Muni	2.50	2.50	2.01	2.35
2-Year A Corporate	2.81	2.75	2.25	1.80
5-Year A Corporate	3.25	3.23	2.68	2.61
10-Year A Corporate	3.75	3.76	3.23	3.37

Fixed income markets

Developed markets | Government Bond yield curves





¹ 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).

Equity indices

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Russell Midcap[®] Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

Russell Midcap[®] Value Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

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Russell 2000[®] Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 Companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

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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.

FTSE NAREIT All Eq REITs Index contains all tax-qualified REITs with more than 50 percent of total assets in qualifying real estate assets other than mortgages secured by real property that also meet minimum size and liquidity criteria.

FTSE 100 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of the 100 most highly capitalized companies traded on the London Stock Exchange. The equities use an investibility weighting in the index calculation.

Deutsche Borse AG German Stock Index (DAX) is a total return index of 30 selected German blue chip stocks traded on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The equities use free float shares in the index calculation.

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.

Ibovespa Brasil Sao Paulo Stock Exchange Index is a gross total return index weighted by market value to the free float & is comprised of the most liquid stocks traded on the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange.

Russian Trading System Cash (RTS) Index is cap-weighted composite index calculated based on prices of the 50 most liquid Russian stocks of the largest and dynamically developing Russian issuers presented on the Moscow Exchange.

S&P BSE Sensex Index is a cap-weighted index. The index members have been selected on the basis of liquidity, depth, and floating-stock-adjustment depth and industry representation.

Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index. The index tracks the daily price performance of all A-shares and B-shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

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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.

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