# **EVERGREEN INSIGHTS:** A WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

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## Top News Headlines

- 1) IMF Spring Meeting Ends Without a Deal for Greece
- 2) China Adds More Stimulus, Lowers Bank Reserve Ratio
- 3) Stocks Slide Following Weak Retail Sales and Rising Inflation

#### **Economic News**

- US retail sales miss expectations in March, Q1 sales declined by 5.0%

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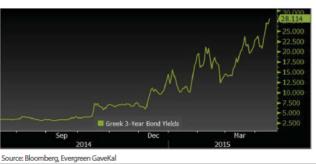
- Capacity utilization fell again in March as manufacturing sector continues to struggle
- US industrial production fell by -0.6% last month as economic momentum remains weak in 2015
- Eurozone data continues to improve as industrial production rose by 1.1% YoY in March
- Chinese GDP growth slowest since 2009, at 7.0% in Q1

### Thought of the Week

Over the weekend, the IMF's spring meeting ended without a deal for Greece, increasing the likelihood of an exit from the eurozone. In response, Greek yields went bonkers. The country's three-year bonds now yield over 28%—up from just 5% a year ago! The major roadblock to progress is that Greece's new government refuses to budge on austerity measures such as cutting wages and pensions. This point of contention is making it very difficult to make any significant progress towards other fiscal reforms. And, without these changes, the IMF refuses to agree on a new deal and more funding. If there is a silver lining, it's that the two sides agreed on extending the deadline to May 11th to reach an agreement. The Greek government has also made all of its debt payments, which is a positive sign for the country. On the negative side, Greece has to come up with 770 million euros for a loan due on May 12th, and has more large repayments over the summer. The country's ability to pay these debts relies solely on funding from the IMF, and without a deal, Greece will default. For now, it appears the two sides are far from an agreement. Clearly, how this drama unfolds over the next few weeks has major implications for the global markets.

#### Chart of the Week

Greek 3-Year Bond Yields



30P 300	2061	2102	2059	1803
Dow Jones 30	17826	18058	17823	16409
Nasdaq	4932	4996	4736	4096
Russell 2000	1252	1265	1205	1138
Market Returns	1 week	1 month	YTD	1 Year
S&P 500	-1.0%	-0.8%	1.7%	13.9%
Russell 2000	-1.0%	0.1%	4.3%	11.5%
Barclays Agg	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	5.7%
MSCI World	-0.6%	1.1%	4.2%	8.6%
MSCI Europe	-2.1%	1.7%	18.9%	25.1%
MSCI Japan	0.0%	0.9%	13.5%	38.6%
MSCI China	2.6%	20.3%	25.5%	43.2%
MSCI Brazil	0.4%	12.0%	-6.0%	-24.4%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.8%	9.2%	9.5%	6.1%
Market Valuations	P/E Trailing	P/E Forward	P/Sales	Dividend Yield
S&P 500	18.1	17.7	1.8	2.0
Russell 2000	20.9	16.8	1.2	1.4
FTSE 100 (Europe)	24.0	16.6	1.1	3.8
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	11.4	13.0	2.0	3.3
Bond Yields	Friday Close 4/17/15	Prior Week 4/10/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 4/17/14
Fed Funds Target	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2 Year Treasury	0.51	0.56	0.67	0.37
10 Year Treasury	1.87	1.95	2.17	2.69
Investment Grade	3.47	3.42	3.70	3.57
Muni Yield	2.57	2.58	2.32	2.89
High Yield	6.23	6.18	6.80	5.63
Consumer Rates				
15 Year Mortgage	2.93	2.96	3.09	3.36
30 Year Mortgage	3.79	3.76	3.99	4.32
Consumer Confidence	101.30	101.30	93.10	83.86
Commodities				
Gold	1203.1	1204.5	1188.0	1295.7
Silver	16.3	16.4	15.7	19.6
WTI Crude Oil	55.7	51.6	53.3	104.3
Natural Gas	2.6	2.5	2.9	4.7
Currency				
Dollar Index	97.52	99.34	90.27	79.83
\$ per Euro	1.078	1.059	1.210	1.382

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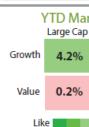
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#### Market question of the week:

What percentage of US homeow have negative equity on their ho a) 7% b) 17% c) 27%

## Trivia question of the week:

The NBA playoffs began over the games, how many away teams ca) 0 b) 1 c) 3

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