

EVERGREEN INSIGHTS: A WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

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Top News Headlines

- 1) Stocks Finish Week Higher as Dollar Decline Could Boost Profits
- 2) Greece Low on Cash as Bank Withdrawals Accelerate
- 3) Amtrak Train Crashes in Philadelphia, Eight Dead

Economic News

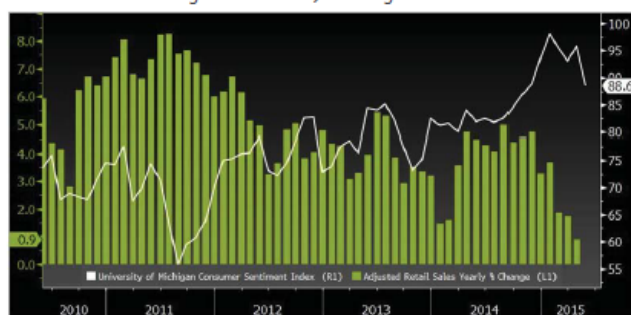
- University of Michigan consumer sentiment index plunges the most since 2012
- US industrial production fell by -0.3% in April as Q2 data yet to show meaningful uptick
- US retail sales show no growth in April, the weakest start to the year since '09
- Eurozone GDP rose 1.0% in Q1, still sluggish, but the largest growth rate in a year
- Chinese loan growth slows for the third straight month, prompts further easing from PBOC

Thought of the Week

Following the abysmal Q1 growth rate of 0.2%, economists continually blamed depressed economic activity on frigid weather and a high number of port strikes. These same experts also vowed that a sharp rebound would occur during Q2. So far, though, that call has been a clear whiff. In Q2, instead of a precipitous jump, we've actually seen more weak data. Last week, reports for April showed that industrial production fell by -0.3%, retail sales slowed to their slowest clip since 2009, and consumer confidence had its biggest drop since December of 2012. And, all this sluggishness occurred amid a temperate April when most West Coast ports came back on line. But it's worth noting that the main culprit for the drop in consumer confidence — and spending — was likely the \$44 billion YoY increase in federal income taxes collected over the last month. Also, healthcare spending has surged over the last year, which is generally paid out in the first quarter of the year. We believe a stronger USD and lower oil prices will continue to drag on economic growth until these two data points reverse course. In fact, we're even starting to see the word "recession" pop up in some circles. While we're not 100% convinced the US economy will enter a recession in the next 12 months, we do think growth could continue to disappoint. Such a fall could mean finishing with the lowest growth this cycle (under 1.6%).

Chart of the Week

Retail Sales YoY Changes and University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index



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Index Levels	Friday Close 5/15/15	Prior Week 5/8/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 5/15/14
S&P 500	2123	2116	2059	1871
Dow Jones 30	18273	18191	17823	16447
Nasdaq	5048	5004	4736	4069
Russell 2000	1244	1235	1205	1096

Market Returns	1 week	1 month	YTD	1 Year
S&P 500	0.4%	1.0%	3.9%	15.8%
Russell 2000	0.8%	-2.4%	3.7%	15.0%
Barclays Agg	-0.1%	-1.1%	0.8%	3.2%
MSCI World	0.8%	1.7%	6.9%	10.1%
MSCI Europe	-0.8%	-3.7%	17.4%	20.0%
MSCI Japan	1.1%	1.2%	15.0%	38.8%
MSCI China	0.6%	-0.9%	23.3%	41.4%
MSCI Brazil	0.6%	7.5%	2.5%	-20.8%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.8%	0.8%	9.7%	4.1%

Market Valuations	P/E Trailing	P/E Forward	P/Sales	Dividend Yield
S&P 500	18.7	18.0	1.9	2.0
Russell 2000	20.5	16.8	0.0	1.4
FTSE 100 (Europe)	23.7	16.8	1.1	3.8
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	11.7	13.3	2.0	3.0

Bond Yields	Friday Close 5/15/15	Prior Week 5/8/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 5/15/14
Fed Funds Target	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2 Year Treasury	0.57	0.60	0.67	0.39
10 Year Treasury	2.15	2.11	2.17	2.62
Investment Grade	3.55	3.52	3.70	3.49
Muni Yield	2.59	2.58	2.32	2.88
High Yield	5.99	5.97	6.80	5.56

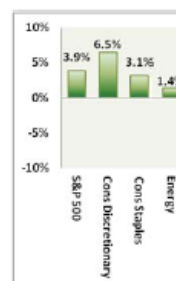
Consumer Rates	Friday Close 5/15/15	Prior Week 5/8/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 5/15/14
15 Year Mortgage	3.00	3.00	3.09	3.22
30 Year Mortgage	3.85	3.83	3.99	4.16
Consumer Confidence	95.20	95.20	93.10	81.71

Commodities	Friday Close 5/15/15	Prior Week 5/8/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 5/15/14
Gold	1224.1	1188.4	1184.9	1296.2
Silver	17.5	16.5	15.7	19.5
WTI Crude Oil	59.7	59.4	53.3	101.5
Natural Gas	3.0	2.9	2.9	4.5

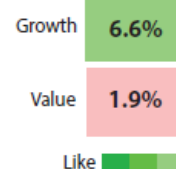
Currency	Friday Close 5/15/15	Prior Week 5/8/15	Year End 12/31/14	Year Ago 5/15/14
Dollar Index	93.14	94.79	90.27	80.00
\$ per Euro	1.145	1.120	1.210	1.371
Yen per \$	119.23	119.74	119.68	101.58
CAD per \$	1.201	1.207	1.162	1.089

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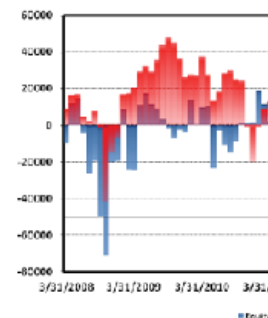
S&P 500 YTD



YTD Market Style Returns



(\$ millions) Monthly



Market question of the week:
Student loan debt, according to the Fed, has increased since 2008. How much has this increased since 2008?
a) \$220 billion b) \$550 billion

Trivia question of the week:
American Pharoah will race for the Kentucky Derby. How many horses have claimed this prestigious title?
a) 7 b) 11 c) 15

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