



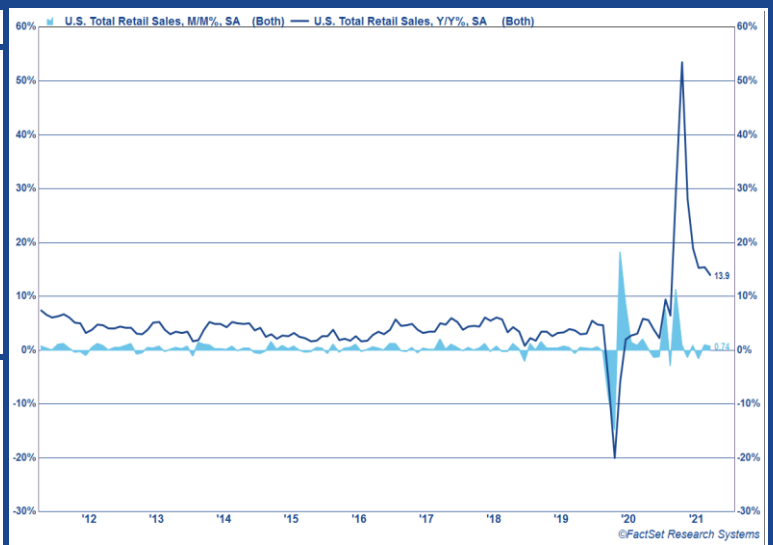
Economic & Market Commentary

There was plenty of economic data to decipher last week and most of it was good, which drove stock markets sharply higher. First, third-quarter earnings season got underway on a very positive note as diversified banks crushed consensus estimates perhaps setting the stage for another quarter of better-than-expected earnings. Third-quarter earnings are forecasted to rise +29.2% from year-ago period. Second, initial jobless claims fell below the 300,000 mark for the first time since March 2020 coming in at 293,000. Historically, this bodes well for monthly job gains but in the crazy COVID era, who knows. Speaking of the COVID era, people have been quitting their jobs in droves lately and in August a record 4.3 million quit their job according to the U.S. Dept. of Labor JOLT report. This is the largest quit level since the agency started tracking such data in 2000. As you know, the labor market is very tight and workers are capitalizing on this. It's a workers' market and there is no doubt COVID has ushered in a labor market reset. Third, consumer demand remains strong as September retail sales came in higher than expected, rising +0.7% for the month and +13.9% compared to September 2020. Leading the monthly gain was recreational spending +3.7%, general merchandise +2.0%, clothing +1.1%, food & beverage +0.7%, and autos +0.5%. The retail sales monthly gain also partly reflects higher consumer prices, which leads us into the final topic, inflation. The U.S. Dept. of Labor September Consumer Price Index showed inflation rose 0.4% last month and +5.4% over the past year. Core inflation rates, which exclude food and energy, rose +0.2% for the month and 4.0% over the last year. Notably monthly increases include meats +2.2%, fuel oil +3.9%, natural gas +2.7%, car insurance +2.1% and rent +0.4%. Notably monthly decreases include air fare -6.4%, public transportation -5.0%, men's apparel -1.1%, women's apparel -2.6% and tea -1.2%.

Index Total Returns - October 15, 2021

	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr
S&P 500	1.84	20.40	30.27
S&P 400	2.18	20.28	38.97
Dow Jones	1.58	16.98	26.23
NASDAQ	2.18	16.18	28.03
Russell 2000	1.47	15.57	39.62
MSCI-Developed	2.42	10.44	27.08
MSCI-Emerging	2.13	1.19	16.90
Barclay's U.S. Bond Index			
High Yield	0.15	4.35	9.66
Municipal	0.06	0.69	2.86
5-year Muni	0.02	0.29	1.20
Int. Gov. Credit	-0.10	-1.26	-0.81
Aggregate	0.33	-1.72	-1.09

Retail Sales



U.S. Treasury Yields

Treasury Yields	Latest Close	Week Ago	1-Year Ago
U.S. 1-Yr	0.10	0.09	0.13
U.S. 2-Yr	0.40	0.31	0.13
U.S. 3-Yr	0.70	0.58	0.18
U.S. 5-Yr	1.12	1.05	0.31
U.S. 10-Yr	1.57	1.61	0.73
U.S. 30-Yr	2.05	2.16	1.51

S&P 500 Sector Total Returns - October 15, 2021

Sector	1-Wk	YTD	1-Yr
Energy	1.18	57.21	95.05
Financials	1.24	35.95	61.39
Real Estate	3.53	29.21	32.09
Communication Services	-0.43	23.28	36.59
Info Tech	2.61	20.34	29.34
Materials	3.65	17.51	30.03
Industrials	1.94	17.31	28.93
Consumer Discretionary	3.55	15.93	19.07
Health Care	0.84	14.11	21.78
Consumer Staples	1.17	7.70	10.90
Utilities	1.42	7.16	7.10

Municipal Yields - Bloomberg/Barclays Index

Issue Type	Latest Close	Week Ago	1-Year Ago
U.S. AAA	1.00	1.01	0.96
U.S. AA	1.05	1.06	1.16
U.S. A	1.29	1.30	1.75
U.S. Baa	1.58	1.58	2.66
U.S. Municipal	1.15	1.16	1.40
Michigan	1.24	1.26	1.39

Index Characteristics	P/E NTM	P/E NTM 10yr-Avg.	Dividend Yield
S&P 500 - Large Cap	20.88	16.64	1.28
S&P 400 - Mid Cap	16.46	15.94	1.11
S&P 600 - Small Cap	15.21	15.73	1.09