

MONTHLY ECONOMIC UPDATE

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May Summary

International equities dominated investment results in May. Improving economies, stronger currencies and asset flows into global equity funds propelled prices upward. While most U.S. stocks gained ground, a small group of large growth companies, many in the technology sector, has been surging. Small cap stocks were laggards, one of the few investment sectors to decline for the month. Supply concerns and large inventories continued to weigh on energy prices and energy stocks also fell despite a robust earnings season. Bond investors seemed sanguine and most major bond sectors were positive for the month. Interest rates and inflation expectations fell, favoring long-term bonds. Municipal bonds did well after a rebound in investor demand and a slowdown in new issuance. Investment grade bonds outperformed high yield.

Although market volatility is historically low, political drama and mixed economic reports did at times fuel risk-averse behavior. Manufacturing and services are in growth mode globally. First quarter U.S. GDP growth was revised higher on better

than expected consumer spending. Wages are rising and job openings are at an all-time high. However, payroll growth has slowed and the total labor force has stagnated. Home sales experienced an unexpected

slump, although price gains continued unabated. Consumer and business confidence has declined and lending standards are tighter suggesting that economic sentiment is moderating.

Economic Data

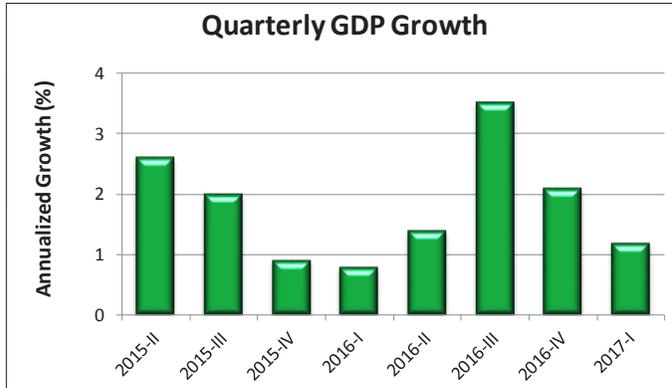
General	Prior	Current
GDP growth	2.1% (Q4)	1.2% (Q1)
Trade balance	-\$43.8B (Feb)	-\$43.7B (Mar)
Employment	Prior	Current
Initial jobless claims	233,000 (5/13)	234,000 (5/20)
Continuing claims	1.9MM (5/06)	1.9MM (5/13)
Change in nonfarm payrolls	50,000 (Mar)	174,000 (Apr)
Unemployment rate	4.5% (Mar)	4.4% (Apr)
Average weekly hours	34.3 (Mar)	34.4 (Apr)
Consumer	Prior	Current
Consumer confidence index (Conf. Board)	119.4 (Apr)	117.9 (May)
Retail sales growth	0.1% (Mar)	0.4% (Apr)
Change in consumer credit	\$13.7B (Feb)	\$16.4B (Mar)
Manufacturing & Service	Prior	Current
ISM manufacturing index	57.2 (Mar)	54.8 (Apr)
ISM non-manufacturing index	55.2 (Mar)	57.5 (Apr)
Durable goods orders growth	2.3% (Mar)	-0.7% (Apr)
Industrial production growth	0.4% (Mar)	1.0% (Apr)
Capacity utilization	76.1% (Mar)	76.7% (Apr)
Real Estate	Prior	Current
New home sales	642,000 (Mar)	569,000 (Apr)
Existing home sales	5.7MM (Mar)	5.6MM (Apr)
S&P CoreLogic CS home price index (YoY)	5.7% (Feb)	5.8% (Mar)
Inflation	Prior	Current
Consumer price index/Core (YoY growth)	2.4%/2.0% (Mar)	2.2%/1.9% (Apr)
Producer price index/Core (YoY growth)	2.3%/1.7% (Mar)	2.5%/2.1% (Apr)



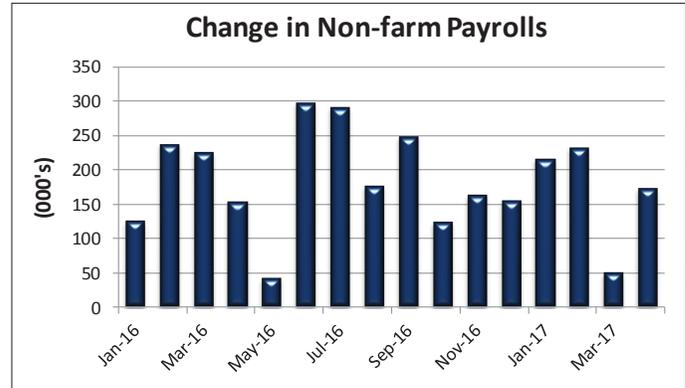
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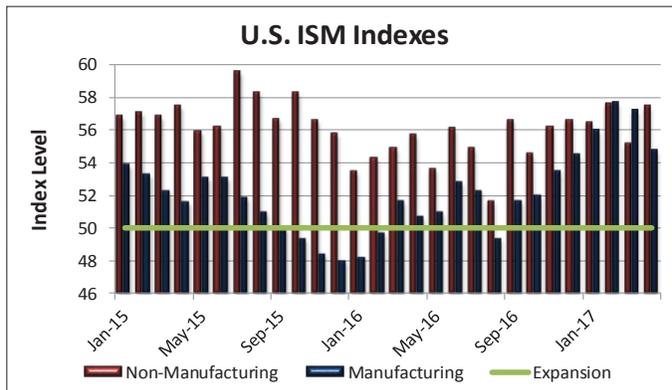
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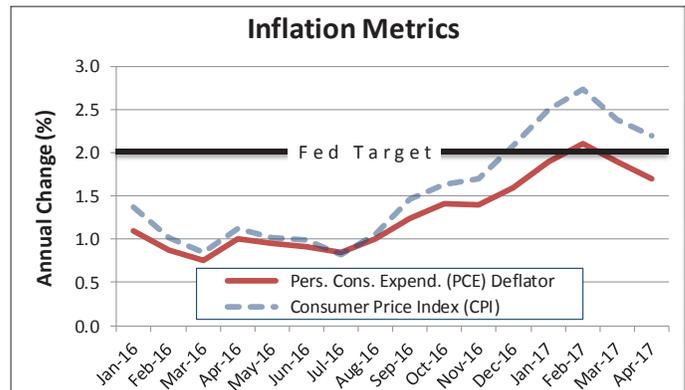
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Market Returns

	May 2017	YTD 2017
Cash and Fixed Income		
Barclays Aggregate Bond	0.8	2.4
Barclays Municipal Bond	1.6	3.9
Barclays Gbl Agg. ex. U.S.	2.2	6.2
Alternatives		
Bloomberg Commodity	-1.3	-5.1
DJ US Real Estate	0.0	3.8

Morningstar

	May 2017	YTD 2017
Domestic Equities		
Wilshire 5000	1.0	7.8
S & P 500	1.4	8.7
Russell 2000	-2.0	1.5
International Equities		
MSCI EAFE (Developed)	3.7	14.0
MSCI EM (Emerging)	3.0	17.3

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