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323 WEEKLY UPDATE

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ECONOMIC SUMMARY

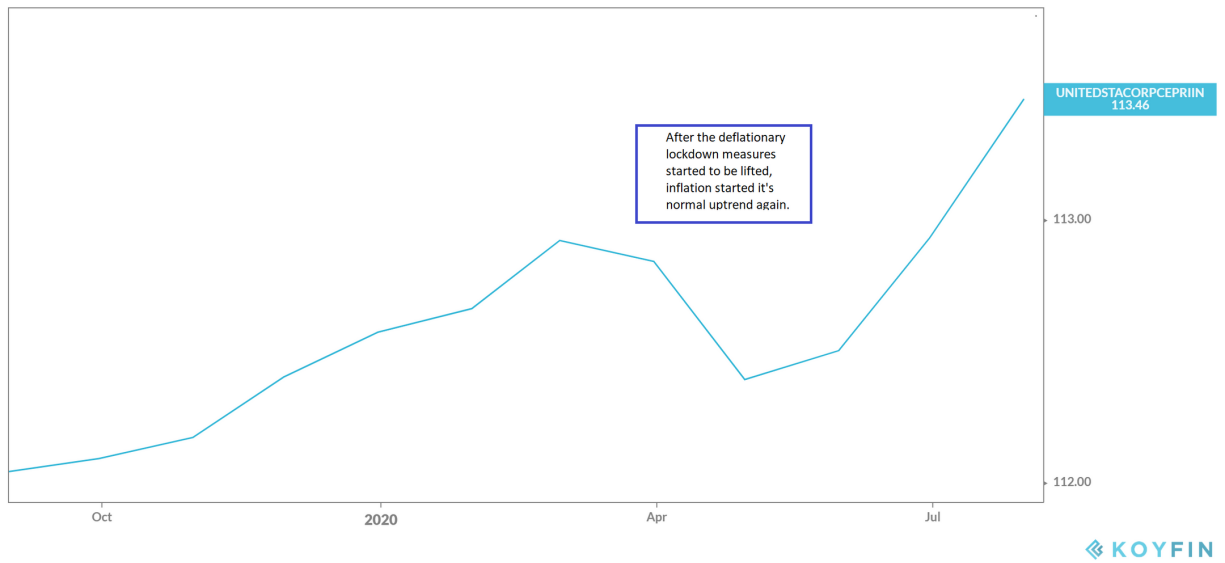
Story by Greg Wilson, CFA, CFP, MBA

With a short holiday week, there was not much economic data released. Most of it was focused on inflation which surprised to the upside. We monitor inflation because it is the first hurdle in terms of investment growth. By overcoming inflation, we look to maintain or, hopefully, improve our financial futures. It is worth noting that inflation has been below the Federal Reserve's 2% target since April of this year. Thus, a small inflation surprise should be viewed as a good sign versus a concern.

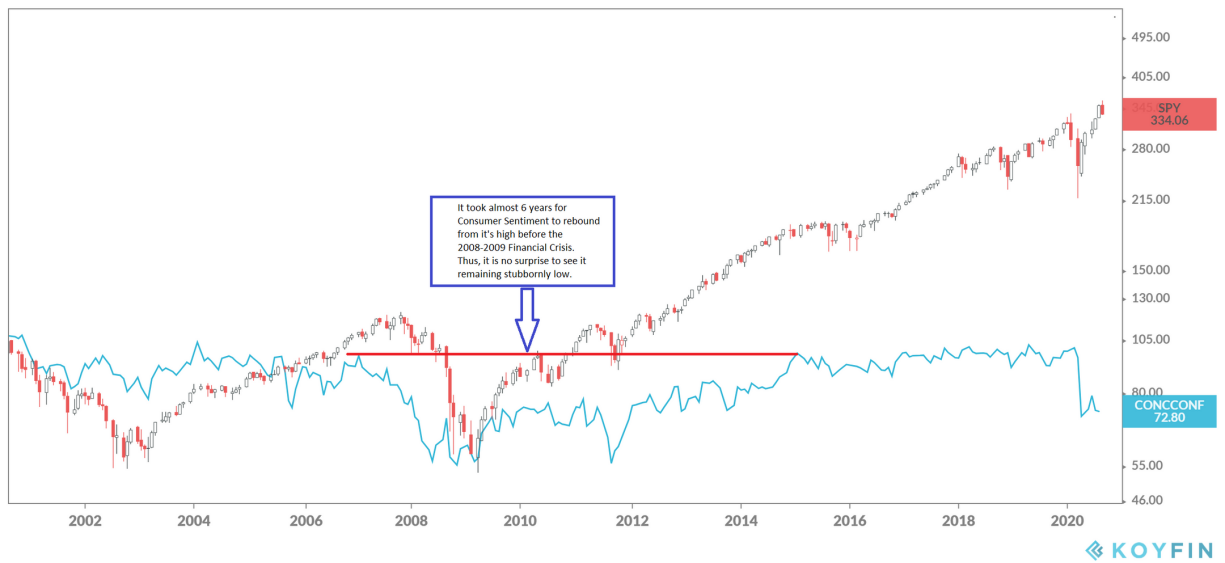
Consumer sentiment has remained stubbornly low, but that is not unusual as shown in the chart going back through the Financial Crisis of 2008-2009. Commercial real estate demand has fallen dramatically with the rise of a remote workforce. It is clear that the Federal Reserve's Weekly Economic Index bottomed in May of this year.

The charts on the next pages will help illustrate the aforementioned economic indicators.

Core PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index)



Consumer Sentiment Versus SP 500 Index



Commercial RE Demand Collapses

% of respondents to business survey that say they are

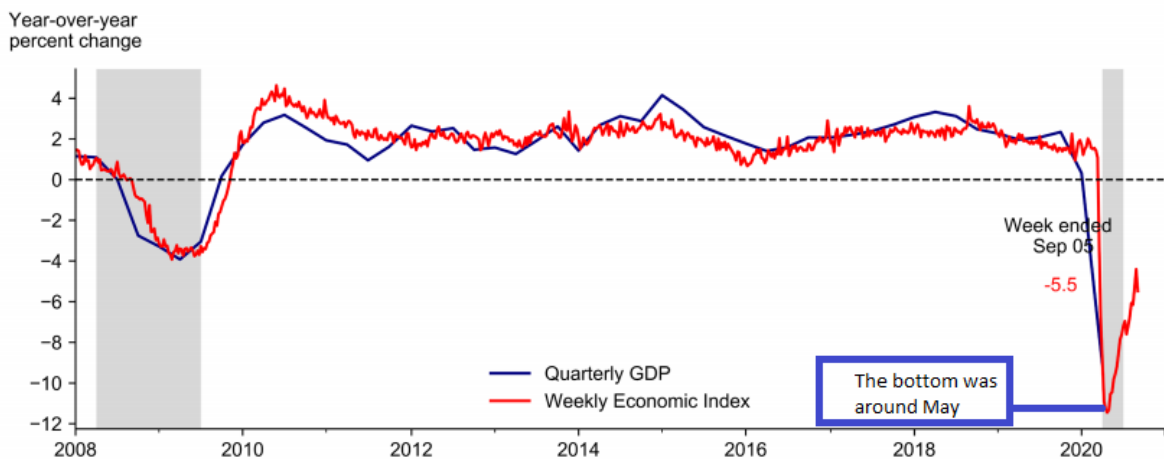
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Source: Moody's Analytics

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Weekly Economic Index



SOURCES: Lewis, Mervens and Stock; Bureau of Economic Analysis.

NOTE: WEI is an aggregate of 10 weekly indicators relevant to the current level of economic activity. It is scaled to match the 4-quarter change in real GDP growth.



MARKET SUMMARY

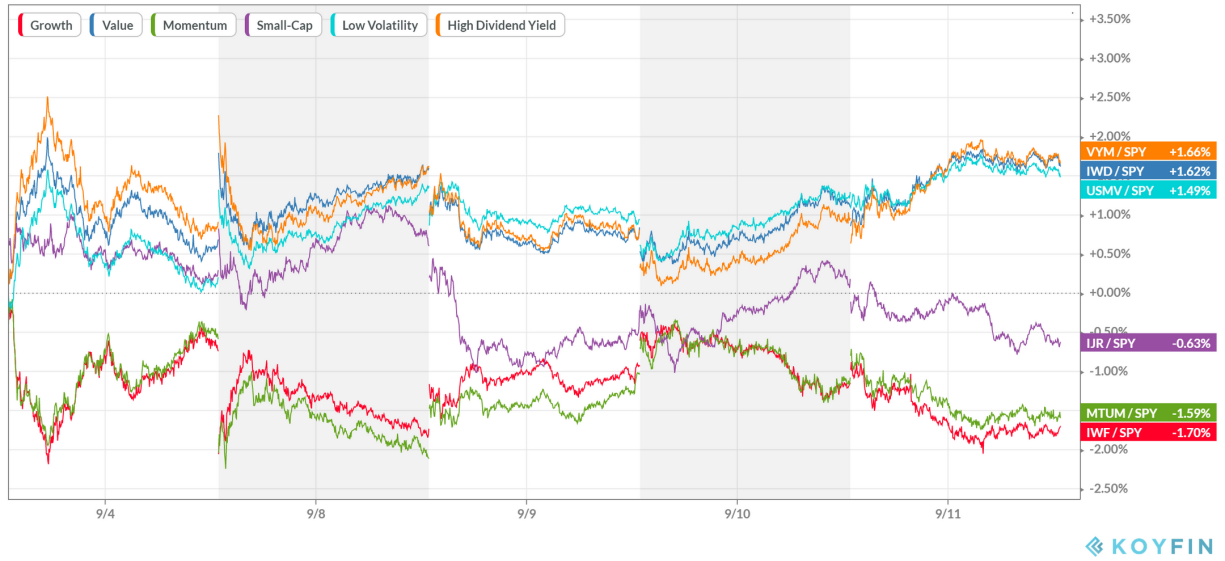
Deja Vu?

All of the major U.S. stock indices were negative again this week. Other than the VIX, the pattern for this week was similar to last week. Let's start with Factor Performance. Growth, Momentum, and Small Cap declined, while Value, High Dividend, and Low Volatility rose. For Sector Performance, Technology and Energy were the laggards again. Materials was the only sector that was positive for the week. Interestingly, the VIX (volatility index) was down this week while the market was down. Normally, when the stock market is down, volatility goes up. The VIX is subject to technical dislocations from time to time. It is still higher than normal conditions, but simply lower than last week.

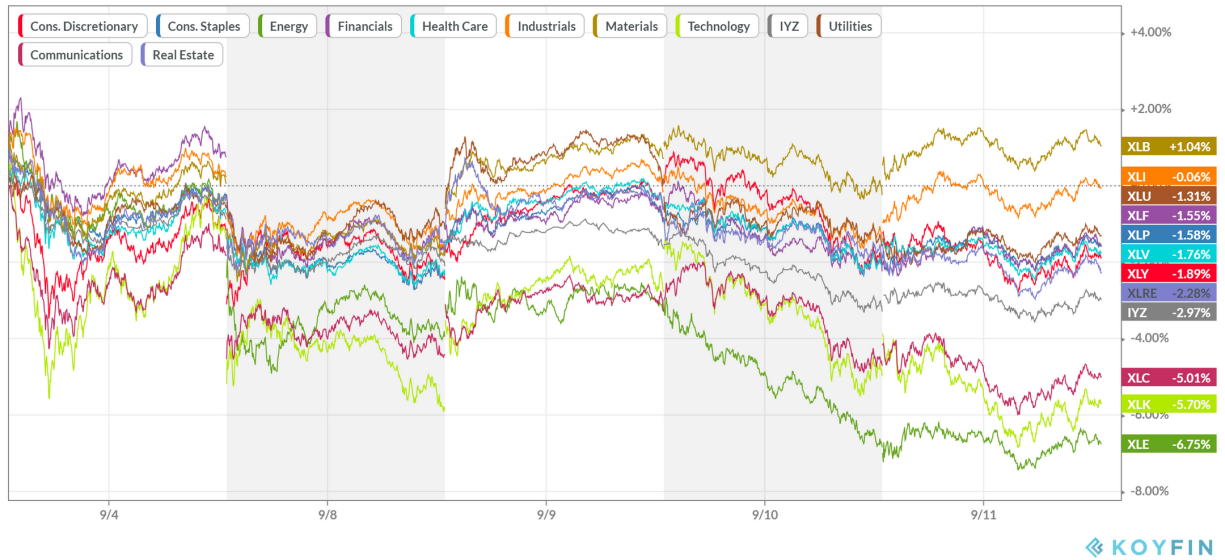
The charts on the next page highlight the weekly trends.

Understanding the markets can help us build a better plan for our financial futures AND sleep easier at night.

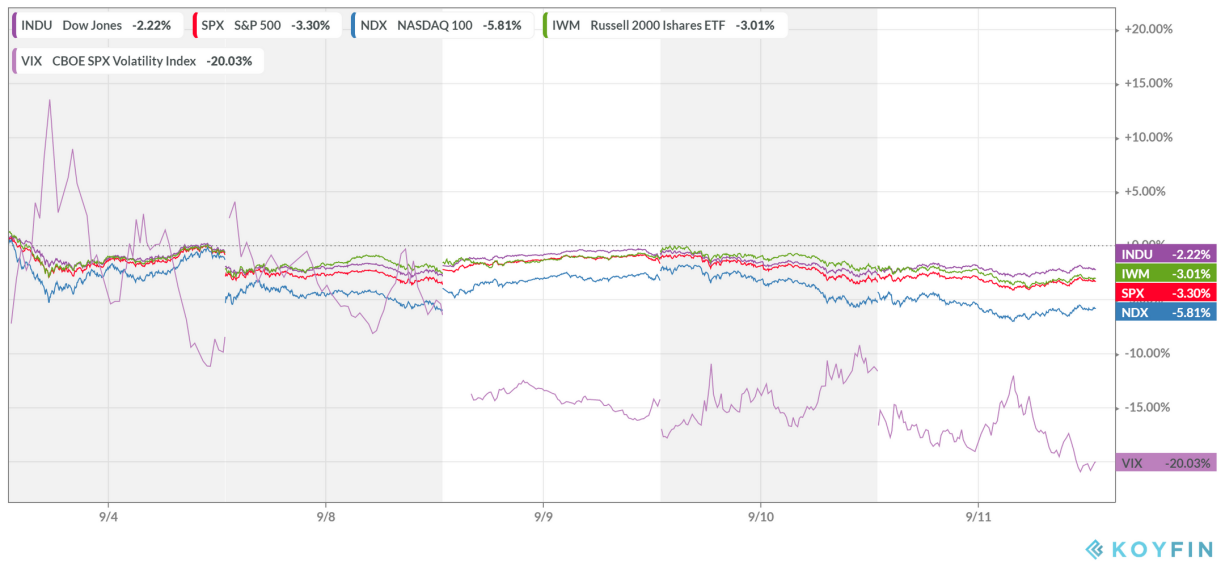
Factor Performance



Sector Performance



Major US Indices and VIX





CORONAVIRUS

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It's getting better.

In the U.S, Coronavirus cases seem to be on the decline. Deaths are declining as well. This is a welcome sign/trend. Let's hope we continue on this path and get to a vaccine. I am sure everyone would like to return to some kind of normalcy.

Please continue to stay safe and take the necessary precautions during this difficult time.

The U.S. Coronavirus dashboard is on the next page.

Keeping up to date on the pandemic will hopefully help you plan your finances as well as your life.

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Data Updated 09/05/2020 @ 10pm CDT

From [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#) and [COVID Tracking Project](#)

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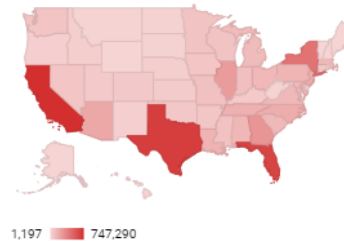
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May 14, 2020 - Sep 11, 2020

State	Tests
1. California	12,343,797
2. New York	8,976,165
3. Texas	5,372,132
4. Florida	4,831,248
5. Illinois	4,528,667
6. New Jersey	3,091,149
7. Michigan	3,003,277
8. Georgia	2,527,779
9. North Carolina	2,490,113
10. Ohio	2,470,564

State	Cases
1. California	747,290
2. Texas	677,890
3. Florida	652,259
4. New York	441,154
5. Georgia	287,300
6. Illinois	255,613
7. Arizona	206,541
8. New Jersey	194,994
9. North Carolina	179,536
10. Tennessee	166,606

Cases By State



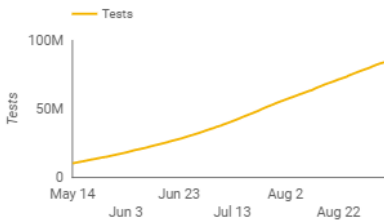
State	Deaths
1. New York	33,019
2. New Jersey	16,008
3. Texas	14,034
4. California	13,983
5. Florida	12,110
6. Massachusetts	9,146
7. Illinois	8,433
8. Pennsylvania	7,794
9. Michigan	6,886
10. Georgia	6,128

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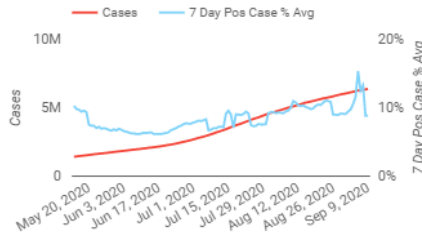
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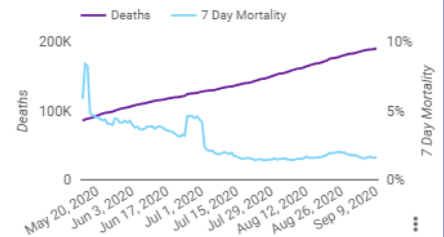
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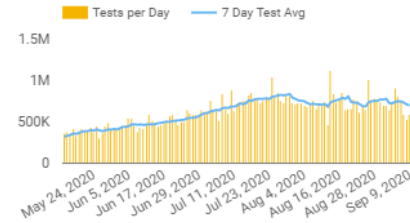
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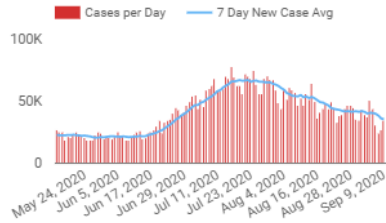
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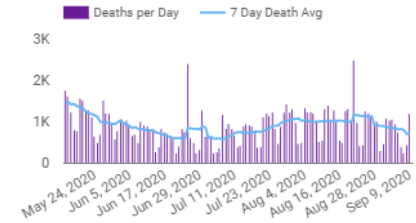
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FINANCIAL PLANNING UPDATE

Accident Proofing Your Home

Have you ever thought about how to make your home safer? These tips could come in handy.

To find out more, click on the link below for a summary of how to approach this.

<https://abm.emaplan.com/ABM/MediaServe/MediaLink?token=6858fb89544e48968a3369d8a831d166>

Financial planning is an ongoing process that evolves with your life's changing circumstances.

CONCLUSION

Down but not out.

Another down week is behind us. The good news is that high quality, diversified investment portfolios weathered the storm quite well. With a fiscal stimulus deal stalled and the U.S. Presidential Election less than 2 months away, volatility is to be expected. We will continue to look for opportunities to take advantage of market weakness.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please give us a call. We are here to help. If this update has been forwarded to you and you would like to be included on future emails, please subscribe at our website at www.323wm.com.

Thank you very much for your time.

DISCLOSURES

Note:

The graphs and charts in this email were gathered from Koyfin, The Daily Shot, FactSet, and a Covid tracker

(<https://datastudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/c8a0edc3-2d74-4d85-9b7a-5ab335eb76b6/page/1XLJB>)

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