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Figure 1.

S&P 500 STOCK PRICE INDEX (daily)

Note: Dotted lines show previous years’ closing price indexes. Source: Standard & Poor’s.

Figure 2.

S&P SECTORS PERFORMANCE: AUGUST 2021 MONTH-TO-DATE (percent change from last trading day of July)

Source: Standard & Poor’s.

August 2021
- S&P 500 Index (0.9)
- Consumer Discretionary (0.4)
- Consumer Staples (-0.5)
- Energy (0.3)
- Financials (3.6)
- Health Care (0.7)
- Industrials (0.2)
- Information Technology (0.9)
- Materials (0.2)
- Real Estate (0.7)
- Communication Services (0.7)
- Utilities (2.3)
FORWARD P/E RATIOS FOR S&P STOCK PRICE INDEXES*
(daily)

S&P Forward P/Es
- S&P 500 (20.7)
- S&P 400 (16.6)
- S&P 600 (15.6)

* Daily stock price index divided by 52-week forward consensus expected operating earnings per share.

Source: Standard & Poor’s and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.

Note: Shaded areas are recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: Chicago Board Options Exchange.
Bonds

Figure 5.

10-YEAR TREASURY vs 10-YEAR TIPS
(percent, daily)

10-Year Treasury
- Bond Yield (1.27)
- TIPS Yield (-1.05)

Source: Federal Reserve Board.

Figure 6.

WIDELY USED PROXY FOR 10-YEAR EXPECTED INFLATION RATE*
(percent, daily)

Expected Inflation Proxy (2.32)

Source: Federal Reserve Board.
Figure 7.

US TREASURY 10-YEAR & 2-YEAR YIELDS & FED FUNDS RATE
(percent, daily)

Interest Rates
- 10-Year Yield (1.27)
- 2-Year Yield (0.23)
- Fed Funds Target Rate (0.13)

Source: Federal Reserve Board.

Figure 8.

US YIELD CURVE SPREAD*
(basis points, daily)

Latest (115)

* 10-Year Treasury yield less federal funds target rate
Source: Federal Reserve Board.
Figure 9.

**2-YEAR TREASURY NOTE YIELD & FEDERAL FUNDS RATE FUTURES**

(Percent)

**Interest Rates**
- 2-Year Treasury Yield (0.23)
- Fed Funds Rate (0.13)
- 12-month Forward Futures (0.13)
- Federal Funds Target Rate (0.13)


Figure 10.

**10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS**

(Percent, daily)

**10-Year Yields**
- Germany (-0.48)
- Japan (0.01)
- US (1.27)

Source: Haver Analytics.
YIELD ON US HIGH-YIELD CORPORATE BONDS
(Percent, daily)

Latest (4.20)

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Note: Shaded areas are recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

YIELD SPREAD US HIGH-YIELD CORPORATE LESS 10-YEAR US TREASURY BOND
(Basis points, daily)

Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Federal Reserve Board.

Note: Shaded areas are recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Figure 13.

US AAA MUNICIPAL YIELD
(percent)

Source: Merrill Lynch.

Figure 14.

US AAA MUNICIPAL BOND YIELD LESS 10-YEAR TREASURY YIELD SPREAD
(basis points, daily)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: Merrill Lynch and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
Figure 15.

JP MORGAN NOMINAL BROAD EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE
(2010=100, daily)

* Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Japan, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, and United States.

Source: JP Morgan.

Figure 16.

COMMODITY PRICES

Source: Haver Analytics.
**Growth vs Value**

**Figure 17.**

**S&P 500 GROWTH & VALUE RELATIVE TO S&P 500**

Relative to S&P 500*  
Growth  
Value  

* Rising (falling) line indicates that the index is outperforming (underperforming) the S&P 500.  
Source: Standard & Poor’s and Haver Analytics.

**Figure 18.**

**S&P 500 GROWTH vs VALUE SPREAD**  
(yearly percent change spread, basis points)

S&P 500 Growth Outperforms S&P 500 Value  
S&P 500 Growth Underperforms S&P 500 Value  

Source: Standard & Poor’s and Haver Analytics.
S&P 500 Equal-Weighted vs. Cap-Weighted

Figure 19.

S&P 500 RATIO: EQUAL-WEIGHTED TO MARKET-CAP-WEIGHTED

Source: Haver Analytics and Standard & Poor’s.

Figure 20.

S&P 500 STOCK PRICE INDEXES
(ratio scale)

Equal-weighted S&P 500
Market-cap-weighted S&P 500

Source: Haver Analytics and Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 21.

ECB OFFICIAL RATE & GERMAN 10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELD
(percentage)

10-Year German Bond Yield (-0.48)
ECB Deposit Facility Rate (-0.50)

Source: European Central Bank and Haver Analytics.