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THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Following a holiday weekend that saw COVID cases rising and more statues falling, investors are, nevertheless, greeting this week with an outlook that reflects indifference to such things. Maybe it's because Kanye West announced his candidacy for the Presidency. Whatever the reason, stocks are up big while bonds are down a little. The NASDAQ has reached a new high in early trading as the Ten Year has slipped about a quarter point for a yield of around 70 basis points.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 3.25%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 increased by 4.02%. The Nasdaq Composite Index gained 4.62% for the week. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed stock markets overseas, picked up 0.22%.^{1,2,3}

Stocks Climb a Wall of Worry

Stock prices moved higher on optimism of continued central bank support and a wave of buying on the final trading days of the second-calendar quarter.

On Wednesday, investors were emboldened by news of promising results from a COVID-19 vaccine trial. Stocks continued their move to the upside on Thursday, sparked by a better-than-expected jobs report and a higher-than-expected read on manufacturing activity.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

The ultimate measure of economic recovery is jobs for Americans, and last week, Wall Street got an update from three different perspectives.

First, the ADP (Automatic Data Processing) National Employment Report, which reported private-sector employers added 2.37 million jobs in June. Next, an update on jobless claims, which showed 1.43 million claims, slightly higher than estimates. And finally, the June employment report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which showed 4.8 million jobs added, and the unemployment rate falling to 11.1%. Both numbers were better than expected.^{4,5,6}

While the employment numbers painted a mostly positive picture, it's important to remember that the June wave of rehiring was prior to the increase in COVID-19 cases, which has caused some states to revisit their re-opening plans.

Lobbies are open by appointment

WEEKLY QUOTE

"Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time."

MARION WRIGHT EDELMAN

WEEKLY TIP

Sell old stuff to fund a new experience. Sell what you don't need online and use the proceeds to partly or fully fund your new adventure.

WEEKLY RIDDLE

To date, only one bachelor has served as President of the United States. Can you name him?

Last week's answer:

81. (8+1 = 9, 81 is 9x the sum of 9)

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