Weekly Market Summary - 11/27/12

Equity markets started the holiday season in a festive mood, as the S&P 500 surged 3.65 percent last week, in part due to perceived progress in Washington, DC regarding the fiscal cliff. Read more now.

Weekly Market Summary - 11/19/12

As we approach the end of the year with no fiscal cliff resolution, we would anticipate Treasury yields to move lower and out of the range they have been in since midsummer. The 10-year Treasury stood at 1.58 percent late last week, close to the bottom of the range, which is 1.54 percent; however, it remains above its recent low of 1.38 percent. Read more now.

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L.S. Robinson Co. of Southwest Harbor supports the Southwest Harbor Public Library with an annual donation. Pictured here with Ken Salvatore of L.S. Robinson Co., are Patsy Fogarty, library trustees chairman, left, and Candy Emlen, library director.

Weekly Market Summary - 11/5/12

It's been a relatively uneventful few months in the Treasury space, even with the announcements from the Federal Reserve, the impending election, and continued concerns out of Europe. Read more now.

Weekly Market Summary - 10/30/12

Equity markets retreated last week, and the S&P 500 lost 1.48 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was the biggest loser, declining 1.79 percent, while the Nasdaq was the best performer on a relative basis, losing just 58 basis points (0.58 percent). Read more now.

Weekly Market Summary - 10/22/11

Treasury yields were up considerably late last week on better economic numbers and earnings reports; however, they are still within the range set in early August.

Equity markets were mixed, with the S&P 500 gaining 34 basis points (0.34 percent) and the technology-heavy Nasdaq losing 1.26 percent. Read more now.

Third Quarter Market Update

We had another strong month to end the quarter, with markets generally finishing in the black, though well off their mid-September highs. The dominant factor in all markets was central bank action, with the prize for the most effective action going to the European Central Bank (ECB) for its announcement that it would support the sovereign bond markets for nations in trouble.

The Federal Reserve (the Fed) got the silver medal this quarter for its announcement of unlimited quantitative easing, and the Bank of Japan and the Chinese central bank also joined the party. Read more now.

Weekly Market Summary - 10/9/12

Equity markets posted strong gains last week, making up what they had lost in the previous week. Somewhat surprisingly, several sectors that are typically considered more defensive in nature led the market higher. The health care sector was the best performer, followed by the telecom sector. Technology was the only sector in negative territory. Read more now.

Weekly Market Summay

At 1.64 percent, the 10-year Treasury yield was 4 basis points away from its three-week low early Monday on weaker-than-expected economic numbers out of Europe and Asia. This represents a quick reversal from the recent sell-off in Treasuries that came after the Federal Reserve's announcement of more quantitative easing. Read more now.

Weekly Market Summary - 9/24/12

The yield on the 10-year Treasury was back down to 1.74 percent last week, after selling off the week before. The yield had reached 1.95 percent in the wake of the Federal Reserve's announcement of a new round of quantitative easing.

Equity markets took a bit of a breather, giving back some of their recent gains. The S&P 500 declined 0.36 percent.

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