

Stocks Stall as Recovery Continues

Weekly Update – September 8, 2020

The Week on Wall Street

A late week sell-off sent stocks broadly lower as investors took some profits after stocks reached all-time highs earlier in the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 1.82%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 slumped 2.31%. The Nasdaq Composite index dropped 3.27% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, fell 0.62%.

Gravity Reasserts Itself

Stocks hit a wall late last week as the technology companies, which had led the market higher, slipped in Thursday and Friday trading, dragging down the overall market.

The week began on an upbeat note as August momentum continued into the start of September. While participation in the rally on Tuesday and Wednesday was fairly broad, technology stocks continued to be the focus of market strength. But that sentiment changed quickly on Thursday.

With little warning and no obvious catalyst, it remains unclear whether the technology selloff last week was the result of market technicals or a fundamental change in investor outlook. The coming weeks may provide some clarity in this regard.

Labor Market Recovery Sputters Forward

Last week saw a series of employment-related reports that evidenced a continued labor market recovery.

The Automated Data Processing (ADP) employment survey showed that private payrolls increased by 428,000 in August, falling short of consensus expectations of over 1.1 million. News turned more positive as new jobless claims checked in at 881,000—an improvement from the over one million new claims the prior week. Americans receiving unemployment declined by 1.24 million to 13.3 million—half the peak number in May.

Finally, the monthly jobs report indicated that nearly 1.4 million nonfarm jobs were added last month, with the unemployment rate declining to 8.4%. The progress was predominantly attributable to government hiring, primarily of new Census workers, though the retail, leisure, and hospitality sectors saw gains in new hiring.

THIS WEEK: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Wednesday: Job Openings and Turnover Survey (JOLTS).

Thursday: Jobless Claims.

Friday: Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Source: Econoday, September 4, 2020

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THIS WEEK: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Tuesday: Lululemon (LULU), Coupa Software (COUP), Slack Technologies (WORK)

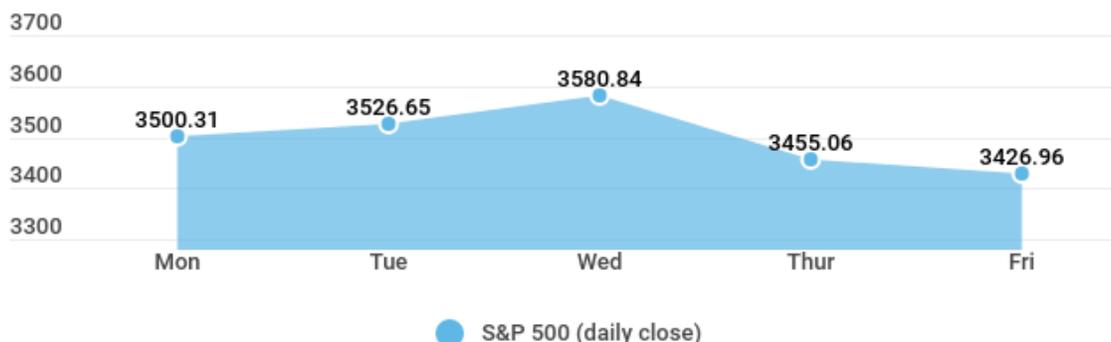
Thursday: Chewy (CHWY), Peloton (PTON)

Friday: Kroger (KR)

Source: Zacks, September 4, 2020

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Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	28,133.31	-1.82%	-1.42%
NASDAQ	11,313.13	-3.27%	+26.09%
MSCI-EAFE	1,899.02	-0.62%	-6.77%
S&P 500	3,426.96	-2.31%	+6.07%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	0.63%	-0.11%	-1.29%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, September 4, 2020; Treasury.gov, September 4, 2020

Weekly performance for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and NASDAQ

Composite Index is measured from the close of trading on Friday, August 28, to Friday, September 4, close.

Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, August 28, open to the Thursday, September 3, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“Without labor, nothing prospers.”

– Aristotle



Creamy Pasta Salad With Shrimp



5 servings

Ingredients:

For the Dressing:

- ¼ cup Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 ¼ tablespoons minced garlic
- Pepper

For the Pasta:

- 10 oz penne pasta
- Approx. 40 medium shrimp
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt
- Pepper
- ½ cup scallions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- ½ thinly-sliced lemon

Directions:

1. Whisk the ingredients for the dressing together in a bowl until smooth.
2. Boil the pasta until tender yet firm to the bite, about 8 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. When warm, toss the shrimp in 2 tablespoons of olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and bake in a glass baking dish for about 10-12 minutes or until bright pink and cooked through.
4. Toss the pasta with the dressing in a bowl. Add the shrimp and scallions and season with salt and pepper.
5. Refrigerate and garnish with the Cheddar cheese and lemons when serving.



Treasury Bonds vs. Municipal Bonds

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Municipal bonds, on the other hand, are exempt from federal income tax. Municipal bonds also may be exempt of state and local income taxes for investors who live in the area where the bond was issued. However, if a bondholder purchases a municipal bond mutual fund that invests in bonds issued by other states, the bondholder may have to pay income taxes.

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What is Penetrating Ball Flight?

A well-hit shot with a low trajectory is a “penetrating” ball flight, meaning that it is both accurate and achieves maximum distance. A penetrating shot is great for hitting into the wind because you don’t risk the wind knocking down a shot that has a higher trajectory.

In order to achieve this penetrating ball flight, follow these tips:

- Tee the ball higher if you want to hit it low. The sweet spot on your club face is likely higher, therefore a lower tee will make a penetrating ball flight harder to achieve.
- Tighten your right hand (for right-handed golfers) to give yourself more control
- Focus on your backswing and keep your swing path shallow.

A penetrating ball flight is a great shot for some situations on the course and is a good strategy to add to your repertoire!



A Relaxing Breathing Exercise

Sit back and relax as you say goodbye to summer and hello to a new season. This breathing exercise will help you relax and rejuvenate yourself for everything that's to come.

The foundation for nearly all breathing exercises is “belly breathing.” To get started, sit or lie down in a comfortable position and put one hand on your abdomen, just below your ribs. Put the other hand on your chest. Then, take a deep breath in through your nose and let your belly push your hand out. Next, breathe out through your mouth and feel the hand on your belly go down. The hand on your chest shouldn't move. Do this slowly 5 times, taking your time with each breath.

Once you master belly breathing, you can try more relaxed breathing drills.

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The Nasdaq Composite is an index of the common stocks and similar securities listed on the NASDAQ stock market and is considered a broad indicator of the performance of stocks of technology companies and growth companies.

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