

Weekly Manager's Pulse

January 23, 2023

Major indexes were mixed last week, with value slightly underperforming growth-oriented stocks. Several data reports weighed on sentiment throughout the week, with a disappointing retail sales report indicating a drop of 1.1% in December seeming to have the most influence on performance. Industrial production also fell -0.7% in December, the biggest drop since September 2021 and more than expectations of only -0.1%. Ultimately, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) suffered the most losses of domestic indexes, finishing the week -2.66% lower. The S&P 500 Index (-0.65%) also finished lower for the week, while the tech-heavy NASDAQ (+0.55%) finished with modest gains. Lastly, further economic releases indicated easing inflationary pressures, as the Producer Price Index (PPI) fell 0.5% in December, the largest drop since the start of the pandemic.



Economic Review*

- Dec. retail sales fell 1.1%, below the cons. -0.8%
- Industrial production fell 0.7%, below the cons. -0.1%
- Headline PPI fell 0.5%, Core PPI rose 0.1%
- Housing starts fell 1.4%, above the cons. -4.7%

Spotlight:





The Target PLUS models are designed to provide key enhancements to traditional target date investing. The first enhancement is to pair bestinclass equity managers with best-in-class fixed income managers, rather than using the same manager for each as most Target Date Funds do. Another enhancement is, given today's low interest rate environment, to only use fixed income strategies that utilize Tactical management or incorporate Active bond picking in their underlying holdings. We believe these types of strategies have the potential to offer enhanced returns, given the broader fixed income universe they are able to choose from. While the models are constructed with a Strategic, longterm investing horizon in mind, another key enhancement is to provide some Tactical exposure, which can help buffer losses during volatile markets. In addition, the underlying holdings within the models provide both Active management, via individual stock or bond selection, and Passive investing, via lower-cost, passive exposure to a specific index or benchmark. We believe the combination of these Strategic, Tactical, Active and Passive elements can deliver the desired portfolio outcome with greater diversification, improved risk management, and enhanced returns.

Trailing Major Index Returns				
	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
S&P 500	-0.65	4.08	8.85	-9.90
S&P MidCap 400 TR	-0.86	6.71	13.44	-1.44
S&P SmallCap 600 TR USD	-1.24	6.58	11.60	-4.36
MSCI ACWI NR USD	-0.25	5.65	13.40	-10.70
MSCI EM NR USD	0.63	9.15	20.37	-15.05
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	0.15	1.96	7.55	-8.60

YTD S&P Sector Returns ■S&P 500 TR Communication Services 10.8 Consumer Discretionary -2.6 —Consumer Staples 3.6 Energy Year to Date Financials 0.8 Health Care Industrials Real Estate Materials -1.8 Technology -4.0 -2.0 0.0 2.0 4.0 6.0 8.0 10.0 12.0 Utilities



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Trailing Major Index Returns and YTD S&P Sector Returns are sourced from Morningstar Direct.

* Sourced from JPMorgan Asset Management, publicly available at https://am.jpmorgan.com/us/en/asset-management/adv/insights/market-insights/market-updates/weekly-market-recap/

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