A Federal Reserve announcement on tapering, a fresh batch of corporatprofits, and encouraging economic data lifted stocks to another weekly gain.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.42%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 advanced 2.00%. The Nasdaq Composite index led, tacking on 3.05%. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, added 1.58%.1,2,3



**Market Index** 

DJIA

NASDAO



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+18.69%

+23.92%

Week

+1.42%

+3.05%

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MSCI-EAFE		2,372.46		+1.58%	+10.47%
S&P 500		4,697.53		+2.00%	+25.07%
4900					
4800					
4700		4630.65	4660.57	4680.06	4697.53
4600	4613.67				
4500					
4400					

Close

36,327.95

15.971.59



Sources: The Wall Street Journal, November 5, 2021; Treasury.gov, November 5, 2021 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, October 29, to Friday, November 5, close.

Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, October 29, open to Thursday, November 4,

Stocks marched higher throughout the week, lifted by a succession of positive corporate earnings surprises, optimistic forward guidance by some companies, and healthy economic data. Continued strong thirdquarter profits reinforced the narrative that businesses were able to meet

close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

### strong consumer demand and maintain robust profit margins, despite the headwinds of inflation and supply-chain knots.

The Fed Speaks

**Stocks Power Higher** 

Investors were unfazed by the Fed's mid-week announcement that it would begin its bond purchase tapering plans, in part, because it had long been telegraphed and Fed Chair Powell's optimistic analysis of the current state of the economy. Also cheered was the announcement of a new COVID-19 antiviral pill and a powerful rebound in job creation, driving stocks to new heights to close out the week.

In an eagerly awaited November meeting of the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee), the Fed pulled the trigger on its plan to taper monthly bond purchases. Fed tapering will begin this month with reductions of \$15 billion per month (\$10 billion in Treasurys and \$5 billion in mortgagebacked securities) that will end this pandemic-era policy response by July 2022.<sup>4</sup> The Fed reiterated its belief that inflation remained transitory, though conceding it had underestimated its acceleration and persistence; it did

not expect interest rates to be raised until after the completion of the

tapering program. Powell expects inflation to stay elevated until mid-2022

### Friday: Consumer Sentiment. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS).

Monday: PayPal Holdings, Inc. (PYPL).

Friday: AstraZeneca PLC (AZN).

Source: Zacks, November 5, 2021

Source: Econoday, November 5, 2021

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This Week: Key Economic Data

(including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources

This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases

believed to be providing accurate information. The forecasts or forward-looking

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when he anticipates supply-chain bottlenecks to clear.<sup>5,6</sup>

**Wednesday:** Consumer Price Index (CPI). Jobless Claims.

Tuesday: D.R. Horton, Inc. (DHI), Sysco Corporation (SYY), Palantir Technologies, Inc. (PLTR), DoorDash, Inc. (DASH), Coinbase Global, Inc. (COIN), Roblox Corporation (RBLX).

**Wednesday:** The Walt Disney Company (DIS), Affirm Holdings, Inc.

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**Food for Thought** 



The Withholding Calculator can help you determine whether you should submit a new W-4 to your employer, and you also can use the results to

adjust your income tax withholding. If you have a more complex tax situation, you may need to use Publication 505, Tax Withholding and

income, including capital gains, royalties, dividends, and more.

\* This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific

the right amount of taxes, and these handy tools can help.

**Low-Impact Exercises for Healthy Joints** 

Here are some of our favorite low-impact exercises:

combat aspect.

Tip adapted from Healthline<sup>8</sup>

West Virginia.

It's important to check your withholding to ensure that you're deducting

individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax

#### Estimated Tax form. This form can help you determine your selfemployment tax, alternative minimum tax, or tax on unearned income by dependents. Publication 505 also can help if you receive non-wage

**Check Your Withholding Status Online** 

issues with a qualified tax professional. Tip adapted from IRS.gov<sup>1</sup> **Healthy Living Tip** 

 Swimming – Not only is swimming a low-impact exercise, but it's also a full body workout. Hop in the pool and do some laps or just splash around for fun. Either way, it's great for exercising and staying cool.

impact exercise that's easy on your joints. If possible, modify your workout to focus more on the sport's cardio movements and not the

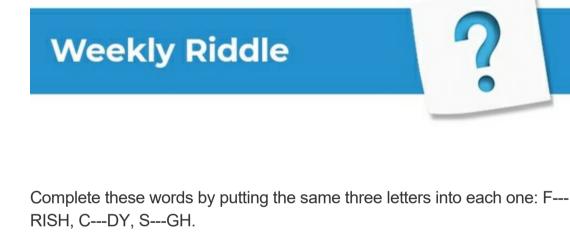
Kickboxing – It sounds intense, but kickboxing is actually a low-

## TRX Exercises – The TRX strap is what you often see hanging from a bar at the gym. This simple accessory makes it easy to do lunges, pullups, pushups, and squats without putting pressure on your joints. Cycling – Cycling, either indoors or outdoors, is a great exercise and easy on your knees.

Photo of the Week

Last week's riddle: By rearranging the letters in the phrase VIEWING A STIR, you can make the name of a U.S. state. What state is it? Answer:

Taughannock Falls State Park, Trumansburg, New York.



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considered representative of large-capitalization companies on the U.S. stock market.

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technology and growth companies. The MSCI EAFE Index was created by Morgan

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