

Weekly Market Insights

August 7, 2023

Stocks retreated last week as bond yields increased following the Treasury's announcement indicating "a larger-than-expected funding need" and a downgrade in the federal government's debt rating.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.11%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 shed 2.27%. The Nasdaq Composite index lost 2.85% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, tumbled 3.27%.^{1,2,3}



Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	35,065.62	-1.11%	+5.79%
NASDAQ	13,909.24	-2.85%	+32.89%
MSCI-EAFE	2,124.40	-3.27%	+9.28%
S&P 500	4,478.03	-2.27%	+16.63%



Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
10-Year Note	4.05%	+0.09%	+0.17%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, August 4, 2023; Treasury.gov, August 4, 2023
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, July 28, to Friday, August 4 close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, July 28, open to Thursday, August 3 close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

Stocks Struggle

Stocks struggled as investor sentiment turned cautious amid rising bond yields. Markets were rattled initially by news that the Treasury raised its borrowing requirement for the third quarter by more than a quarter of a trillion dollars and on news that the Bank of Japan announced it would allow bond yields to rise after years of capping them.

Rising yields continued to pressure stocks in the wake of a surprise rating downgrade of U.S. government debt by a major credit rating agency due to its belief in expected fiscal deterioration over the next three years.

Stocks rebounded Friday morning, rising on modest employment data only to reverse and add to the week's losses.

Mixed Signals from the Labor Market

Fresh employment data last week gave some conflicting signals about the labor market. A new JOLTS (Job Openings and Turnover Survey) report showed a small decline in job openings and layoffs in June, leaving 1.6 job openings for each available worker.⁴

Automated Data Processing's (ADP) employment report reflected strong private sector hiring with a 324,000 increase in jobs, exceeding the consensus forecast of a 175,000 gain.⁵

The government's monthly employment report saw a cooling in hiring as employers added 187,000 jobs in July. This was slower than seen in the first six months but enough to shave the unemployment rate from 3.6% to 3.5%.⁶

This Week: Key Economic Data

Thursday: Consumer Price Index (CPI). Jobless Claims

Friday: Producer Price Index (PPI). Consumer Sentiment

Source: Econoday, August 4, 2023

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

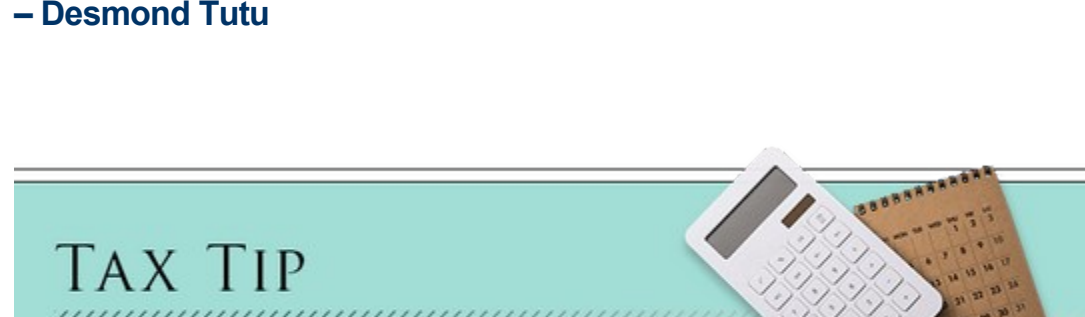
Monday: Skyworks Solutions, Inc. (SWKS)

Tuesday: Eli Lilly and Company (LLY), Duke Energy Corporation (DUK), United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS), ONEOK, Inc. (OKE)

Wednesday: The Walt Disney Company (DIS)

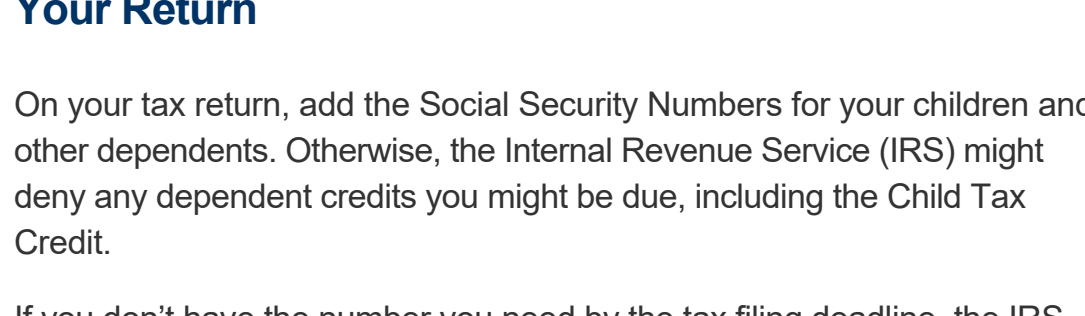
Source: Zacks, August 4, 2023

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"A person is a person because he recognizes others as persons."

— Desmond Tutu



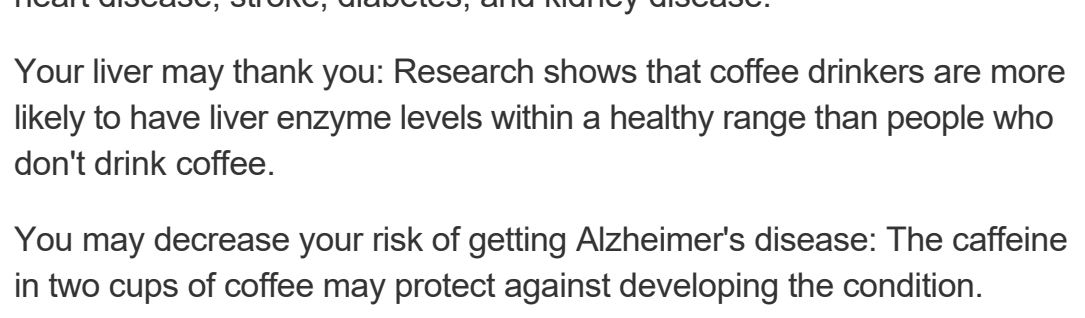
Add Social Security Numbers of Your Dependents on Your Return

On your tax return, add the Social Security Numbers for your children and other dependents. Otherwise, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) might deny any dependent credits you might be due, including the Child Tax Credit.

If you don't have the number you need by the tax filing deadline, the IRS suggests filing for an extension rather than sending in a return without a Social Security number.

**This information is not intended to substitute for specific individualized tax advice. We suggest you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.*

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁷



4 Potential Health Benefits of Coffee

Coffee may help you live longer. Recent studies found that coffee drinkers are less likely to die from certain causes of death, including coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease.

Your liver may thank you: Research shows that coffee drinkers are more likely to have liver enzyme levels within a healthy range than people who don't drink coffee.

You may decrease your risk of getting Alzheimer's disease: The caffeine in two cups of coffee may protect against developing the condition. Researchers found that women aged 65 and older who drank two to three cups of coffee a day were less likely to develop dementia in general.

Your body may process glucose better: Studies have found that people who drink more coffee are less likely to have type 2 diabetes.

Tip adapted from John Hopkins Medicine⁸



What has three feet yet cannot run or walk?

Last week's riddle: This word signifies a gap between hills or mountain ranges. Yet remove just one letter, and it signifies a gap between buildings. What is this six-letter word? It answers: The word valley, which becomes alley with a letter subtracted.



Footnotes and Sources

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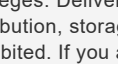
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