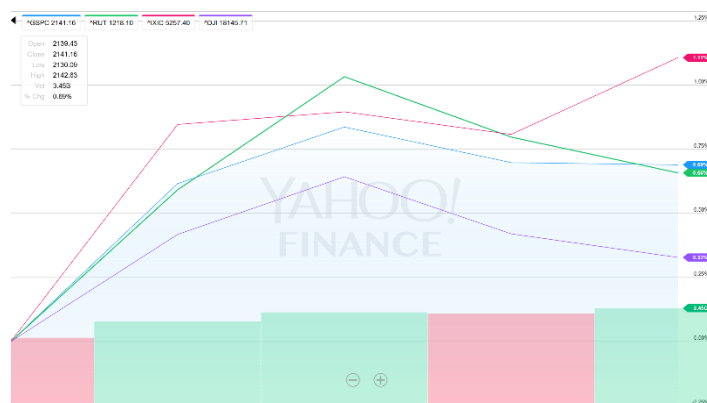


Macroeconomic Overview

U.S. Markets

| | Index | Weekly % Change | YTD % Change |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| SPX Index | S&P 500 | 0.38% | 4.76% |
| INDU Index | Dow Jones Industrial | 0.04% | 4.14% |
| CCMP Index | NASDAQ Composite | 0.83% | 4.99% |
| RTY Index | Russell 2000 | 0.47% | 7.24% |
| VIX Index | VIX | -17.25% | -26.74% |

For the week ending 10/21 in the middle of earnings season the major indices ended mostly higher. Tech companies Netflix and Microsoft posted better than expected earnings and guidance which helped drive markets mostly higher. Energy and Materials benefit from the rising oil prices and favorable macroeconomic activity from China. Also driving markets higher is the confidence that Hillary Clinton will be the winner in the upcoming election. During the week, there was no significant economic data released but as of right now we do still expect the Fed to raise rate by years' end.



are confident that the Fed will still raise interest rates by the years end. Next Friday we await the 3rd quarter GDP numbers which will be a big catalyst for the following week.

International Markets

| | Index | Weekly % Change | YTD % Change |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| BE500 Index | BE 500 | 1.44% | -6.44% |
| SXXP Index | Stoxx Europe 600 | 1.28% | -5.88% |
| DAX Index | DAX | 1.23% | -0.30% |
| UKX Index | FTSE 100 | 0.10% | 12.47% |
| CAC Index | CAC 40 | 1.46% | -2.18% |
| NKY Index | Nikkei 225 | 1.72% | -9.68% |
| SHCOMP Index | Shanghai Composite | 1.67% | -12.63% |
| SZCOMP Index | Shenzhen Composite | 1.26% | -11.08% |

easing and rates low. The Euro loses strength to the Dollar reaching a 7 month low and inflation rising in the UK. So far Brexit has not affected labor markets in the UK as unemployment remains flat at 4.9%.

ASIA

Japanese markets ended the week on a positive note with corporate earnings and a weaker currency as the drivers. The Nikkei posted the largest weekly gain out of the group with an increase of about 1.7%. Negative rates have spurred an increase in debt offering and share buybacks in Japan rather

Commodities

Oil ended the week higher at around \$50 per barrel. Gold ended the week relatively flat with minimal losses in silver and platinum.

Looking Forward

Looking forward through the next week we expect to see stocks end higher through earnings season with giants Apple and Amazon reporting earnings next week. We

Europe:

The European stocks ended mostly higher Friday but still negative for the year other than the London FTSE which was relatively flat this week. The European Central Bank continues its monetary policy of quantitative

that Equity financing. China is still seeing slower growth but is still expected to hit its 2016 growth target of 7%.
