

MARKET STATISTICS

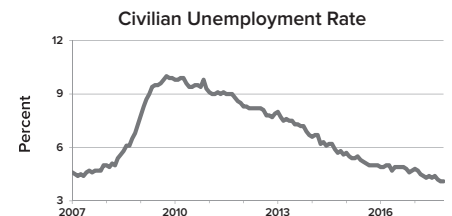
	LAST	WEEKLY CHANGE	% CHANGE
<i>S&P 500</i>	2,652	+ 9	+ 0.4%
<i>DJIA</i>	24,329	+ 98	+ 0.4%
<i>10-year U.S. Treasury</i>	2.38%	+ 1 BP	

	LAST	WEEKLY CHANGE	% CHANGE
<i>30-year fixed mortgage</i>	3.94%	+ 4 BP	
<i>Gold</i>	\$1,248	- \$32	- 2.5%
<i>WTI crude oil</i>	\$57.36	- \$1.00	- 1.7%

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment Unlikely to Alter Fed Course Next Week

The unemployment rate and labor force participation rate both held steady in November at 4.1% and 62.7%, respectively. The results met expectations and are unlikely to alter Fed policymakers' anticipated decision to raise interest rates at their meeting next week, the probability of which is currently around 95%. However, any urgency for future hikes may be tempered by the fact that low unemployment has yet to translate into meaningful wage growth.



Trade Gap Widens Ahead of Holiday Shopping

Imports rose 1.6% to \$244.6 billion in October, in part because retailers added inventory of foreign manufactured apparel, appliances, cell phones and toys in preparation for an expected robust holiday shopping season. Exports of \$195.5 billion were unchanged. This resulted in a trade deficit of \$48.7 billion, the highest since January of this year. Imports from China and Mexico hit their highest level on record.

<i>Period:</i>	October 2017
<i>Announced:</i>	\$48.7 Billion
<i>Expected:</i>	\$47.5 Billion
<i>Source:</i>	Commerce Department

Tax Uncertainty Dents Consumer Confidence

According to the University of Michigan's Sentiment Index, consumer confidence remains elevated but questions about future tax legislation hampered consumers' expectations. The current conditions index advanced from 113.85 to 115.9 because of income satisfaction. However, a dip in the expectations component from 88.9 to 84.6 dropped the overall sentiment reading from 98.5 to 96.8.

<i>Period:</i>	December 2018
<i>Announced:</i>	96.8
<i>Expected:</i>	99.0
<i>Source:</i>	University of Michigan

Calm Returns to Wall Street

Following a headline-driven spike in volatility last week, tranquility has washed over the markets again. The S&P traded in a fairly tight range this week settling 0.3% higher at 2,652. The 10-year Treasury finished the week with a yield of 2.38%. Commodities were mostly lower with Gold closing down 2.5% to \$1,248 per ounce and West Texas crude at \$57.36 per barrel off 1.7%.

<i>2-year UST</i>	+ 2 bp to 1.79%
<i>5-year UST</i>	+ 2 bp to 2.14%
<i>10-year UST</i>	+ 1 bp to 2.38%
<i>30-year UST</i>	+ 0 bp to 2.77%
<i>S&P 500</i>	+ 9 (0.4%) to 2,652
<i>DJIA</i>	+ 98 (0.4%) to 24,329
<i>Nasdaq</i>	- 8 (-0.1%) to 6,840
<i>FTSE</i>	+ 93 (1.3%) to 7,394