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### MARKET WEEK: FEBRUARY 19, 2013

#### The Markets

Equities markets generally spent a second week digesting January's strong gains. The Dow continued to flirt with the 14,000 mark, while neither the small-cap Russell 2000 nor the S&P 500 have had a negative week so far this year.

Market/Index	2012 Close	Prior Week	As of 2/15	Week Change	YTD Change
DJIA	13104.14	13992.97	13981.76	-.08%	6.70%
Nasdaq	3019.51	3193.87	3192.03	-.06%	5.71%
S&P 500	1426.19	1517.93	1519.79	.12%	6.56%
Russell 2000	849.35	913.67	923.15	1.04%	8.69%
Global Dow	1995.96	2110.62	2098.72	-.56%	5.15%
Fed. Funds	.25%	.25%	.25%	0 bps	0 bps
10-year Treasuries	1.78%	1.99%	2.01%	2 bps	23 bps

Equities data reflect price changes, not total return.

#### Last Week's Headlines

U.S. retail sales bumped up 0.1% in January, according to the Commerce Department. Excluding autos, which slipped 0.1%, the monthly increase was 0.2%, with nonstore retailers and general merchandise stores performing the best. The

increase put overall retail sales, which are not adjusted for price changes, 4.4% ahead of last January.

Optimism about the European Union's economy got a reality check when the region's statistics agency reported that the eurozone's GDP fell by 0.6% in the final quarter of 2012 and was 0.9% lower than a year earlier. For all of 2012, the eurozone's economy shrank 0.5%.

U.S. industrial production was down slightly in January; the Federal Reserve said a 3.9% decline in auto manufacturing contributed to the 0.1% drop. However, industrial production was still 2.1% ahead of a year earlier, though it's still only at 98.6% of its 2007 average.

The Group of Seven industrialized nations issued a joint statement saying that members' monetary policies should not devalue currencies simply to bolster an individual country's economy by encouraging exports. European leaders have expressed concern about a rising euro, and Japan recently increased bond-buying efforts that resemble the U.S. Federal Reserve's and that have reduced the yen's value.

American Airlines and United agreed to merge, forming the largest airline in the world, and Berkshire Hathaway (in conjunction with a private equity firm) announced plans to acquire H.J. Heinz.

## Eye on the Week Ahead

In a holiday-shortened week, minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee's most recent meeting could shed light on members' thinking about winding down the Fed's bond-buying activity. Housing and inflation data also are on tap.

Key dates and data releases: wholesale inflation, housing starts, FOMC minutes (2/20); consumer inflation, home resales (2/21).

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