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The Markets

Domestic equities ended a relatively uneventful week by marking the best first quarter for the S&P 500 since 1998. Despite some downdrafts early in the week, the Dow and the S&P managed to stay above 13,000 and 1,400 respectively, and the Nasdaq continued to lead the pack for the year.

| Market/Index | 2011 Close | Prior Week | As of 3/30 | Week Change | YTD Change* |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| DJIA | 12217.56 | 13080.73 | 13212.04 | 1.00% | 8.14% |
| Nasdaq | 2605.15 | 3067.92 | 3091.57 | .77% | 18.67% |
| S&P 500 | 1257.60 | 1397.11 | 1408.47 | .81% | 12.00% |
| Russell 2000 | 740.92 | 830.03 | 830.30 | .03% | 12.06% |
| Global Dow | 1801.60 | 2001.48 | 1998.88 | -.13% | 10.95% |
| Fed. Funds | .25% | .25% | .25% | 0 bps | 0 bps |
| 10-year Treasuries | 1.89% | 2.25% | 2.23% | -2 bps | 34 bps |

*Equities data reflect price changes, not total return.

Last Week's Headlines

Home prices in the 20 cities tracked by the S&P/Case-Shiller index hit their lowest level since 2003 after falling for the fifth month in a row. The 0.8% three-month average decline for November through January means that prices have fallen 3.8% over the last year.

Orders for durable goods--those intended to last three years or more--saw their fourth increase in the last five months. The Commerce Department said orders were up 2.2% in February, with the single largest increase being the 3.9%

growth in the value of transportation equipment. Inventories of durable goods hit their highest level since 1992.

Final figures for the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) confirmed that the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3% in 2011's final quarter. That was substantially better than Q3's 1.8%. The Bureau of Economic Analysis also said corporate profits rose during the quarter, both pretax (+0.9%) and after-tax (+1.1%), though both increases were less than in the previous quarter.

Consumer spending was up 0.8% in February, but the increase helped cut the saving rate to 3.7% (the monthly average for the previous year was 4.7%). Higher gas prices accounted for part of the increase, but consumers also spent 0.5% more on other goods and services. Meanwhile, incomes rose only 0.2% for the month.

Eye on the Week Ahead

As a new quarter kicks off, unemployment data will be released Friday, though markets will be closed for the long holiday weekend and won't be able to react until the following week. The Federal Open Market Committee minutes will be watched for the group's thinking about any potential actions after Operation Twist expires. The European Central Bank will review interest rates Thursday, and manufacturing-related data will round out the week.

Key dates and data releases: U.S. manufacturing, construction spending (4/2); Federal Open Market Committee minutes, factory orders, auto sales (4/3); U.S. services sector (4/4); weekly new unemployment claims (4/5); unemployment/payrolls (4/6).

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