

Before the Bell

Morning Market Brief

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- **Quick Take:** U.S. stock index futures indicate further selling pressure. Dow futures currently suggest a drop of over 1.5% at the open following Tuesday's sharp U.S. market declines of over 3%; European markets are under considerable pressure with mid-day losses of more than 2%; Asia finished with losses of about 2% overnight; West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil trading at \$53.71; 10-year U.S. Treasury yield at 2.89% and the 2-year/5-year Treasury yields remain fractionally inverted.
- **Market Turmoil continues:** Financial market turmoil continues this morning amid new threats to the U.S. /China relationship, oil price uncertainty and continuing worries about the yield curve.
- **Can Saudi Arabia achieve a large-enough production cut to bring the global market back into balance?** OPEC members have been meeting in Vienna today with discussions centered on trimming output. Global oil markets have been thought to be in an over-supply situation recently as global economic expansion has slowed and the U.S. allowed more "waivers" than expected for Iranian crude imports against recently instituted sanctions. Oil prices are down about 3% ahead of the announcement, as traders seem somewhat skeptical that Saudi Arabia can wrangle sufficient support to cut oil output to a level sufficient to balance global markets. The announcement is pending, but even afterward the story will not be complete. Saudi officials are scheduled to meet with Russian officials tomorrow.
- **Huawei arrest sparks new tension in the U.S. /China relationship.** Canada has arrested the high-profile CFO of China's largest technology equipment company, Huawei, at the behest of the U.S. authorities. The arrest is very likely to be a material new source of tension between the U.S. and China and comes at a very uncomfortable time given this past weekend's dinner meeting between President's Trump and Xi. Canadian authorities detained Meng Wanzhou (who is also the daughter of the company's founder) in Vancouver where she is currently facing extradition to the U.S. Official statements as to the reason for the detainment do not appear to have been released as of yet, but it is widely perceived to be in relation to accusations that Huawei violated U.S. sanctions on Iran and other countries. American officials have been investigating Huawei since 2016 related to allegations that Huawei shipped equipment of U.S. origin to Iran as a means of getting around the sanctions in place at the time.
- China has demanded that Meng Wanzhou be released immediately. Indeed, without some quick de-escalation of the situation via discussions between high-level U.S. and Chinese officials, markets could see it as another sign of the current trade dispute evolving into a deeper and more threatening cold-war style relationship between the U.S. and China. **We stress, however, that in our view, investors are rarely well-served by being reactionary in these situations. A productive relationship between the two largest economies in the world is in the best interest of those on both sides which strongly incentivizes working these issues out.** In pre-market activity, U.S. multinationals with material exposure to China have been seeing some of the most significant downside pressure.
- **Update on the yield curve:** Though we continue to believe the yield curve is not currently an accurate indicator of recession risk (we believe recession odds remain low), the question for investors more likely, is: does it

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matter? Accurate or not (of course, we will not know until this period is long into the rear-view mirror), financial markets are likely to act as if it IS until proven otherwise.

- The yield curve's track record as a signal of a pending recession is indeed very impressive. But as with most 'signals' in financial markets, the true source of such observations is still reliant on human forecasting of the future – which is far from the infallibility some are currently prescribing to the indicator.

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS (all data as of approximately 8:00 AM ET)

Americas	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Europe (Intra-day)	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Asia/Pacific (Last Night)	% chg.	%YTD	Value
S&P 500	-3.24%	2.85%	2,700.1	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-2.06%	-8.97%	3,085.5	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-1.91%	-3.86%	21,501.6
Dow Jones	-3.10%	3.49%	25,027.1	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	-2.11%	-8.25%	6,776.0	HK Hang Seng (H. Kong)	-2.47%	-9.48%	26,156.4
NASDAQ	-3.80%	4.77%	7,158.4	DAX Index (Germany)	-2.36%	-15.34%	10,935.9	Korea Kospi 100	-1.55%	-15.68%	2,068.7
Russell 2000	-4.40%	-2.47%	1,480.8	CAC 40 (France)	-2.19%	-6.24%	4,836.1	Singapore STI	-1.28%	-5.20%	3,115.5
Brazil Bovespa	-0.91%	15.48%	88,232.3	FTSE MIB (Italy)	-2.42%	-13.69%	18,860.9	Shanghai Comp. (China)	-1.68%	-19.30%	2,605.2
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	0.79%	-3.74%	15,182.6	IBEX 35 (Spain)	-1.82%	-8.82%	8,848.5	Bombay Sensex (India)	-1.59%	4.95%	35,312.1
Mexico IPC	0.07%	-13.33%	41,895.3	Russia TI	-1.58%	10.51%	4,292.9	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	-0.19%	-1.50%	5,657.7

Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	-0.50%	-3.35%	484.3	MSCI EAFE	-1.15%	-9.53%	1,797.0	MSCI Emerging Mkts	-1.22%	-11.37%	1,001.9

Note: International market returns shown on a local currency basis. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends.

S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Commodities	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Consumer Discretionary	-3.91%	8.06%	838.3	JPM Alerian MLP Index	-2.93%	-10.92%	24.5	Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Consumer Staples	-1.63%	-0.94%	566.5	FTSE NAREIT Comp.	-1.42%	3.15%	17,840.0	CRB Raw Industrials	-0.24%	-5.23%	487.5
Energy	-2.93%	-6.83%	482.9	DJ US Select Dividend	-2.04%	1.05%	1,998.8	NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	-2.44%	-14.60%	51.6
Financials	-4.40%	-5.85%	429.4	DJ Global Select Dividend	-1.13%	-13.09%	216.0	ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	-2.13%	-9.90%	60.3
Real Estate	-1.26%	4.65%	207.0	S&P Div. Aristocrats	-2.81%	3.48%	2,550.0	NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	-1.99%	48.32%	4.4
Health Care	-2.30%	14.33%	1,076.3					Spot Gold (troy oz.)	-0.08%	-5.11%	1,236.3
Industrials	-4.35%	-6.04%	588.2					Spot Silver (troy oz.)	-0.99%	-15.22%	14.4
Materials	-3.08%	-9.65%	336.4	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	LME Copper (per ton)	-0.60%	-14.32%	6,175.0
Technology	-3.86%	6.95%	1,168.2	Barclays US Agg. Bond	0.32%	-1.30%	2,019.8	LME Aluminum (per ton)	-0.11%	-12.67%	1,970.3
Communication Services	-3.14%	-8.55%	145.3	Barclays HY Bond	-0.16%	0.32%	1,956.3	CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	-0.33%	-2.61%	383.0
Utilities	0.15%	9.60%	283.6					CBOT Wheat (cents p/bushel)	-0.58%	4.41%	515.0

Foreign Exchange (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value
Euro (€/\$)	0.0%	-5.5%	1.13	Japanese Yen (\$/¥)	0.35%	-0.10%	112.80	Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)	-0.5%	-6.4%	1.34
British Pound (£/\$)	0.1%	-5.7%	1.27	Australian Dollar (A\$/S)	-0.89%	-7.76%	0.72	Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)	0.1%	-2.2%	1.00

Data/Price Source: Bloomberg; Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends where applicable.

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Region	MSCI All-Country World Index Weight	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended Weight	Region	MSCI All-Country World Index Weight	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended Weight
1) United States	55.1%	Overweight	+5.0%	60.1%	5) Latin America	1.2%	Equalweight	-	1.2%
2) Canada	3.0%	Underweight	-1.0%	2.0%	6) Asia-Pacific ex Japan	11.8%	Equalweight	-	11.8%
3) United Kingdom	5.5%	Underweight	-1.0%	4.5%	7) Japan	7.6%	Underweight	-1.0%	6.6%
4) Europe ex U.K.	14.8%	Underweight	-1.0%	13.8%	8) Middle East / Africa	1.0%	Underweight	-1.0%	-

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	Index Weight	Tactical View	Tactical Overlay	Recommended Weight		Index Weight	Tactical View	Tactical Overlay	Recommended Weight
1) Communication Services	10.0%	Equalweight	-	10.0%	6) Health Care	15.0%	Equalweight	-	15.0%
2) Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	Overweight	+2.0%	12.3%	7) Industrials	9.7%	Overweight	+2.0%	11.7%
3) Consumer Staples	6.7%	Underweight	-3.2%	3.5%	8) Information Technology	20.9%	Equalweight	-	20.9%
4) Energy	6.0%	Overweight	+2.0%	8.0%	9) Materials	2.5%	Equalweight	-	2.5%
5) Financials	13.5%	Equalweight	-	13.5%	10) Real Estate	2.6%	Equalweight	-	2.6%
					11) Utilities	2.8%	Underweight	-2.8%	0.0%

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ECONOMIC NEWS OUT TODAY:

Economic Releases for Thursday, December 6, 2018. All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg.

Time	Period	Release	Consensus Est.	Actual	Prior	Revised to
8:15 AM	NOV	ADP Employment	+190k	+179k	+227k	225k
8:30 AM	Dec. 1	Initial Jobless Claims	225k	230k	234k	
8:30 AM	Nov. 24	Continuing Claims	1695k	1631k	1710k	
8:30 AM	OCT	Trade Balance	-\$55.0B	-\$55.5B	-\$54.0B	
8:30 AM	Q3-F	Nonfarm Productivity	+2.3%	+2.3%	+2.2%	
8:30 AM	Q3-F	Unit Labor Costs	+1.0%	+0.9%	+1.2%	
10:00 AM	NOV	ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	59.0		60.3	
10:00 AM	NOV	Factory Orders (MoM)	-2.0%		+0.7%	

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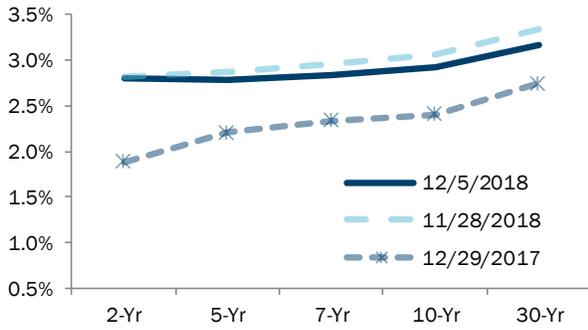
Recap

- Picking up from where we left off on Tuesday given the day of mourning for former U.S. President H.W. Bush, Treasury yields pushed lower in early trading as U.S. equity futures point toward a lower open this morning. Two-year Treasury yields declined 4 basis points to 2.75% and 10-year Treasury yields shed 3 basis points, falling to 2.88%. The uncommon mid-week closure during period of repositioning for risk investors caused temporary halts in trading overnight at the CME Group Inc. as markets sought to find a new equilibrium between buyers and sellers following a sharp sell-off Tuesday.
- **Credit markets:** Markit on the run credit default swap spreads gapped wider again this morning, suggesting another muted session of new corporate issuance ahead. The days are counting down to the end of the year when liquidity dries up and issuance tends to be quite difficult. We anticipate issuers to be very opportunistic, and to bring deals at any indication of strength that materializes over the next two weeks. As a result, credit spreads are unlikely to materially recover before year-end without a deal-changing shift in the macro picture.
- **Looking ahead:** We believe the November employment report on Friday likely brings a reminder of the fundamentally sound backdrop to the U.S. economy with the lowest unemployment since 1970 and an average of 200k jobs created each month this year. Though bond and stock markets continue to wrestle with convictions around risk assets levels amidst protracted selling, we see market unease as highly contrasting with the fundamental economic back drop. Certainly, that doesn't erase our desire to buy at the lowest possible price, but it dissuades us from wanting to join the rotation away from risk right now when fundamentals suggest the economic backdrop is in good shape.
- **Fed ahead:** In less than two weeks the Fed is scheduled to wrap up its latest policy meeting with a quarter point hike in rates. Once again, we see the likely increase as an indication that economic conditions remain firm when looking ahead to the Fed's visible horizon. We see this as another confirmation of fundamentals and a contrast

with the technical sell pressure seen over the past 60 days. Though selling may end when hedge funds are done de-risking to meet redemptions, an unknown length of time, we see the continued drumbeat of economic data as a sound of resonating risk asset support beyond the near term. We recommend investors stay the course with long-term asset allocation positioning.

U.S. Treasury Yields

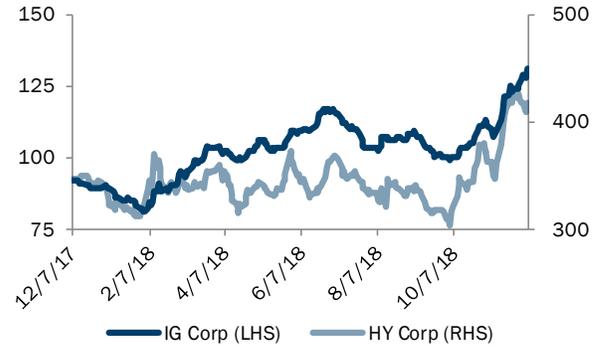
Yield in Percent



Source: Bloomberg, Bloomberg Barclays Indices

Bloomberg Barclay's Index Credit Spreads

Option adjusted spread (OAS), in basis points



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