

Weekly Update

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		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	1.97%	18.41%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	0.20%	8.98%
Emerging Markets	MSCI EM	-2.09%	2.79%
Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Agg Bond	0.19%	-0.75%

Markets were mostly higher last week, except for some selling in emerging markets. Stocks started last week with a dip on Delta variant fears but ended the week with gains as the strong start to earnings season took over. Blended earnings, which combine those companies that have reported with estimates for those that have yet to report, show earnings growth at an extraordinary 74%, while revenues are up 21%. These numbers are relative to Q2 last year when we were in the heart of COVID lockdowns, and thus were very much expected to be strong. While it is still early in reporting season, the astonishing strength shown by companies thus far is reassuring for investors, and perhaps indicates that the already lofty expectations might have even been too low.

*Index returns are from Morningstar and are calculated on a total return basis, with dividends reinvested.