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Weekly Update

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		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	4.28%	-12.58%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	2.11%	-15.56%
Emerging Market	MSCI EM	0.41%	-17.83%
Fixed Income	Bloomberg US Agg Bond	0.64%	-8.16%

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

Despite a second straight negative quarterly GDP figure, stocks have seen some of the best gains this year over the last two weeks. While it is still early, indications are that earnings are holding up relatively well. This likely signals that most of the bad news has already been priced in, with recession all but certain in the minds of investors, and clearly reflected in measures of sentiment as of late. Meanwhile, we see slightly mixed underlying economic trends with weakness in areas such as homebuilding but general strength in consumer demand. This week will see another large slate of earnings reports and could bring more gains if the trend remains positive. We will have to see how the rest of the earnings season plays out, but a little hope could do wonders for markets in the near term.