Weekly Update

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		Last Week	YTD Returns
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	0.89%	9.18%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	0.17%	11.80%
Emerging Market	MSCI EM	-0.27%	2.86%
Fixed Income	Bloomberg US Agg Bond	0.83%	3.59%

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

Investors continue to act as if a recession is not imminent. Stocks were generally higher again last week, though recent gains have been concentrated in what might be seen as more defensive positions. However, it is not just stock markets that seem ambivalent to the risk. Credit spreads (the difference between various quality corporate bonds and treasuries) are not signaling any impending distress, while economic data continues to point to an economy that is slowly chugging along. Recent manufacturing data even surprised to the upside, and although the initial estimate for Q1 GDP was shy of expectations, there were some positives from the report. We are not suggesting that there is no risk of recession, or that things look particularly great right now, but in this period of heightened uncertainty, with everyone seemingly expecting the worst, we cannot rule out the possibility that markets stay afloat through this and into a new protracted bull market.