

Week Ahead

The equity market is off to the best start since 1964. After the past two years of outsized returns, the markets are once again defying many pundits, and stocks continue to reach new all-time highs. Equities are currently being driven by better than expected earnings, more positive economic news, and additionally the Trump Administration's recently passed tax bill. This week, we are set for a deluge of corporate earnings that will provide indication of whether or not the turnaround the U.S. economy has enjoyed since the summer of 2016 is still intact.

Investments in fixed income have not fared nearly as well as their equity counterparts. Hawkish tones from other central banks around the world are starting to echo our own Federal Reserve. This has certainly played a major role in the move in interest rates we have seen to start the year. The 2-year yield now sits above 2%, which is the highest it has been since 2008. Despite the recent move in rates, AMB still believes the intermediate to longer dated area of the curve is where we want to be positioned.

Major Earnings Announcements for the Week:

Monday -

Tuesday - Bank of The Ozarks, Citigroup, United Health, CSX, Interactive Brokers & Pinnacle Financial

Wednesday - Bank of America, Charles Schwab, Fastenal, Goldman Sachs, US Bancorp, Alcoa, Kinder Morgan & Xilinx

Thursday - Bank of New York Mellon, BB&T, JB Hunt, KeyCorp, M&T Bank, Morgan Stanley, PPG Industries, American Express & IBM

Friday - Citizens Financial, Kansas City Southern, Regions Financial, Schlumberger, SunTrust Banks, Synchrony Financial & Xerox

Economic Calendar/ Market Moving Events:

Monday -

Tuesday - Manufacturing PMI - 9:45 AM

Wednesday - Construction Spending - 10:00 AM

ISM Manufacturing - 10:00 AM

FOMC Minutes - 2:00 PM

Thursday - Challenger Job Cuts - 7:30 AM

Friday - Non-Farm Payroll Data - 8:30 AM

Trade Balance - 8:30 AM

Factory Orders - 10:00 AM