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“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”
 (Muriel Strode, poet)

Retirement – Wealth Plan Analysis: Are you ready for retirement? Are you on track to achieve your retirement goals? Let us help you with our Wealth Plan Analysis based on your current situation and future expectations for a healthy retirement. Please click on the 4-page questionnaire that is attached to the current e-mail, answer the questions as best you can, and send it back. We will then follow up with you.

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Key Statistics Year-to-date a/o 6/14/2019

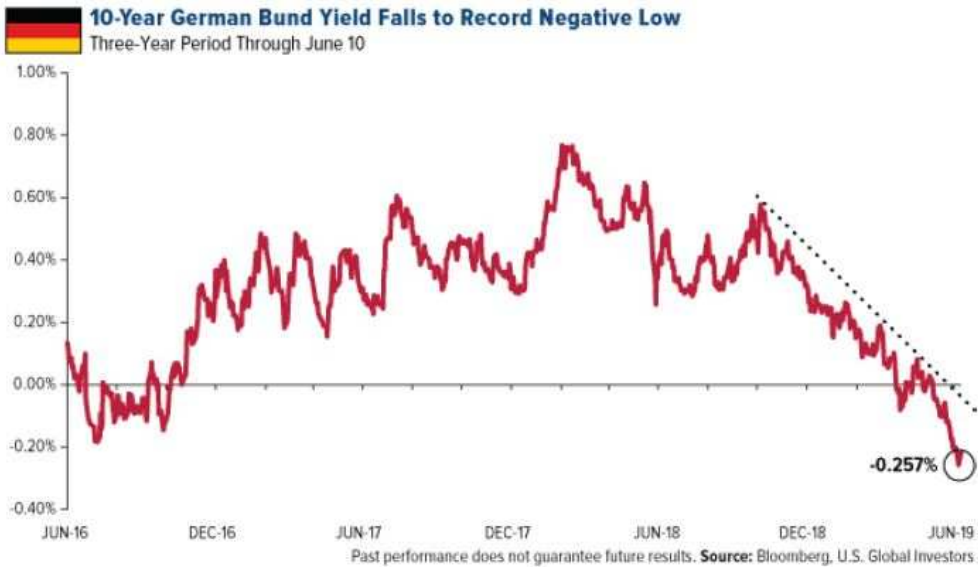
Dow: +11.84%
 S&P 500: +15.16%
 Nasdaq: +17.50%

Treasury Bond Yields: Year- to-date a/o 6/14/2019

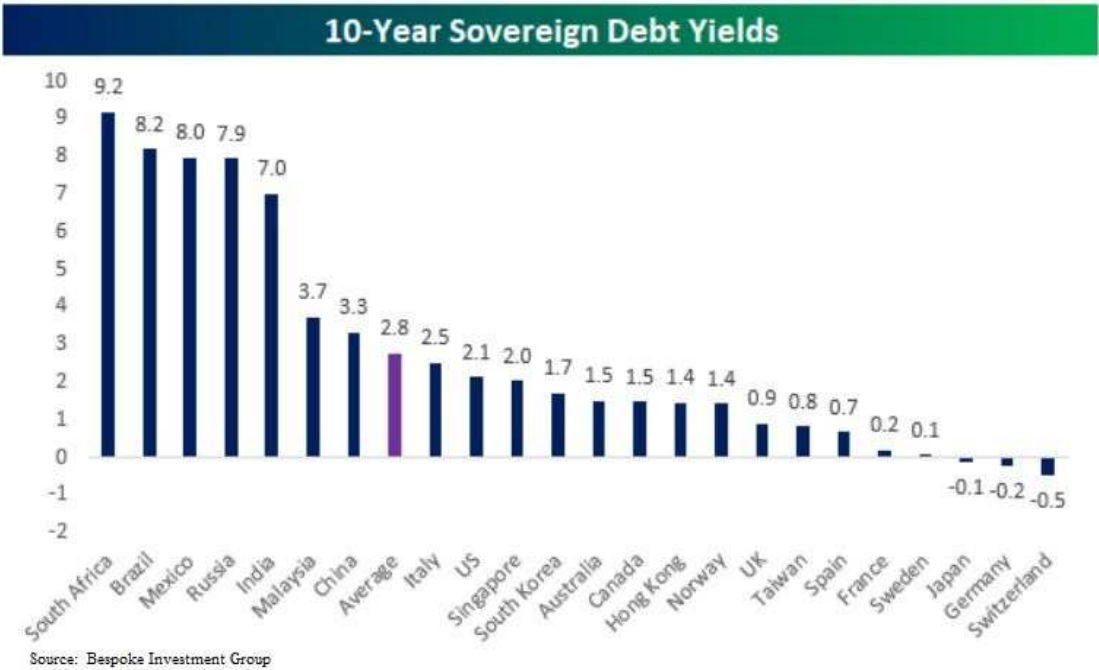
1-year Treasury: 2.00%
 2-year Treasury: 1.84% - Yes, lower than the 1-year
 5-year Treasury: 1.85% - Yes, also lower than the 2-year
 10-year Treasury: 2.09% - lowest yield in 17 months
 30-year Treasury: 2.59%

Yields remained low last week – some think the Fed will lower rates

Germany auctioned 10-year government bonds at a record low of -0.24%



Notice the yields of 10-year government yields around the world. Both Japan and Switzerland have joined Germany in their issuance of negative yields.



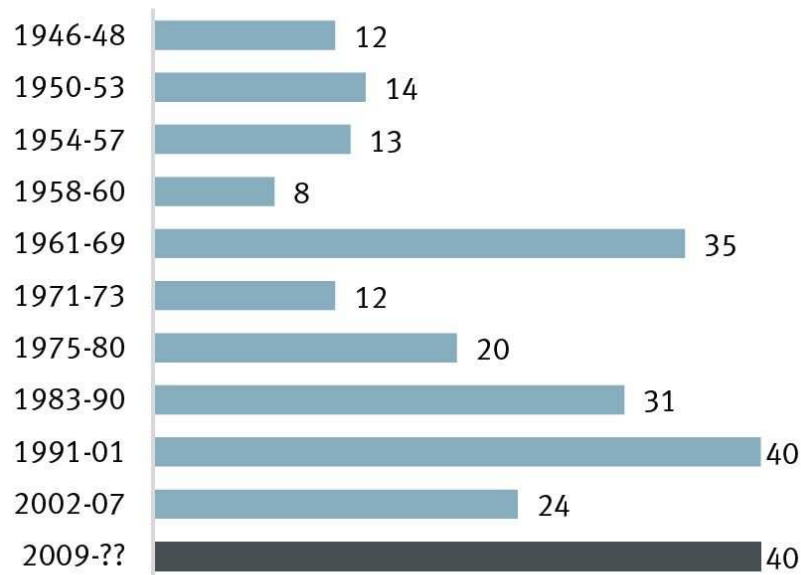
Markets: (Barron's, IBD, WSJ, RBC, MFS, Reuters, Advisor Perspectives)

- For the week: Dow rose +0.41%, S&P 500 rose +0.47% Nasdaq rose +0.77%
- S&P 500 is up 4.9% in June – just 2% away from its record close
- Great beginning to month of June after very sluggish month of May
- While the S&P 500 has gained 6.2% over the past 12 months, the small cap index, the Russell 2000, has been weak, dropping 7.2% over the same 12 months
- Oil fell to a little over \$52/barrel

Economic and International News: (Barron's, IBD, WSJ, RBC, MFS, Reuters, Advisor Perspectives)

- US economy celebrating its 10th year of expansion – Does a recession necessarily have to follow? (see chart below)
- US consumers still spending as retail sales rose in May
- Markets are pricing in an 87% probability of a Fed rate hike at the end of July
- European Central Bank and Bank of Japan also projected to lower interest rates
- Slowdown in global trade happening because of US-China trade impasse
- Industrial production in China rose 5% in May – slowest growth in more than 17 years
- G20 meeting coming at the end of this month – Will Trump and China's President meet?

The U.S. economic expansion celebrates its 10th birthday
Length in quarters from start of recovery to the onset of a recession



Source - Bloomberg, RBC Wealth Management; data through 6/12/19

- Small business still strong as the most important problem has become the **quality of labor** in this high employment environment. Previously, taxes and government red tape were always at the top of the list.

NFIB Most Important Problem: May 2019			
Problem	Percent (%)		
	May	April	Change
Quality of Labor	25	24	1
Taxes	16	16	0
Govt Red Tape	12	15	-3
Competition	10	9	1
Cost of Insurance	10	9	1
Poor Sales	8	9	-1
Cost of Labor	8	8	0
Other	7	7	0
Fin & Interest Rates	2	2	0
Inflation	2	1	1

Question of the Week: In what year was the first Social Security paycheck made to a recipient?

Question From Last Week: How many members make up the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors. How are they nominated and how long is their term of service?

Answer: The Federal Reserve's Board of Governors is comprised of 7 members. Members are appointed by the President, confirmed by the Senate, and can serve for a full term up to 14 years.

Did You Know:

- 35% of the *auto parts* used by domestic auto makers are *manufactured outside* the United States and are then *imported into* America (BTN Research, Deutsche Bank)
- The *18.2 million military veterans* in the United States are split *91/9* between men and women. (BTN Research, IRS Data Book)

Sports Trivia: High school senior Matthew Boling ran the *100 meters* in 10.13 seconds (a national high school record), *long jumped* 25-4 ½, and *anchored his team's 4x400 relay team* in 44.75seconds (one of the fastest high school meter splits) at the Texas state track meet on 5/11/19. He will be attending the University of Georgia. (BTN Research, Washington Post)

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The Nasdaq Composite is a market-value weighted index that measures all NASDAQ domestic and foreign common stocks. The Standard and Poor's 500 is an unmanaged, capitalization weighted benchmark that tracks broad-based changes in the U.S. stock market.

This index of 500 common stocks is comprised of 400 industrial, 20 transportation, 40 utility, and 40 financial companies representing major U.S. industry sectors. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested and is not available for direct investment.

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