Morningstar Weekly Market Report

U.S. Market Overview: December 08-December 15, 2006

Market Commentary

New economic data released last week lent support to the fact that inflation remains benign and economic growth is slowing to a healthy pace. This scenario emboldened investors to extend last week's rally, despite ongoing concerns about the housing market slump. The Morningstar US Market Index rose 1.0% for the week ending Dec. 15, 2006, and is up 16.4% for the year.

The Morningstar Large Cap Index surged ahead of the Morningstar Small Cap Index last week, bringing all the capitalization indexes roughly in line for the year. With the market's indifference to capitalization, the story has shifted to style. The Morningstar US Value Index has gained 25.7% versus a meager 7.3% gain for the Morningstar US Growth Index this year. The Morningstar Market Barometer for last week paints this picture well.

A substantial 2.2% gain for the Morningstar Large Value Index lands it in the top spot for the week. A rise in oil prices after OPEC suggested supply cuts helped push energy sector stocks higher. Major oil companies ExxonMobil and Chevron Corp. led the rally with gains of 2.3% and 3.5%, respectively. Money center banks also contributed to the Large Value Index's strong performance. Citigroup Inc., Bank of America Corp., and JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose by 3.2% or more for the week.

The Morningstar Small Growth Index, which lost 0.6% last week, was the worst performer among the nine Morningstar style indexes. GPS chipmaker SiRF Technology, Inc. saw its shares plummet by 16.4% after an analyst lowered his 2007 earnings estimate.

Trailing Returns %						
Morningstar Indexes	1-Week	3-Month	YTD	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr
US Market	1.02	8.85	16.42	14.56	13.18	7.74
Large Cap	1.33	8.68	16.46	14.37	11.67	5.83
Mid Cap	0.21	9.59	15.61	14.56	17.49	12.81
Small Cap	-0.05	8.60	17.92	16.11	15.93	12.89
US Value	1.80	9.56	24.15	22.35	17.99	12.67
US Core	0.78	8.20	16.11	14.74	13.44	8.15
US Growth	0.39	8.79	8.62	6.23	7.83	1.55
Large Value	2.16	9.65	25.68	23.75	17.30	11.27
Large Core	1.08	7.84	15.70	14.21	12.24	6.02
Large Growth	0.63	8.53	7.33	4.51	4.97	-0.78
Mid Value	0.73	9.47	19.38	18.03	20.16	16.00
Mid Core	-0.04	9.38	15.63	14.82	16.25	13.97
Mid Growth	-0.05	9.94	11.98	10.99	15.94	7.64
Small Value	0.64	8.70	20.20	18.50	17.63	17.28
Small Core	-0.14	9.01	22.04	20.21	18.38	15.43
Small Growth	-0.64	8.03	11.55	9.67	11.63	5.89



Biggest Influence on Index Performance							
Best Performing Index	Weekly Return %	Index Contribution %					
Large Value	2.16						
Citigroup Inc.	4.28	0.27					
Exxon Mobil Corp.	2.38	0.26					
Bank of America Corp.	3.21	0.19					
Chevron Corp.	3.50	0.14					
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.29	0.13					
Worst Performing Index							
Small Growth	-0.64						
SiRF Technology Holdings Inc.	-16.38	-0.07					
OSI Pharmaceuticals Inc.	-6.11	-0.04					
Delta Petroleum Corp.	-9.10	-0.04					
aQuantive Inc.	-6.97	-0.04					
Shuffle Master Inc.	-11.25	-0.04					





