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Market News

It was another mixed week for stocks, with the OPL market barely moving. Growth stocks had a bad week with investors moving their money into more established companies. Peloton was the hardest hit as the company issued a massive recall due to safety concerns about their products. The logistics companies were strong again with both UPS and Fedex repeating their gains from last week. Market favorite Amazon was down 5%. All in all, 10 of our picks were up over 5%, but 9 were down over 5% and that was enough to give us a tiny loss on the week.

While the whole market didn't move much, the leaderboard got much tighter. The top two funds are now separated by less than \$1000. With no trades made, everyone's portfolio is locked in for the final week. Good luck to all!

World News

Bill and Melinda Gates announced they will be getting divorced. So far at least \$2.4 billion in assets have been transferred to Melinda Gates. The Gates are one of the world's richest families and run one of the world's largest charitable organizations. The couple says that they are both still dedicated to their charity work and will continue that organization in spite of the separation.

A Malian woman gave birth to nonuplets: that is nine children at once. This is the third recorded instance of nonuplets.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has been unable to form a coalition government. Friday is the deadline for doing so, though a two-week extension for further negotiations may be granted by the country's president.

India's Covid crisis continues to intensify with travel bans hitting the nation from all over the world. Nepal, India's northern neighbor, has also seen a spike in cases. India is the world's second largest country by population.

Anti-government protests in Colombia have turned violent. The protests were sparked by a controversial reform package intended to raise revenue in the face of debt caused by Covid lockdowns. Even though the plan was scrapped, that has not stopped protests from passing the one-week mark. Other countries in the Latin America are in similar economic situations, caught between foreign creditors and frustrated local populations.

Finance News

Markets were rocky all week, but ended on a high note on Friday with tech rallying and the S&P 500 reaching an all-time high. The disappointing jobs report and Warren Buffet's inflation warnings didn't slow buying, but growth stocks underperformed for the week. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos sold about 2.5 billion dollars of Amazon shares this week. Bezos sold 10 billion dollars of shares last year. According to an SEC filing, Bezos plans to sell up to 2 million shares (currently worth over \$6 billion) in the near future. Bezos still owns 10% of Amazon, a stake worth over \$160 billion dollars.

Dogecoin, the cryptocurrency designed as a joke, had skyrocketed in value, hitting .70 on Thursday. Dogecoin saw its value jump when Elon Musk tweeted about it earlier this year. Musk then called Doge "a hustle" during an appearance on Saturday Night Live, causing the currency to plummet over the weekend.

The SEC* announced it is reviewing short selling and equity swap rules as well as regulations for stock trading programs. The fall of Archegos Capital and the Gamestop saga have increased calls for better finance oversight. Some of these rules could threaten the business model of brokers like Robin Hood whose platforms have been criticized for "gamifying" the stock market and encouraging gambling.

Honest Company saw its stock soar after its IPO, jumping 44% in its first day of trading. The IPO made company founder, actress Jessica Alba, \$144 million. Honest makes baby care, beauty, and personal care products.

David Swenson, chief manager of the Yale University endowment, died this week at age 67. Swenson was extremely influential as he changed the way many endowments and pension funds invest their money, branching into private equity and venture capital.

Vaccine stocks shook as news broke that President Biden was considering canceling patents on Coronavirus vaccines. While bad news for Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson, the elimination of patents would make the vaccines easier to produce and less expensive. The EU is considering doing something similar but Germany, the largest economy in Europe, opposes it.

Rio Tinto, a mining company, saw its shareholders block pay to many of its executives, including its CEO, who had resigned. The company came under fire when it expanded one of its mines in Western Australia into Juukan Caves, an archeologically significant site that is sacred to the indigenous peoples of the area. The vote is not binding, however, and the company's board will have the final say on whether the executives get paid.

*SEC: The Securities and Exchange Commission, an agency of the US government whose primary goal is to protect financial markets from manipulation.

Indexes and other Investments

As of market 5/7/2021

Name	Type	Value	% Weekly Change
S&P 500	US Large	4,232.60	+1.23%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	US Large	34,777.76	+2.67%
NASDAQ	US Tech	13,752.24	-1.51%
Russel 2000	US Small	2,271.63	+0.23%
Nikkei 225	Japan	29,357.82	+1.89%
FTSE100	UK	7,129.71	+2.29%
Hang Sang	Hong Kong	28,610.65	-0.40%
Crude Oil	Commodity	64.9	+2.22%
10 Year US Treasury	Bond	1.58	-3.07%
Gold	Metal	1,832.90	+3.62%
Bitcoin	Crypto	57,695.54	+0.33%

Weekly Big Movers

As of market close 5/7/2021

Name	Symbol	Value	% Change
Sealed Air	SEE	57.06	+15.51%
Exxon Mobil	XOM	62.43	+9.07%
Fedex	FDX	314.69	+8.40%
Neilsen	NLSN	27.65	+7.80%
eBay	EBAY	59.78	+7.15%
Eli Lily	LLY	195.42	+6.92%
United Parcel Service	UPS	217.5	+6.69%
Hannesbrands	HBI	22.37	+6.22%
Berkshire Hathaway	BRK.B	290.93	+5.81%
Hyundai	HYMTF	50	+5.69%
Spotify	SPOT	239.41	-5.04%
Amazon	AMZN	3291.61	-5.07%
Tesla	TSLA	672.37	-5.23%
Gamestop	GME	161.11	-7.19%
Zoom	ZM	295.24	-7.61%
Moderna	MRNA	163.15	-8.76%
Roblox	RBLX	67.9	-8.92%
Chewy	CHWY	71	-10.94%
Peleton	PTON	83.81	-14.78%

Test Your Knowledge Challenge

Our last challenge will require you to dig a little into market history! Look at each of these years and say if the S&P 500 (an index of large stocks in the US) were up or down that year.

- 1) 1929
- 2) 2020
- 3) 1981
- 4) 2000
- 5) 1945
- 6) 1995
- 7) 1974
- 8) 2008
- 9) 2009
- 10) 1954

Answer to last week:

- 1) AVGO: Broadcom,
- 2) X: US Steel
- 3) LUV: Southwest Airlines
- 4) PLAY: Dave and Busters
- 5) CRM: Salesforce
- 6) LAVA: Magma Design*
- 7) OO: Oakley*
- 8) WOOF: Petco Health and Wellness

OPL by the Weeks

Date	Value	Best Stock	Week Change	Total Change
2/19	\$18,000,000.00			
2/26	\$17,300,664.66	GME	-3.89%	-3.89%
3/5	\$17,132,325.57	GME	-0.97%	-4.82%
3/12	\$17,648,076.82	GME	+3.01%	-1.96%
3/19	\$17,547,945.70	FB	-0.57%	-2.51%
3/26	\$17,511,549.91	BJ	-0.21%	-2.71%
4/2	\$17,813,021.61	BRKS	+1.72%	-1.04%
4/9	\$18,432,854.73	AAPL	+3.48%	+2.40%
4/16	\$18,757,808.86	MRNA	+1.76%	+4.21%
4/23	\$18,543,898.29	CSX	-1.04%	+3.02%
4/30	\$18,690,869.49	UPS	+0.79%	+3.84%
5/7	\$18,685,352.53	SEE	03%	+3.81%

^{*}These two stocks no longer trade, so it might have been harder to find these! Sorry!

Leader Board

As of market close 5/7/2021

Fund	Market Value	Change	Largest Holding
STOCKITUP	1,146,634.80	-0.88%	UPS
MARSHMELLO	1,145,866.01	+2.04%	Regeneron
KITTYCAT	1,105,806.59	0.00%	Apple
OKAPI	1,095,783.55	+5.69%	eBay
URAPEASENT	1,084,249.00	+2.83%	Ford
KOPIMON	1,073,242.65	+2.23%	UPS
CHAIR	1,063,687.44	+0.33%	Amazon
KAYFUND	1,060,892.20	+0.15%	Amazon
POKEDEX	1,059,501.48	+1.92%	Mattel
AYUNSTOCK	1,059,065.84	+0.83%	Regeneron
BLUESPHERE	1,042,983.37	-2.77%	Moderna
GR4VITY09	1,038,294.68	+1.23%	Bank of America
KARMA	989,653.81	-2.21%	Amazon
YODAGROUP	980,080.87	-1.93%	Pfizer
TROYBOI	942,216.75	-2.86%	Amazon
HJRCAPITAL	940,715.58	-4.13%	Disney
LILLYPOP	937,288.39	-2.44%	Amazon
NESTEGG	919,389.52	-2.71%	BFIT

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Trade Wire

None

Most Popular OPL Market Stocks

As of market close 5/7/2021

Name	Symbol	Owners	Shares	Value	% Change
Amazon	AMZN	9	716	3291.61	-5.07%
Apple	AAPL	6	11301	130.21	-0.95%
Alphabet	GOOG	5	429	2398.69	-0.47%
United Parcel Service	UPS	3	4021	217.5	+6.69%
Tesla	TSLA	4	1135	672.37	-5.23%

Know Your Stocks: Basic Terms

Reading through a stock summary page can be very confusion. There is a lot of jargon to get through, so it's tempting to just ignore everything other than the price and whether it went up and down. While it is true that the price going up is the most important thing for you, the rest of that information can be useful to understanding the company and deciding when to buy and sell for the best gains.

Stock Summary

Close: The last price the stock traded at on the previous day.

Open: The first price the stock traded at on a given day.

Bid: The current price someone is willing to sell the stock for.

Ask: The current price someone is willing to buy the stock for.

Range: The highest and lowest price the stock traded at over a period of time. Common ranges are one day and 52 weeks.

Volume: The number of shares traded during a day.

Average Volume: The average number of shares traded over a period of time.

Market Cap: The total value of the company's shares.

Beta: How closely the stock moves with the whole market. The higher the value, the more volatile the stock is. High beta stocks make bigger gains and losses.

PE Ratio: Price to earnings ratio. This ratio compares the company's stock price to the company's earnings. The higher the ratio the more "expensive" the stock is. If a company has no earnings, it will not have a PE ratio.

EPS: Earnings per share. How much money the company makes. If this number is negative, this means the company lost money.

Earnings Date: When the company will next report its earnings publicly.

Ex-Dividend Date: The date you must own the stock before to be paid the dividend.

Dividend Yield: The percent of the stock's current value you will be paid as a dividend. This number taken from the annual amount of the dividend even if the company pays dividends quarterly as most do.

FCF: Free cash flow. This is the amount of money the company generates after accounting for operations and maintenance. This is used to judge how much money a company has for repayment of debt and payment of dividends to shareholders.