

# Morningstar Weekly Market Overview

February 23 through February 27, 2009

**US Market Index**  
-4.35%

**Core Bond Index**  
-0.42%

**Long-Only Commodity Index**  
2.81%

## Market Commentary

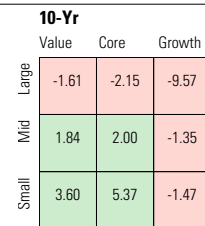
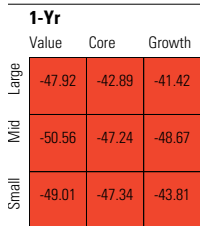
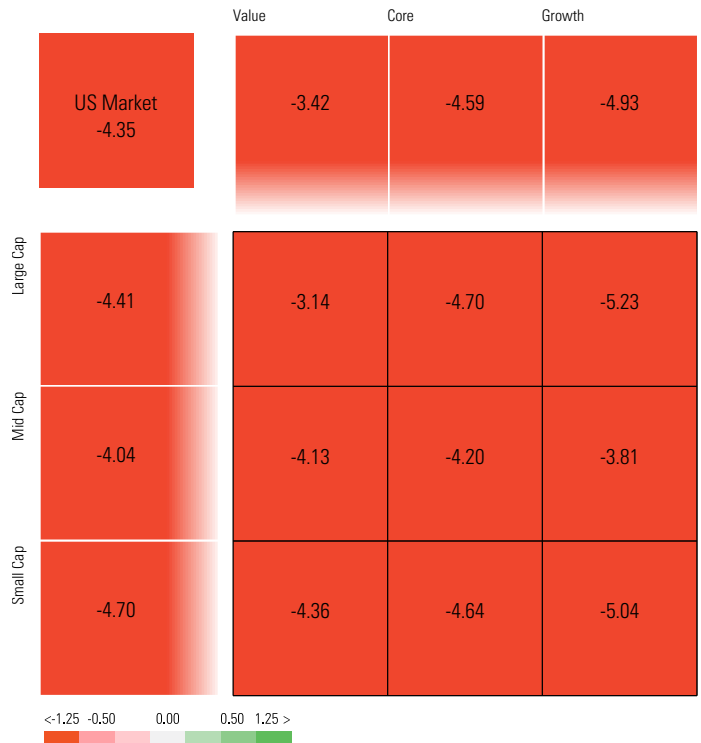
U.S. equity markets were down this week as markets grappled with ongoing economic concerns, U.S. budget deficit worries, and financial services sector health.

The Morningstar U.S. Market Index was down for the week as investors digested President Obama's budget details, Citigroup's new relationship with the government, and restated GDP data that painted a bleaker picture of the economy. There were some pockets of strength midweek in the financial services sector thanks to rallies in the stock prices of J.P. Morgan, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and others. Citigroup's large ownership transfer to the government and GE's 68% dividend cut on Friday cast a dark shadow, however, and many bank stocks gave back their gains for the week. Ongoing consumer spending weakness contributed to large stock price declines for firms such as Radio Shack, Office Depot, and Nelnet.

The Morningstar Core Bond Index was down for the week as corporate credit concerns weighed on bond prices. Year to date, the Morningstar Long-Term Corp Bond Index is down over 4% with half of that decline occurring this week. Emerging-markets corporate bonds were also significantly impacted this week by the global economic slowdown. The Morningstar Emerging Markets Corporate Index was down nearly 3% for the week, bringing the year-to-date loss to 26%.

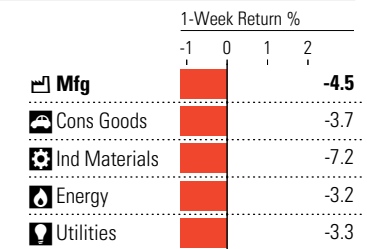
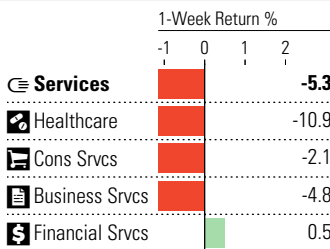
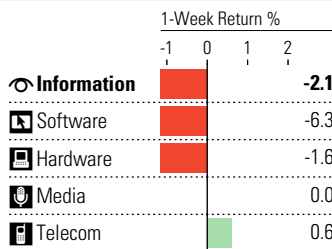
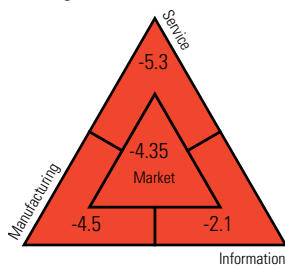
In a bright spot the Morningstar Long-Only Commodity Index was up nearly 3% for the week due to price increases for oil, gasoline, copper, and cotton. Gold and silver prices eased a bit off their historically high levels. Agricultural commodities were mixed for the week; sugar, corn, and soybeans were up modestly while cotton, wheat, and soybean meal were down slightly on average.

## Morningstar Market Barometer 1-Week Return %



## Sector Indexes

### Morningstar Sector Barometer



## Bond Indexes (Data as of 02-26-09)

|                    | 1-Week Return % | Yield       | Duration    |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Core Bond</b>   | <b>-0.42</b>    | <b>3.79</b> | <b>4.08</b> |
| US Government Bond | -0.35           | 2.17        | 5.02        |
| Corporate Bond     | -1.46           | 7.01        | 5.72        |
| Mortgage Bond      | 0.03            | 3.75        | 2.48        |

## Commodity Indexes (Data as of 02-26-09)

|                            | 1-Week Return % | YTD Return % |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Long-Only Commodity</b> | <b>2.81</b>     | <b>-6.85</b> |
| Long/Flat Commodity        | -0.33           | -0.33        |
| Long/Short Commodity       | -0.79           | 0.57         |