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U.S. major benchmarks rallied late in the week, after President Trump's signals that he was open to some separate fiscal stimulus measures, and technology stocks buoyed the markets. For the week, the Dow Jones Industrial Average registered 3.27% to finish at 28,586.90, while the S&P 500 gained 3.84% to close at 3,477.13. The Nasdaq Composite Index added 4.56% to end at 11,579.94. Small cap stocks measured by the Russell 2000 jumped 6.38% higher to 1,637.55. Economic data showed the U.S. services sector was resilient, with the Institute for Supply Management's index of nonmanufacturing companies rising to 57.8% in September from 56.9% in August. Internationally, China is forecast to grow by 2.0% in 2020, government spending bolstered the economy, exports, and a lower than anticipated rate of new coronavirus infections since March. However, slow domestic consumption persists, the World Bank said in a recent report. The rebound is also helping to push stocks forward; the Shanghai Composite Index is up 5.5% so far this year.

Overseas, mainland Chinese stocks climbed higher as investors returned from a weeklong break, with the Shanghai Composite rising 1.52% to 3,272.08, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index gained 2.81% to end at 24,119.13. In Europe, the pan-European Stoxx 600 Europe Index increased 369.40, gaining 2.50% to close the week.

The 10-year Treasury note yield rose 1.1. basis points to 0.777%, pulling forward with an 8.1 basis point weekly rise, its largest such jump in six weeks, amid continued talks between Washington lawmakers to strike an agreement on a new stimulus relief package. Gold gained 1.29%, while crude oil prices moved up 9.54% to 40.52.

For the week, advancing stocks that comprise the CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index (CBP2PTR) outpaced the decliners. Thirty-two of 37 firms posted gains ranging from 1.74% to a high 17.34%, powering the Index higher for the week. In particular, the four heaviest weighted stocks including U.S-based marketplace peer-to-peer lender LendingTree (TREE), and two China-based lenders LexinFintech (LX) and Qudian (QD), recorded 5.33%, 6.25%, and 6.87%, respectively. At the same time, Provider of Technology and Software Solutions member, Fidelity National Information Services (FIS), added 2.67%. The other three U.S. marketplace lenders, GreenSky (GSKY), gained 6.33%, while LendingClub (LC) increased 6.45%, after announcing that it would stop retail investors participating in lending activities on the platform by the end of the year. OnDeck Capital (ONDK) soared 11.83% after Enova International (ENVA) reported acquisition with ONDK will become effective on October 13, 2020, its shares jumped 11.57%. OnDeck will be removed the CrowdBureau® P2P Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index effective on that date. Also, technology stocks were in focus on Wednesday after the House Judiciary Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee issued a highly critical report on the business practices of industry juggernauts, which included two index constituents, namely, Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN) and Facebook Inc. (FB), both members of the Social Network[ing] segment of the index recorded 1.74%, and 5.17% in that order. Other members of the SN segment PayPal (PYPL) 2.79%, PagSeguro (PAGS) 8.64%, Square (SQ) 10.42%, and MecadoLibre (MELI) 11.17%.

Simultaneously, the performance of stocks of five China-based peer-to-peer lenders with declining share prices was not sufficient to prevent the Index from achieving its weekly gain. Declining stocks were led by Jiayin Group Inc.(JFIN), down -4.36%, SOS Limited (SOS) dropped -2.97%, heavier-weighted FinVolution Group (FINV) shed -2.50%, CNFinance Holdings Limited (CNF) dipped -1.09%, and Jianpu Technology Inc. (JT) ended with less than a half step back, -0.17%.

Table of the Week: Weekly Total Return Performance for the three new CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index (CBP2PTR) Constituents

Constituent Name	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Segment</u>	<u>2-Oct</u>	<u>9-Oct</u>
MercadoLibre Inc.	MELI	SN	1.63%	11.17%
Dun & BradStreet	DNB	T&S	2.76%	10.26%
Jiayin (#)	JFIN	P2P	4.03%	-2.06%

Note: (#) Denotes an American depositary receipt (ADR)

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