

**July 29 - August 2, 2019 Weekly Index Research Update****The CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index posts -4.57% decline**

The CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index (CBP2PTR) registered a third consecutive weekly decline, giving up -4.57% during a five-day trading interval when major market indexes suffered their worst weekly drops of 2019 due to economic concerns and escalating U.S. - China trade tensions. While the Index has given up -15.6% since reaching a 2019 high on May 3, its year-to-date return remains a strong 34.4%. During the July calendar month, which came to an end on Wednesday of the week, the Index, now with 32 constituents due to merger and acquisition activity, recorded a total return of -5.68% for the month.

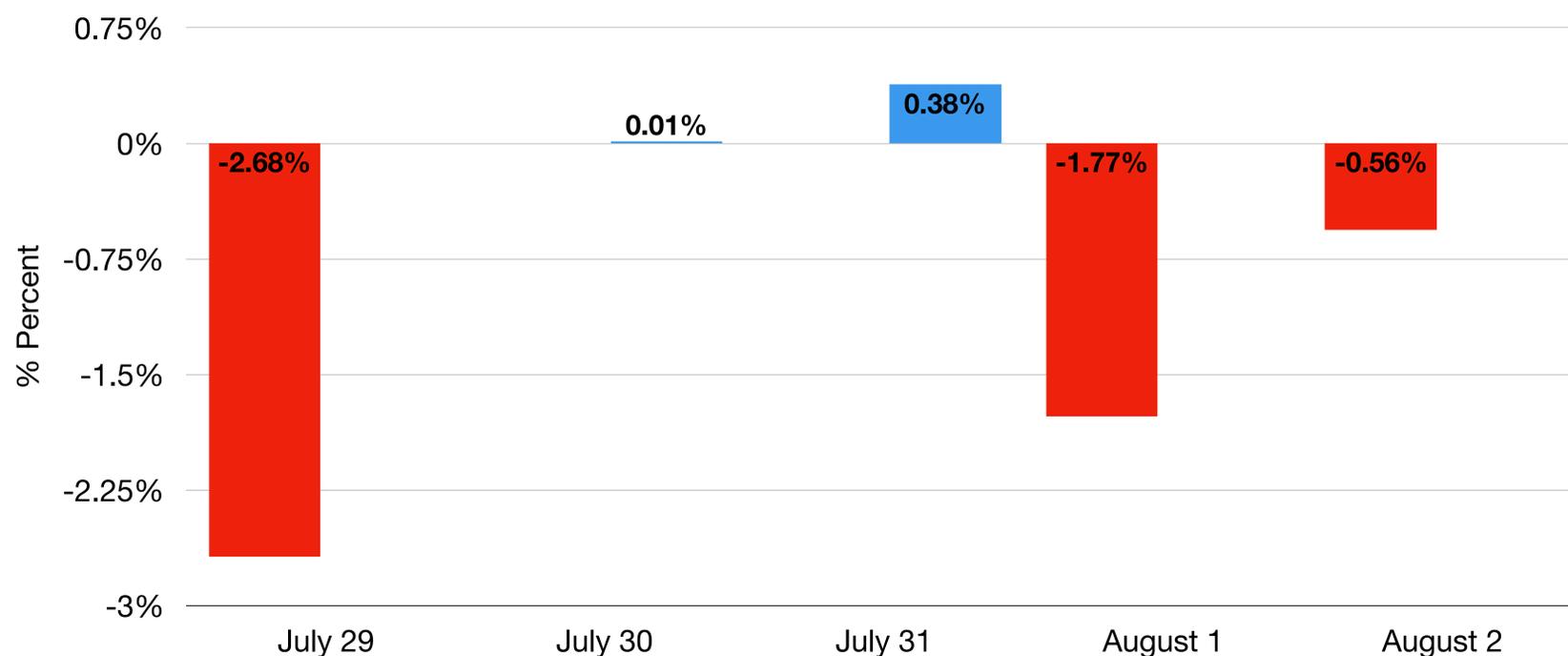
After reaching a high of 3,025.86 on Friday, July 26, the S&P 500 registered five successive declines to end down -3.10% - the worst week in 2019. Concerns regarding the preservation of economic growth in light of global developments as well as muted inflation pressures led to a lowering of the target range for the federal funds rate to 2 to 2-1/4 percent on Wednesday and were exacerbated by President Trump's surprise announcement the next day on the imposition of 10% tariffs on an additional \$300 billion of Chinese imports to take effect September 1, 2019. This led to one of the most volatile days on Wall Street since last winter's selloff and all major indices was dragged down for the day and the week. The Nasdaq Composite declined -3.92% while the Dow Jones Industrial Average posted more limited -2.6% decline.

Outside of the U.S., markets also ended lower, with Europe down -3.42%, the Pacific Region down -2.64% and Latin America gave up -3.13%, according to S&P Global Broad Market Indices.

Yields on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note tumbled to end the five-day trading week at 1.86%, a level not seen since 2016. At the same time, yields reached their widest spread relative to 3-month Treasuries at 20 basis points since yields inverted and remained the same starting on March 29.

While holding up on Tuesday and Wednesday (**refer to Chart of the Week**), the CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index and its members were pulled down further with the rest of the market as the week progressed. Only eight of the 32 index constituents posted positive results. Company specific developments, however, also had an impact. On Monday, July 29, OnDeck Capital Inc. (ONDK), the second peer-to-peer lending platform to disclose Q2 2019 earnings last week, followed the pattern established in the previous week by Lending Tree. OnDeck reported adjusted earnings of \$0.09 per share, down from adjusted earnings of \$0.10 last quarter and \$0.13 in the same period last year and below the I/B/E/S consensus forecast of \$0.12. On the same day during OnDeck's analyst earnings call it was disclosed that effective August 3, JPMorgan Chase Bank would no longer originate new small business loans through the company's platform. The company also noted that it took a \$0.9 million impairment charge to cover the remaining capitalized technology supporting JPMorgan Chase Bank's loan originations. For the day, ONDK dropped -23.2% but managed to recover somewhat to end the week down -10.1% after announcing that it is "actively pursuing" a bank charter to provide a wider range of products and find cost efficiencies. Either the company will apply for its own bank charter or obtain one through an acquisition, the company announced in its second quarter earnings call.

Five other index member companies also reported earnings, including Elevate Credit (ELVT), Global Payments (GPN), OneMain Holdings (OMF), Fair Isaac (FICO) and Square (SQ). Two of these firms, Elevate – despite the CEO resigning, and OneMain Holdings, ended the week with strong gains of 14.25% and 13.98%, respectively.

**Chart of the Week: CrowdBureau® Peer-to-Peer Lending and Equity Crowdfunding Index Daily Returns July 29, 2019 – August 2, 2019**

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