

Weekly Global Market Commentary September 21st, 2009

Stock Market Performance

| | 9/18/09 | W-o-W | M-o-M | Y-o-Y |
|------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| BSX | 2,374 | 2.4% | 3.0% | -43.4% |
| DJIA | 9,820 | 2.2% | 6.5% | -10.9% |
| S&P 500 | 1,068 | 2.5% | 7.9% | -11.5% |
| S&P/TSX | 11,446 | 1.7% | 7.2% | -5.1% |
| S&P/TSX-V | 1,282 | 1.6% | 9.9% | -13.3% |
| FSTE100 | 5,173 | 3.2% | 10.4% | 6.0% |
| DAX | 5,704 | 1.4% | 8.6% | -2.7% |
| CAC | 3,828 | 2.5% | 10.9% | -3.3% |
| Nikkei | 10,371 | -0.7% | 0.8% | -9.7% |
| Hang Seng | 21,623 | 2.2% | 6.5% | 22.6% |
| Shanghai | 2,963 | -0.9% | 1.8% | 56.3% |
| MSCI World | 1,139 | 1.8% | 9.0% | -6.4% |

Key Rates and Prices

| Currencies | 9/18/09 | Month ago | Year ago |
|------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| EUR | \$1.47 | \$1.41 | \$1.43 |
| GBP | \$1.63 | \$1.66 | \$1.82 |
| JPY | ¥91.29 | ¥94.69 | ¥105.44 |
| CAD | \$0.94 | \$0.91 | \$0.94 |
| CHF | \$0.97 | \$0.93 | \$0.91 |
| AUD | \$0.87 | \$0.83 | \$0.80 |

Fixed Income

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|--------------------|------|------|------|
| 3M LIBOR | 0.29 | 0.43 | 3.20 |
| 3M Treasury Bill | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.08 |
| 2Yr Treasury Note | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.70 |
| 10Yr Treasury Note | 3.47 | 3.51 | 3.55 |
| Fed Funds Rate | 0.25 | 0.25 | 2.00 |

Commodities

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|------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Gold/oz. | 1,007.60 | 938.60 | 850.84 |
| Silver/oz. | 17.00 | 14.00 | 11.97 |
| Copper/lb. | 2.80 | 2.76 | 3.06 |
| Oil | 72.04 | 69.19 | 97.88 |

Market Recap - Week Ending 9/18/09

Markets gained solidly last week across the board. The Dow and S&P 500 rose 2.2% and 2.5%, respectively, while the MSCI World Index finished 1.8% higher week-over-week. Gold was flat on the week, oil gained 4.0%, and natural gas jumped 27.6%. Retail sales, industrial production, and manufacturing numbers came in better than expected and helped feed the bullish markets. Also in the news last week, Fed Chairman Bernanke commented that the U.S. recession is likely over and Warren Buffett stated that he doesn't anticipate a double-dip recession. Though economies seem to be stabilizing, there is still some cause for concern. At the G20 meeting this week, participants will be discussing broad financial regulation reform that could impact bank profits. Furthermore, inflation remains a serious concern because of the huge amounts of money governments have pumped into their economies.

The Week Ahead

At the start of the week, markets began on a moderately negative tone with most equity indices, commodities, and government bonds trading in the red.

News this week includes existing home sales and durable goods orders out of the U.S. More importantly, investors will be tuned to the Fed's rate decision on Wednesday to see if the FOMC has altered its tone at all. Central bank minutes from the U.K. and Japan may yield some insight as well this week.

Global Economic Calendar (Sep. 21 - Sep. 25)

- Mon:** Leading Indicators (US)
- Tue:** Retail Sales (Can.); Housing Price Index, Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index (US)
- Wed:** PMI Manufacturing (Ger.); Industrial New Orders, PMI Manufacturing (EMU); BoE Minutes (UK); Geithner Speech, Fed Rate Decision (US); Merchandise Trade Balance (Jap.)
- Thur:** G20 Meeting (G20); New Home Sales (AU); IFO – Business Climate (Ger.); Initial Jobless Claims, Existing Home Sales (US); PMI Manufacturing, BoJ Minutes (Jap.)
- Fri:** G20 Meeting (G20); Durable Goods, New Home Sales, Reuters/Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (US)

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