

Weekly Global Market Commentary December 13th, 2010

Stock Market Performance

	12/10/10	W-o-W	M-o-M	Y-o-Y
DJIA	11,410	0.2%	0.5%	9.7%
S&P 500	1,240	1.3%	1.8%	12.5%
S&P/TSX	13,239	0.5%	2.3%	15.5%
S&P/TSX-V	2,124	0.7%	5.0%	49.9%
BSX	1,124	-1.2%	-9.3%	-46.4%
FTSE100	5,813	1.2%	-0.1%	10.8%
DAX	7,006	0.8%	4.3%	22.7%
CAC	3,857	2.8%	-0.8%	1.6%
Nikkei	10,212	0.3%	3.9%	3.5%
Hang Seng	23,163	-0.7%	-5.5%	6.7%
Shanghai	2,841	0.0%	-8.8%	-12.7%
MSCI World	1,257	0.8%	0.5%	8.9%

Key Rates and Prices

Currencies	12/10/10	Month ago	Year ago
EUR	\$1.32	\$1.38	\$1.47
GBP	\$1.58	\$1.61	\$1.63
JPY	¥83.95	¥82.28	¥88.21
CAD	\$0.99	\$1.00	\$0.95
CHF	\$1.02	\$1.03	\$0.97
AUD	\$0.99	\$1.01	\$0.92

Fixed Income

3M LIBOR	0.30	0.29	0.25
3M Treasury Bill	0.12	0.13	0.03
2Yr Treasury Note	0.64	0.43	0.77
10Yr Treasury Note	3.32	2.63	3.50
Fed Funds Rate	0.25	0.25	0.25

Commodities

Gold/oz.	1,386.00	1,403.90	1,131.00
Silver/oz.	28.67	27.26	17.41
Copper/lb.	4.08	3.97	3.09
Oil	87.79	87.81	70.54

Market Recap - Week Ending 12/10/10

Stocks had another solid week of gains, with the S&P 500 Index closing at its highest level since September 2008, prior to the collapse of Lehman Brothers. The Dow and S&P are now poised for 10% gains for the year, with the NASDAQ up about 15%.

The U.S. dollar had a strong week versus the Euro, the Canadian dollar and the Japanese yen, but fell against the pound sterling. Commodity prices were mixed—with oil flat, silver down slightly, and copper closing at a new record above \$4 per pound. The gold price fell below the \$1400 per ounce level and finished the week at \$1386.

The Week Ahead

Trading will likely be choppy and volumes low as we head towards the holiday season. Europe continues to suffer from debt problems in certain countries, while a report over the weekend showed that Chinese inflation continues to rise.

The week's biggest economic news is on Thursday, with U.S. new home construction and initial jobless claims. On Tuesday, the Fed is widely expected to hold interest rates near 0%, where they have been since the financial crisis took hold in 2008.

Global Economic Calendar (Dec. 13 - Dec. 17)

Mon: PPI (Switz, UK), Capacity Utilization (Can)
Tue: CPI (UK), Retail Sales, PPI, Fed Rate Decision (US)
Wed: Jobless Claims (UK), Employment Change (EU), CPI, Industrial Production (US)
Thurs: CPI (EU), SNB Rate Decision (Switz), Housing Starts, Initial Jobless Claims (US)
Fri: Trade Balance (EU), Leading Indicators (US)

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