



## Weekly Global Market Commentary August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

### Stock Market Performance

	8/28/09	W-o-W	M-o-M	Y-o-Y
<b>BSX</b>	2,306	0.0%	5.0%	-48.3%
<b>DJIA</b>	9,544	0.4%	4.9%	-18.5%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,029	0.3%	5.0%	-20.9%
<b>S&amp;P/TSX</b>	10,978	1.4%	3.9%	-20.2%
<b>S&amp;P/TSX-V</b>	1,189	-0.3%	5.4%	-39.5%
<b>FSTE100</b>	4,909	1.2%	8.4%	-12.4%
<b>DAX</b>	5,517	1.0%	6.6%	-14.1%
<b>CAC</b>	3,693	2.1%	10.9%	-17.2%
<b>Nikkei</b>	10,534	2.9%	4.4%	-17.5%
<b>Hang Seng</b>	20,099	-0.5%	-2.5%	-4.2%
<b>Shanghai</b>	2,861	-3.4%	-16.8%	21.7%
<b>MSCI World</b>	1,094	1.3%	6.4%	-18.8%

### Key Rates and Prices

Currencies	8/28/09	Month ago	Year ago
<b>EUR</b>	\$1.43	\$1.42	\$1.47
<b>GBP</b>	\$1.63	\$1.64	\$1.83
<b>JPY</b>	¥93.60	¥94.55	¥109.50
<b>CAD</b>	\$0.92	\$0.92	\$0.95
<b>CHF</b>	\$0.94	\$0.93	\$0.91
<b>AUD</b>	\$0.84	\$0.83	\$0.86

### Fixed Income

<b>3M LIBOR</b>	0.35	0.49	2.81
<b>3M Treasury Bill</b>	0.14	0.19	1.74
<b>2Yr Treasury Note</b>	1.02	1.08	2.36
<b>10Yr Treasury Note</b>	3.45	3.69	3.78
<b>Fed Funds Rate</b>	0.25	0.25	2.00

### Commodities

<b>Gold/oz.</b>	955.00	937.50	834.05
<b>Silver/oz.</b>	14.73	13.73	13.69
<b>Copper/lb.</b>	2.94	2.51	3.42
<b>Oil</b>	72.74	67.23	115.59

### Market Recap - Week Ending 8/28/09

Other than a slight stumble at the end of last week, markets have been climbing steadily. Up until Friday, the Dow had an eight day positive run and gained nearly 4.9%. Year-to-date, the S&P is up 13.9%, the Dow 8.7%, and the MSCI World has risen 21.0%. Economic news last week has helped provide some justification for the markets. New home sales in the U.S. rose 9.6% in July, the biggest gain since 2005 (albeit from very depressed levels). Consumer confidence rose in August as well. Unfortunately, the job market continues to be a drag on the U.S. economy. New unemployment claims are still quite high, and personal income and spending remain meager. Until consumption and capital expenditures improve, it is likely that the recovery will be anemic.

### The Week Ahead

At the start of this week, a selloff in Asia sparked much of the same in Europe and America. Fed by concerns of tightening credit, China's main stock index dropped 6.7% on Monday after a 3% fall on Friday. This week will continue to test the fortitude of the markets with key economic data from the U.S. ISM manufacturing and factory orders are reported on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, and the closely-watched nonfarm payrolls numbers come in on Friday. Investors seem to have become increasingly concerned that markets have gotten too far ahead of the economy. Without some reassurance soon, many fear that the market's rally could sputter in coming weeks.

### Global Economic Calendar (Aug. 31-Sep. 4)

- Mon:** Summer Bank Holiday (UK); GDP (Can.); Chicago PMI (US)
- Tue:** RBA Rate Decision (AU); PMI (Switz.); PMI Manufacturing (UK); Unemployment Rate (EMU); ISM Manufacturing (US)
- Wed:** ADP Employment Change, Nonfarm Productivity, Factory Orders, EIA Crude Oil Stocks, FOMC Minutes (US)
- Thur:** Trade Balance (AU); Retail Sales, ECB Rate Decision (EMU); Initial Jobless Claims (US)
- Fri:** CPI (Switz.); Unemployment Rate (Can.); Nonfarm Payrolls, Average Hourly Earnings, Average Weekly Hours, Unemployment Rate (US)

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