

Weekly Market Commentary & Developments

Week ending June 24th, 2011

		US Economy and Credit Markets				
Yields and Weekly Changes:						
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.01 (-01 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	111-11/32 (1.64%)			
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.06 (-02 bps)	Duration:	3.73 years			
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.13 (-02 bps)	30-Year Insured Revs:	161.2% of 30 Yr. T-Bond			
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.33 (-04 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	5.15% (-02 bps)			
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.56 (-11 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	91.18 (-1.83)			
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.38 (-14 bps)	Gold Futures:	1500.50 (-38.10)			
10 Yr. T-Note:	2.86 (-07 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:				
30 Yr. T-Bond:	4.18 (-01 bps)	BB, 7-10 Yr.:	6.62% (+04 bps)			
		B, 7-10 Yr.:	7.86% (+04 bps)			

Treasury prices gained once again this week as continued concerns about Greece and the potential for contagion throughout the European banking system dominated headlines and influenced investor demand for the safety of U.S. debt later in the week. In other economic news this week, existing home sales declined 3.8% in May to an annual rate of 4.81 million, nearly matching expectations of 4.80 million units. The Federal Reserve maintained the target range for the Fed Funds rate at 0% - 0.25% and reiterated that rates will remain at this level for an "extended period". New home sales in May declined to an annual rate of 319,000 which was ahead of the estimate of 310,000. Durable goods orders increased 1.9% in May, better than expectations of 1.5%. Excluding transportation, durable goods were 0.6% higher vs. the estimate was 0.9%. 1st quarter GDP was revised up from 1.8% to 1.9% matching expectations. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for next week include: Monday: May Personal Income (0.4%), May Personal Spending (0.1%), Dallas Fed Manufacturing Activity (-3.2); Tuesday: April S&P/Case-Shiller Composite-20 Home Price Index (-0.2% MoM, -4.0% YoY), June Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index (-3); Wednesday: May Pending Home Sales (2.5%); Thursday: June Chicago Purchasing Managers Index (54.0); Friday: June Final University of Michigan Consumer Confidence (72.0), May Construction Spending (0.1%), June ISM Manufacturing Index (51.8), June Vehicle Sales - Annualized (12.05M Total, 9.40 Domestic).

Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:	
DJIA:	11934.58 (-69.78, -0.58%)	Strong Sectors:	Basic Materials, Technology Consumer Services
S&P 500:	1268.45 (-3.05,-0.24%)	W 10 1	Oil & Gas, Financials, Utilities
S&P MidCap:	946.00 (+13.25,+1.42%)	Weak Sectors:	
S&P Small Cap:	427.54 (+6.26,+1.49%) NYSE Advance/Decline:		2,027 / 1,150
NASDAQ Comp:	2652.89 (+36.41,+1.39%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	149 / 108
Russell 2000:	797.79 (+16.04,+2.05%)	AAII Bulls/Bears:	37.5% / 35.7%

Investors pushed the stock market down this week for the seventh time in the past eight as concerns about several European countries' ability to pay their debt continued to trouble the market. The price of crude oil fell for the fourth straight week after the IEA announced a release of 60 million barrels of oil with half coming from reserves in the U.S. Crude has now fallen over 20% in the past two months which should provide some relief to consumers. The Federal Reserve voted to keep rates unchanged and lowered their economic growth forecast for the year to 2.8%. JPMorgan agreed this week to pay \$153.6 million to the SEC to settle charges that it defrauded investors of mortgage securities just before the housing market crashed. Semiconductor manufacturer Micron Technology's quarterly profit dropped to just seven cents per share from ninety-two cents per share a year ago due to weak PC demand. Lagging Western European economies were blamed for a large second quarter profit drop for the Dutch electronics maker Philips Electronics. FedEx however raised their 2012 earnings guidance after stating that they expect the economy to rebound. Shares of Oracle fell after the company reported hardware sales that were lower than analysts' expectations. Shares of Bed Bath & Beyond jumped this week after the company reported strong first-quarter profit and raised their outlook for the year. Reports that federal authorities are investigating whether Google's search engine is a threat to competition contributed to a 1% drop in the shares on Friday. Pfizer's tamperresistant painkiller drug was rejected by the FDA on Friday which caused the shares to fall almost 3%. Investors will be watching on Wednesday as Greece's Parliament votes on a five-year austerity plan which would provide the country with more funds from the IMF and the EU if approved. Monsanto and Family Dollar Stores will report quarterly earnings this week.