

## Weekly Market Commentary & Developments

Week ending September 9th, 2011

US Economy and Credit Markets						
Yields and Weekly Changes:						
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.00 (-02 bps)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	112-18/32 (1.01%)			
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.04 (-01 bps)	Duration:	3.57 years			
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.09 (-01 bps)	30-Year Insured Revs:	200.9% of 30 Yr. T-Bond			
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.17 (-03 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	5.01% (-05 bps)			
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.29 (-02 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	87.14 (+0.69)			
5 Yr. T-Note:	0.80 (-06 bps)	Gold Futures:	1858.40 (-16.0)			
10 Yr. T-Note:	1.92 (-07 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:				
30 Yr. T-Bond:	3.25 (-05 bps)	BB, 7-10 Yr.:	6.94% (+04 bps)			
		B, 7-10 Yr.:	8.56% (+06 bps)			

Treasury prices were slightly higher for the week pushing yields to record lows as investors sought safety from the continuing European debt crisis. Prices were relatively unchanged Tuesday after the long weekend, but speculation about President Obama's speech concerning job creation sent prices lower on Wednesday. Prices rebounded on the long end Thursday after Fed Chairman Bernanke discussed the potential of shifting the Fed's holdings to longer maturities to drive down longer-term borrowing rates. On Friday, Greece's debt once again dominated headlines and sent prices moderately higher. Major economic reports (and related consensus forecasts) for next week include: Tuesday: August Import Price Index (-0.7% MoM, +12.5% YoY); Wednesday: August Producer Price Index (-0.1% MoM, +6.4% YoY) and August Producer Price Index Excluding Food and Energy (+0.2% MoM, +2.5% YoY), August Advanced Retail Sales (+0.2%, +0.2% excluding autos); Thursday: August Consumer Price Index (+0.2% MoM, +3.6% YoY), August Consumer Price Index Excluding Food and Energy (+0.2% MoM, +1.9% YoY), September Empire Manufacturing Index (-3.95), Initial Jobless Claims (410,000), August Industrial Production (0.0%), August Capacity Utilization (77.5%) and September Philadelphia Fed Index (-15.0); Friday: September preliminary University of Michigan Consumer Confidence (56.5).

US Stocks					
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:			
DJIA:	10992.13 (-248.13, -2.21%)	Strong Sectors:	Technology, Health Care, Consumer Services		
S&P 500:	1154.23 (-19.74,-1.68%)	Maak Castava	Industrials, Basic Materials, Utilities		
S&P MidCap:	823.36 (-9.63,-1.16%)	Weak Sectors:			
S&P Small Cap:	369.26 (-4.79,-1.28%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	945 / 2,207		
NASDAQ Comp:	2467.99 (-12.34,-0.50%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	60 / 292		
Russell 2000:	673.96 (-9.40,-1.38%)	AAII Bulls/Bears:	30.2% / 40.3%		

The month of September continued to be a rough one for equities as the financial crisis in Europe dragged stocks lower three of the four trading days this week. A rumor on Friday that Greece would default on its debt over the weekend caused investors to reduce their risk exposure across all sectors. Concerns over the amount of exposure to Greece's debt caused a selloff in shares of European banks as Deutsche Bank fell almost 9% and UBS and Credit Suisse both dropped 6%. Banking stocks in the US also suffered as Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase each fell almost 4% and Bank of America shed 3% on Friday. Shares of McDonald's took a hit on Friday after the fast food giant reported August same-store sales growth that trailed analysts' expectations. Rumors that the mining company Anglo American might offer \$120 per share for the coal company Walter Energy caused the shares to climb over 21% on Wednesday. The market responded very positively to the exploration company Petroleum Development's decision to enter the Utica Shale play in southeastern Ohio. NovaGold Resources' shares fell after the company stated that its joint venture project with Barrick Gold will now cost \$7 billion, rising from a previous estimate of \$4.5 billion. Trina Solar shares dropped over 22% this week as lackluster demand coupled with falling prices have investors concerned over the earnings outlook for the company. Looking ahead to the coming week, investors will be focused on the August retail sales report released on Wednesday and on the August industrial production report released on Thursday. Best Buy, Research in Motion, Apogee Enterprises and Ascena Retail are among the companies due to report earnings this week.