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TALKING POINTS

A Recap of June 2010

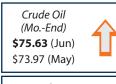
The Economy

Total cost of the recent G8/G20 summits in Canada is expected to approach \$1.4 billion, according to the *Canada Free Press*. President Obama encouraged the members of the G20 to continue pumping stimulus into their respective economies, while the rest of the group opted for their own strategies. The group did pledge to cut government deficits in half by 2013. Developing nations raised \$29.3 billion in Q2'10 (thru 6/25) via IPOs, nearly 3x more than the amount raised in industrialized markets, according to *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*. The role/influence of the emerging markets is ascending rapidly.























The Stock Market

Indices (Source: Bloomberg) June 12-mo. S&P 500 -5.2% 14.4% DJIA -3.4% 18.9% NASDAQ 100 -6.1% 18.5% S&P 400 -6.6% 24.9% Russell 2000 -7.7% 21.5% MSCI World (ex U.S.) (USD) -1.4% 7.7% MSCI Emerging Markets (USD) -0.7% 23.3% **Growth/Value** (Source: Bloomberg) June 12-mo. -4.7% S&P 500 Citigroup Growth 12.6% -5.7% 16.4% S&P 500 Citigroup Value S&P Midcap 400/Citigroup Growth -6.3% 24.5% 25.6% S&P Midcap 400/Citigroup Value -6.8% Russell 2000 Growth -6.7% 18.0% Russell 2000 Value -8.7% 25.1%

Only eight out of the 134 subsectors (6.0%) that comprise the S&P 500 posted a gain in June, up from four last month. Telecom Services was the top performing major sector, down 0.4%, according to S&P. In June, the dividend-payers (368) in the S&P 500 (equal weight) posted a total return of -5.91%, vs. -7.30% for the non-payers (132), according to Standard & Poor's. Year-to-date, the payers were down 2.90%, vs. a loss of 4.41% for the non-payers. For the 12-month period ended June, payers were up 25.58%, vs. a gain of 26.98% for the non-payers. The number of dividend increases year-to-date totaled 130, up from 85 increases a year ago. One company decreased its dividend, down from 55 a year ago. One company suspended its dividend, down from 10 a year ago. Thomson Reuters reported that the S&P 500 was trading at 12.7 times its 12-month forward-looking earnings estimate at the close of the 6/25 trading session, according to *USA TODAY*. That is well below the 14.2 average posted over the past five years. Since 1960, stocks have averaged a 12-month return of 12.0% when the forward-looking P-E is between 10 and 15, according to Brian Belski, chief investment strategist at Oppenheimer. Analysts are expecting S&P 500 earnings to grow by 17.5% to \$96.42 in 2011, topping the previous high of \$88.18 in 2006.





Short Interest (NYSE)
Jun 14: **14.48B** (4.2%)
May 14: 13.89B (0.0%)
Record 7/08: 18.61 billion shares



VIX Volatility Index (\$&P 500) **34.54** (6/30) 32.07 (5/28) Record 11/20/08: 80.86



The Bond Market

12-Mo. <u>Yield</u> **Index (Source: Barclays)** <u>June</u> 1.47% U.S. Treasury: Intermediate 1.43% 5.84% 1.26% 8.32% 3.17% GNMA 30 Year 14.99% Municipal Bond (22+) -0.19% 5.00% U.S. Aggregate 1.57% 9.50% 2.83% Intermediate Corporate 1.50% 14.22% 3.68% 1.24% 26.77% 9.16% U.S. Corporate High Yield Global Aggregate 1.53% 5.00% 2.54% 6.12% **Global Emerging Markets** 2.18% 17.80%

Bond investors returned to speculative-grade debt following some aggressive profit taking in May. Equities sold-off aggressively for the second month in a row. Moody's upgraded 200 corporate issuers in Q2'10, while only lowering the ratings on 129, according to Bloomberg. Company profits rose at the fastest pace in Q1'10 (+31%) since 1984. It was the first time since Q2'07 (prior to subprime meltdown) where upgrades topped downgrades. Those investors fearing that the recovery is actually losing steam opted for the security of Treasuries. The yield on the 10-year T-Bond fell below 3.00% (2.93%) for the first time since April 2009. The yield on the 2-year T-Note fell to a record-low 0.60%. With respect to tax-frees, states are expected to face a deficit of \$140 billion in fiscal 2011, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Key Rates as of June 30
Fed Funds 0-0.25%
2-Yr.T-Note 0.61%
10-Yr.T-Bond 2.93%
30-Yr. Mortgage 4.68%
Bond Buyer 40 5.16%
(Source: Bloomberg)

Key Yield Spread
The spread between the Merrill Lynch
High Yield Master II Index and the 10-Yr.
T-Bond was 626 basis points on 6/30/10,
up from 589 on 5/28/10. It was 954 on
6/30/09. (Source: Bloomberg)

| 2010 Debt Issuance through May (Source:Thomson Reuters) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Debt Category | \$ Amount | % change over '09 | | | | | | | |
| Treasury | \$927.7 Billion | +45.6% | | | | | | | |
| Corporate | \$380.7 Billion | -2.3% | | | | | | | |
| Convertible | \$13.6 Billion | +9.0% | | | | | | | |
| Asset-Backed | \$58.9 Billion | +9.5% | | | | | | | |
| Municipal | \$168.9 Billion | +10.7% | | | | | | | |

Equity funds reported net cash outflows totaling \$24.7 billion in 5/10, vs. \$13.2 billion of inflows in 4/10, according to the Investment Company Institute. Bond fund inflows totaled \$14.6 billion, vs. \$28.1 billion of inflows in 4/10. Money Market fund outflows totaled \$21.6 billion, vs. \$126.5 billion of outflows in 4/10. Y-T-D through May, equity funds reported net inflows totaling \$14.4 billion, vs. \$135.0 billion of inflows for bond funds and \$484.6 billion of outflows for MMFs.

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High/Low Snapshot

Data as of 6/30/10

| Index | 10-Yr. High Value | Date | 10-Yr. Low Value | Date | Month-End Value | % Off High Value | YTD Return (USD) | Month-End Yield |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| S&P 500 | 1565.15 | 10/09/07 | 676.53 | 03/09/09 | 1030.71 | -34.15% | -6.65% | 2.13% |
| S&P 500/Citigroup Growth | 939.41 | 07/17/00 | 363.99 | 03/09/09 | 531.54 | -43.42% | -7.98% | 1.74% |
| S&P 500/Citigroup Value | 836.19 | 07/13/07 | 307.16 | 03/09/09 | 491.52 | -41.22% | -5.30% | 2.54% |
| S&P 400 | 926.23 | 07/13/07 | 372.88 | 10/09/02 | 711.73 | -23.16% | -1.36% | 1.54% |
| S&P 400/Citigroup Growth | 383.70 | 06/05/08 | 162.27 | 10/09/02 | 310.72 | -19.02% | -0.69% | 0.91% |
| S&P 400/Citigroup Value | 361.18 | 06/04/07 | 135.55 | 10/09/02 | 256.21 | -29.06% | -2.00% | 2.16% |
| S&P 100 | 829.83 | 09/01/00 | 322.13 | 03/09/09 | 467.65 | -43.65% | -8.05% | 2.34% |
| DJIA | 14164.53 | 10/09/07 | 6547.05 | 03/09/09 | 9774.02 | -31.00% | -5.00% | 2.85% |
| NASDAQ 100 | 4099.30 | 09/01/00 | 804.64 | 10/07/02 | 1739.14 | -57.57% | -6.17% | 0.82% |
| Russell 2000 | 855.77 | 07/13/07 | 327.04 | 10/09/02 | 609.49 | -28.78% | -1.94% | 1.41% |
| Russell 2000 Growth | 455.25 | 10/10/07 | 169.69 | 10/09/02 | 334.27 | -26.57% | -2.30% | 0.71% |
| Russell 2000 Value | 1276.63 | 06/04/07 | 469.32 | 03/09/09 | 844.17 | -33.88% | -1.63% | 2.14% |
| Russell 3000 | 907.58 | 10/09/07 | 389.61 | 03/09/09 | 607.92 | -33.02% | -6.05% | 2.00% |
| MSCI World x U.S. (USD) | 5379.90 | 10/31/07 | 1636.59 | 03/12/03 | 3349.86 | -37.73% | -12.47% | N/A |
| MSCI Emerging Markets (USD) | 473.35 | 10/29/07 | 75.12 | 09/21/01 | 344.96 | -27.12% | -6.17% | N/A |
| Bovespa/Brazil (USD) | 44638.24 | 05/19/08 | 2160.80 | 10/16/02 | 33840.12 | -24.19% | -14.13% | 3.71% |
| RTS/Russia (USD) | 2487.92 | 05/19/08 | 131.02 | 01/03/01 | 1339.35 | -46.17% | -5.27% | 1.87% |
| Bombay SE 500/India (USD) | 226.04 | 01/07/08 | 16.50 | 09/21/01 | 152.68 | -32.45% | 4.46% | 1.26% |
| Shanghai Composite/China (USD) | 810.24 | 10/16/07 | 122.21 | 07/11/05 | 353.65 | -56.35% | -25.50% | 1.66% |
| KOSPI/South Korea (USD) | 2.29 | 10/31/07 | 0.36 | 04/04/01 | 1.39 | -39.36% | -3.79% | 1.32% |
| Hang Seng (USD) | 4082.25 | 10/30/07 | 1078.13 | 04/25/03 | 2584.45 | -36.69% | -6.46% | 3.04% |
| MSCI Euro (USD) | 1988.53 | 10/31/07 | 598.84 | 03/12/03 | 953.68 | -52.04% | -21.91% | 4.19% |
| S&P Consumer Discretionary | 318.54 | 06/04/07 | 125.72 | 03/09/09 | 229.71 | -27.89% | -1.56% | 1.56% |
| S&P Consumer Staples | 306.61 | 12/10/07 | 182.72 | 03/10/03 | 262.64 | -14.34% | -2.79% | 3.17% |
| S&P Energy | 668.81 | 05/20/08 | 163.83 | 07/23/02 | 373.36 | -44.18% | -12.20% | 2.50% |
| S&P Utilities | 223.91 | 12/10/07 | 77.27 | 10/09/02 | 143.44 | -35.94% | -7.14% | 4.66% |
| S&P Financials | 509.55 | 02/20/07 | 81.74 | 03/06/09 | 185.64 | -63.57% | -3.67% | 1.20% |
| S&P Banks | 414.38 | 02/20/07 | 49.02 | 03/05/09 | 128.02 | -69.11% | 2.59% | 1.02% |
| FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs | 676.54 | 02/07/07 | 163.57 | 03/06/09 | 358.71 | -46.98% | 5.56% | 3.87% |
| S&P Health Care | 444.98 | 12/28/00 | 252.84 | 03/05/09 | 326.88 | -26.54% | -8.79% | 2.33% |
| S&P Pharmaceuticals | 496.83 | 12/28/00 | 214.50 | 03/03/09 | 273.15 | -45.02% | -9.17% | 4.05% |
| NYSE Arca Biotechnology | 1253.57 | 03/23/10 | 280.09 | 07/10/02 | 1023.08 | -18.39% | 8.59% | 1.60% |
| S&P Information Technology | 887.77 | 07/17/00 | 172.88 | 10/09/02 | 329.93 | -62.84% | -10.57% | 1.01% |
| Philadelphia Semiconductor | 1266.39 | 07/17/00 | 171.32 | 11/20/08 | 332.30 | -73.76% | -7.18% | 1.23% |
| S&P Telecom Services | 283.63 | 07/14/00 | 79.00 | 09/30/02 | 102.04 | -64.02% | -8.38% | 6.16% |
| S&P Industrials | 381.16 | 10/09/07 | 132.83 | 03/09/09 | 238.29 | -37.48% | -0.86% | 2.37% |
| S&P Materials | 285.91 | 05/16/08 | 102.55 | 10/09/02 | 172.46 | -39.68% | -12.88% | 1.98% |
| Philadelphia Gold & Silver | 206.37 | 03/14/08 | 41.85 | 11/17/00 | 177.63 | -13.93% | 5.95% | 0.62% |
| Reuters/Jefferies CRB | 473.52 | 07/02/08 | 183.52 | 10/22/01 | 258.52 | -45.40% | -8.77% | N/A |
| Merrill Lynch Perpetual Preferred | 197.85 | 05/08/07 | 51.79 | 03/09/09 | 139.94 | -29.27% | 3.84% | 7.71% |
| Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II | 243.13 | 04/27/10 | 106.67 | 10/10/02 | 237.62 | -2.27% | 4.71% | 9.19% |
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