

MainStreet Advisors Financial Market Update

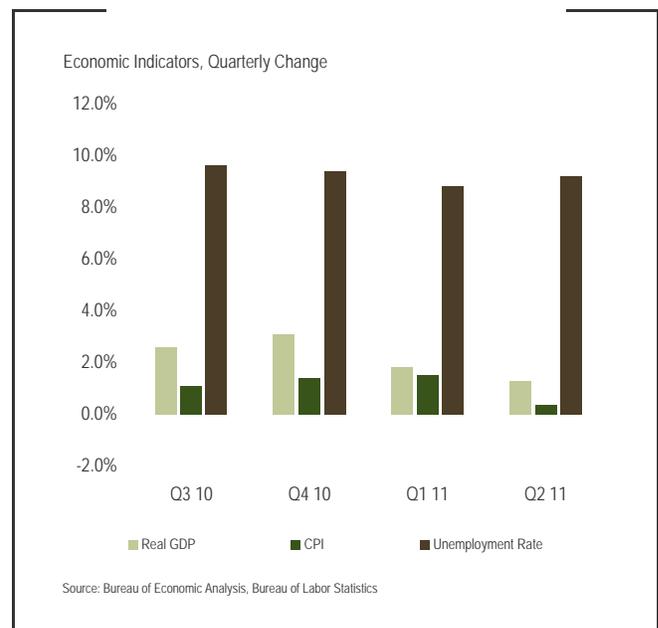
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Economic Update

The European debt crisis continues to dominate headlines ad nauseam. Further downgrades for Spain and Italy came from rating agency Fitch this week. The firm said the debt crisis "constitutes a significant financial and economic shock which has weakened Italy's sovereign risk profile." Greece still needs to take additional austerity measures to balance its long-term budget, but each measure taken cuts into GDP and leads to higher unemployment and a smaller tax base that's already well known for not paying taxes anyway. It creates a downward spiral that only an outright payment of the country's debt by other members of the eurozone or a debt restructuring can resolve. Despite what pledges various European political leaders have made, a Greece default seems imminent at this point. The question now is when exactly that little domino will fall, and if it will carry enough weight to knock down larger, more powerful dominoes with it.

The Employment Situation report from the Labor Department showed better-than expected job growth in September. Payrolls for the month climbed 103,000 and figures from August and July were both revised up to 57,000 and 127,000 respectively. Once again the job growth was all in the private sector, adding 137,000 jobs, while government payrolls fell 34,000. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 9.1%. Meanwhile, initial jobless claims for the week ended October 1 rose 6,000 from the previous week to 401,000, but remained below the four-week average of 414,000. The bottom line is that the labor market does not appear to be as weak as earlier believed.

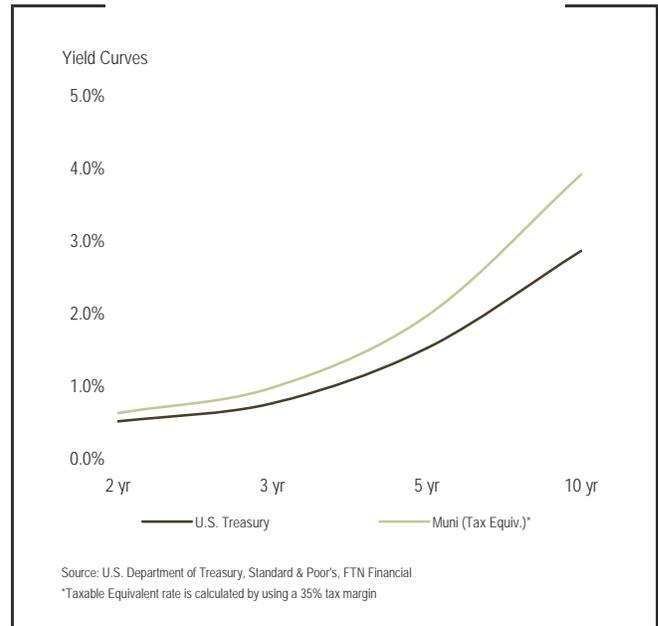
Manufacturing in the U.S. expanded for the 26th consecutive month in September, according to the Institute for Supply Management. The PMI rose to 51.6 with the employment component climbing two points to 53.8, indicating an increase in hiring. Non-manufacturing showed expansion at a higher rate, with the index coming in at 53.0. Despite the pick-up in business activity, hiring was slower in the services sector falling to 48.7, indicating contraction.



Oct. 3 rd	ISM Mfg. Index - Level, September	51.6
Oct. 3 rd	Construction Spending, Aug. Monthly Chg.	1.4%
Oct. 4 th	ICSC-Goldman Same Store Sales, Wkly. Chg.	0.1%
Oct. 4 th	Factory Orders, Aug. Monthly Chg.	-0.2%
Oct. 5 th	MBA Purchase Applications Index, Wkly. Chg.	-4.3%
Oct. 5 th	ISM Non-Mfg. Index, September	53.0
Oct. 5 th	EIA Petroleum Status Report, Wkly. Chg.	-4.7M Barrels
Oct. 6 th	Initial Jobless Claims (week ending 10/1)	401,000
Oct. 6 th	EIA Natural Gas Report, Wkly. Chg.	97 bcf
Oct. 7 th	Unemployment Rate, September	9.1%
Oct. 7 th	Wholesale Inventories, Aug. Monthly Chg.	0.4%
Oct. 7 th	Consumer Credit, August Monthly Change	-9.5B

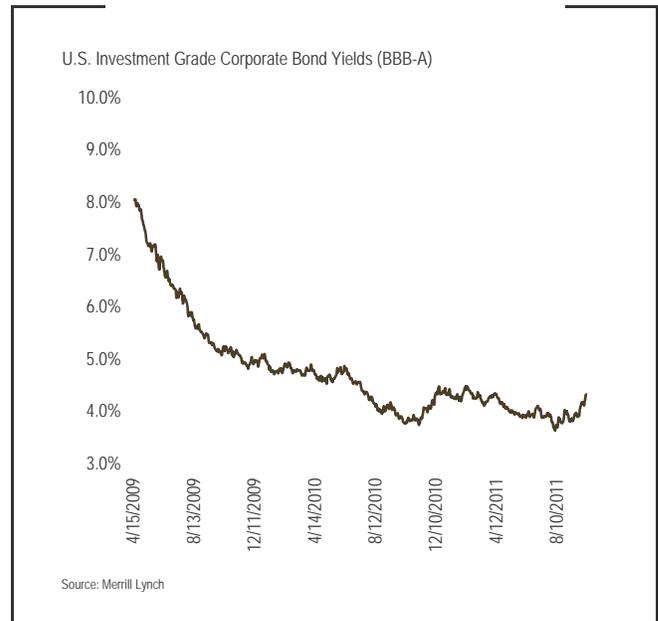
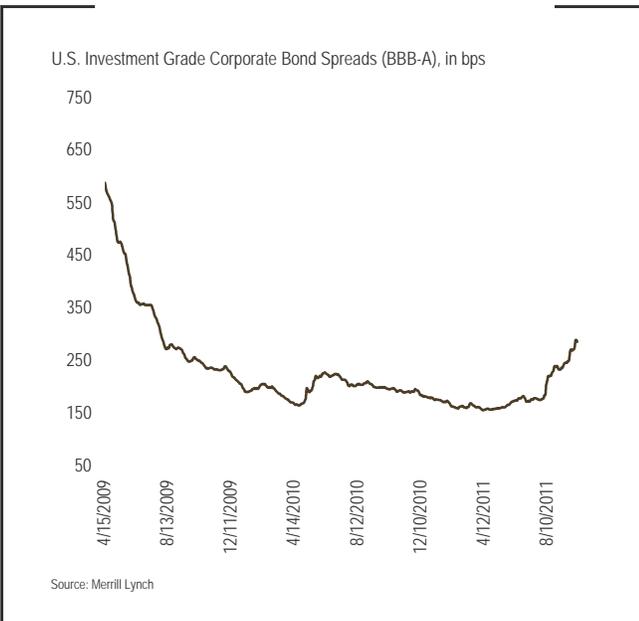
Bond Market Update

After gains earlier, U.S. Treasuries finished the week mostly unchanged as a slew of better than expected economic releases offset the flight-to-safety trade after Fitch downgraded Spain and Italy, the region's third and fourth biggest economies. Fitch cut Spain's rating to AA- from AA+ noting the deepest austerity measures in three decades have yet to convince investors the country can curtail the surge in its debt burden. Although the ratings cut was not unexpected as Moody's and S&P have already downgraded Italy and placed Spain on "negative watch", the move reignited worries about the eurozone's debt crisis. Looming debt supply also weighed on the bond markets. The Treasury Department is scheduled to sell \$66 billion of bonds next week, including \$32 billion in three-year notes, \$21 billion in 10-year notes and \$13 billion in 30-year bonds. All else equal, market makers tend to push bond yields up before auctions as a way to underwrite securities at more attractive levels. Meanwhile, yields for municipals rose the most since July as state and local governments prepare to sell \$8.8 billion of debt, the most of 2011. Rates on 10-year tax-exempt bonds rose 0.35% for the week, the largest move in almost one year, and have now eclipsed yields on similar maturity U.S. Treasuries, according to Bloomberg.



Issue	9.30.11	10.7.11	Change
3 month T-Bill	0.02%	0.01%	-0.01%
2-Year Treasury	0.27%	0.30%	0.03%
5-Year Treasury	0.98%	1.08%	0.10%
10-Year Treasury	1.99%	2.10%	0.11%
30-Year Treasury	3.03%	3.02%	-0.01%

Source: Bloomberg, FTN Financial, The Wall Street Journal, U.S. Department of Treasury.



Stock Market Update

The stock market began the week very strong with optimism out of Europe only to give back some of the gains on Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11103.12, up 189 points for the week, or up 1.74%. The broader S&P 500 Index ended the week up 2.12% to close at 1,155.46, while the NASDAQ Composite finished higher by 64 points, or up 2.65% to close the week out at 2,479.35.

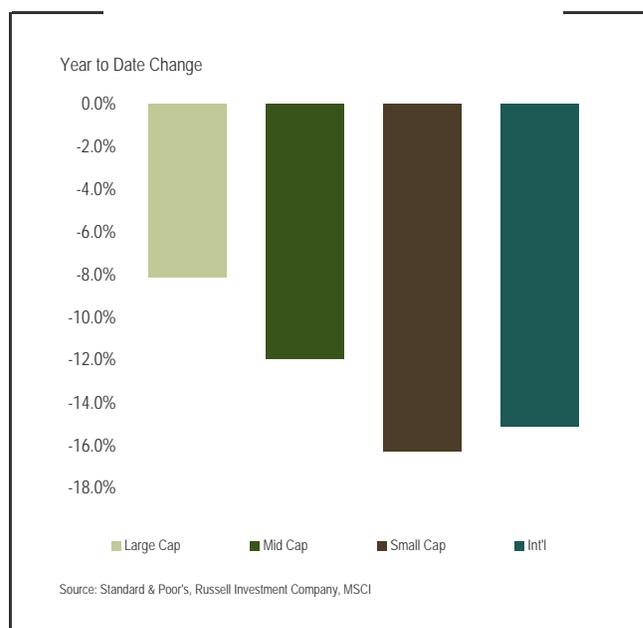
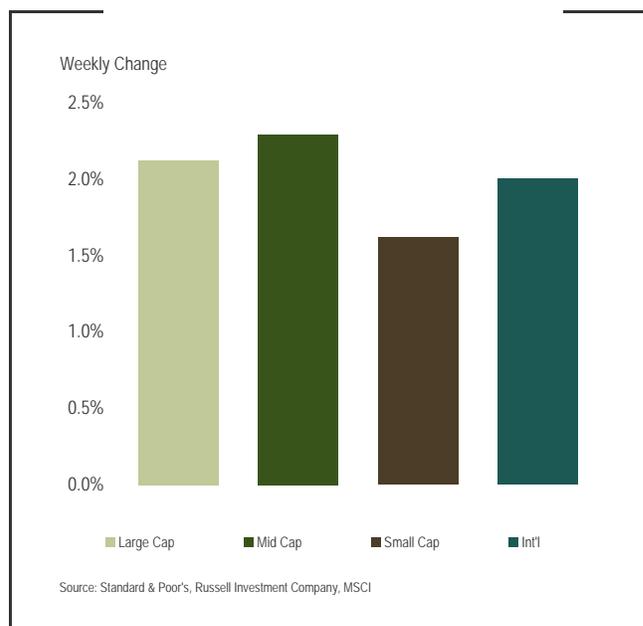
The biggest news headline this week was the passing of Apple's co-founder and visionary, Steve Jobs. He will go down as one of the great visionaries, innovators and leaders of our time. Apple (AAPL) has become the world's highest valued technology company on the stock exchange over the past couple years with products such as the i-pod and i-phone. In recent times, Jobs has been grooming Tim Cook and other executives to make a smooth transition when he recently stepped down as the company's chairman in August of this year.

Shares of Sprint Nextel Communications Corp. (S) had the wildest ride on Friday as the stock opened up over 5% on news they will begin accepting orders for the new Apple i-phone 4S. This was followed by an additional statement the company will need to raise capital to complete the build out of its wireless network to accommodate the 4G wireless network in the coming years. The stock was halted on the news and, after being up almost 10% on the day, closed down 19.93% to finish at \$2.41.

The upbeat jobs data that came out Friday before the open was overshadowed by the downgrade of the credit rating for Spain and Italy by Fitch. Fitch downgraded Italy's long term default rating to A+ saying "the intensifying Eurozone debt crisis constitutes a significant financial and economic shock which has weakened Italy's sovereign risk profile." Spain had its credit rating dropped two points to AA+ citing the Spain's fiscal economic position and dim economic outlook, as well as the broader debt crisis.

Issue	9.30.11	10.7.11	Change
Dow Jones	10,913.38	11,103.12	1.74%
S&P 500	1,131.42	1,155.46	2.12%
NASDAQ	2,415.40	2,479.35	2.65%
Russell 1000 Growth	527.91	540.33	2.35%
S&P MidCap 400	781.26	799.18	2.29%
Russell 2000	645.75	656.21	1.62%
MSCI EAFE	1,373.33	1,400.85	2.00%
MSCI Small Cap	849.48	864.08	0.14%

Prices reflect most recent data available at the time of publication
Source: Bloomberg, Russell Investment Company, Standard & Poor's, Morgan Stanley Capital International, The Wall Street Journal, MarketWatch.



Alternative Investments Market Update

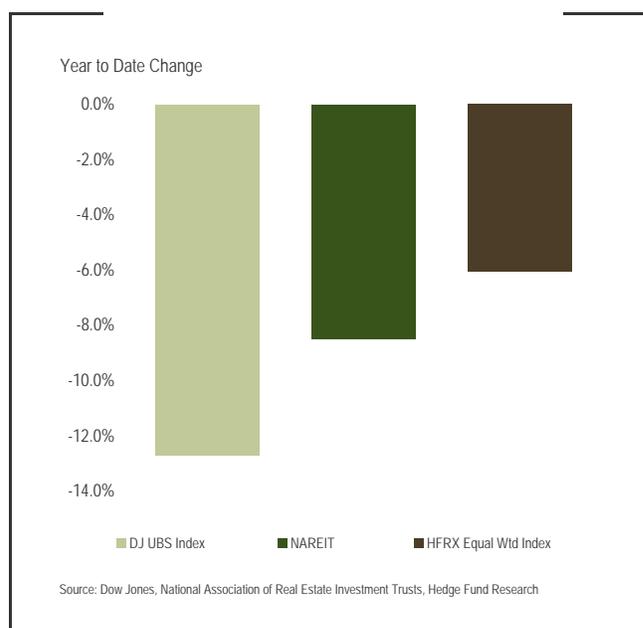
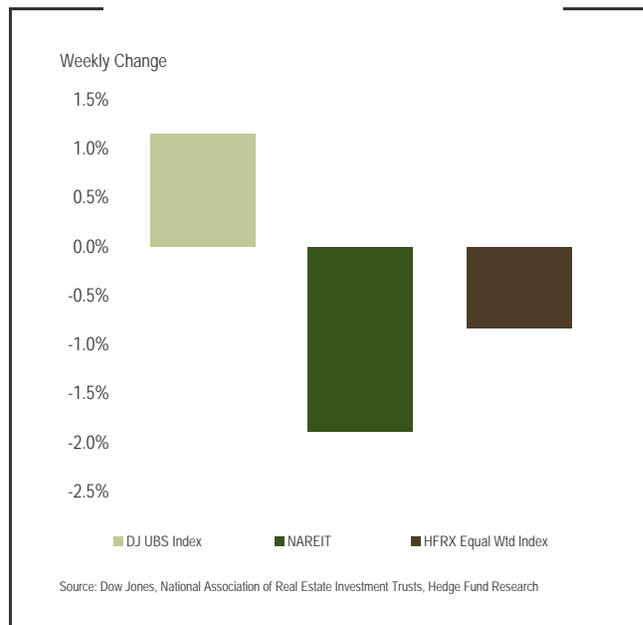
Gold closed the week up 1.2%, settling at \$1,639.80 an ounce, its first weekly gain in a month. According to Morgan Stanley, the precious metal will perform best among commodities in the upcoming year and may rally to record highs as investors continue safeguarding their wealth against slowing economic growth. Oil finished the week up 5.18%, closing at \$82.92 a barrel, thanks in large part to the optimism surrounding a surprise rise in U.S. employment. The weak employment situation has been a major cause of worry for oil investors in recent months, as traders fear that weakness in the broader economy will keep drivers off the roads and pressure manufacturing and other industrial sectors. Crude dropped under \$75 a barrel earlier in the week, falling to its lowest level in more than a year, as pessimistic economic outlook and continued worries over Greece prompted traders to flee risky assets.

Hedge funds closed out one of their worst quarters ever – the average fund lost roughly 5% in Q3 – with one of their worst months ever. Many in the industry thought the worst was behind them after three-year lows in August; however, this was not the case. The Dow Jones Credit Suisse Core Hedge Fund Index dropped 4.23% in September, adding to the 2.88% loss from market volatility in August and the index is down 7.84% on the year. Despite these declines, hedge funds still outperformed the S&P 500, which lost 5.6% last month. According to FinAlternatives, hedge fund managers continue seeking market transparency and stabilization before getting reinvested, which is why their “reactive cash and net exposures present relative ‘whiplash’ performance risk should there be a sharp equity rally in the fourth quarter.” Oliver Schupp, the president of the Credit Suisse Index Co. noted that “compared to the year to-date drop of 15.36% for the Dow Jones Global Index, hedge funds have provided some level of capital preservation this year, however, all strategies appear to be feeling the pain with market uncertainty at an all-time high.” On a strategy basis, managers who specialize in going long and short on stocks were hit the hardest, with those funds registering an average decline of 4.76%.

Issue	Previous Week	Current ¹	Change
Gold	1,620.30	1,639.80	1.20%
Crude Oil Futures	78.84	82.92	5.18%
Copper	312.20	329.45	5.53%
Sugar	25.29	25.16	-0.51%
HFRX Equal Wtd. Strat. Index	1,105.84	1,096.70	-0.83%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1,009.97	1,007.61	-0.23%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	978.36	978.91	0.06%
HFRX Event Driven	1,307.49	1,291.60	-1.22%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage	1,483.87	1,477.49	-0.43%
Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index	140.20	141.81	1.15%
FTSE/NAREIT All REIT	125.37	123.01	-1.88%

¹ Prices reflect most recent data available at the time of publication

Source: Dow Jones, National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, Hedge Fund Research, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, The International Monetary Fund.



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