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Equities markets continued to be volatile as a rough quarter drew to a close. The Dow actually managed to end the week in positive territory, but the other domestic indices suffered. Treasuries backed off a bit after their recent strong run; the 10-year yield rose slightly as prices fell.

Market/Index	2010 Close	Prior Week	As of 9/30	Week Change	YTD Change
DJIA	11577.51	10771.48	10913.38	1.32%	-5.74%
NASDAQ	2652.87	2483.23	2415.40	-2.73%	-8.95%
S&P 500	1257.64	1136.43	1131.42	-.44%	-10.04%
Russell 2000	783.65	652.43	644.16	-1.27%	-17.80%
Global Dow	2087.44	1700.42	1725.68	1.49%	-17.33%
Fed. Funds	.25%	.25%	.25%	0 bps	0 bps
10-year Treasuries	3.30%	1.84%	1.92%	8 bps	-138 bps

Last Week's Headlines

The German parliament voted overwhelmingly to increase its contribution to the European Financial Stability Facility and expand its bond-buying authority. Finland and Austria also agreed to expansion of the EFSF, which also requires approval by the other EU nations. Meanwhile, Greece adopted new property taxes in an attempt to balance its budget and qualify for its next round of bailout money.

The final estimate of U.S. economic growth during the second quarter was 1.3%. That's slightly higher than the Bureau of Economic Analysis's previous 1% estimate, and an improvement from Q1's 0.4%. Nonresidential fixed investment, consumer spending, exports, and federal government spending were primarily responsible for the increase, though they were offset by reduced spending by state and local governments and by lower private inventory investments.

Durable goods orders fell 0.1% in August, reversing July's 4.1% increase, according to the Department of Commerce. However, nondefense capital spending by businesses rose 1.1%, and shipments of capital goods were up 2.8%.

Sales of new single-family homes fell 2.3% in August, the Commerce Department said, but were 6.1% higher than in August 2010. The number of homes sold was the lowest since February; the inventory of unsold homes on the market--more than 6 months' worth--was relatively unchanged. However, home prices were on the rise, up an average of 0.9% in July for the 20 cities measured by the S&P/Case-Shiller index. It was the fourth straight month of increases; however, prices were still 4.1% below July 2010.

Personal incomes fell 0.1% in August, while spending rose 0.2%, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Eye on the Week Ahead

As the new quarter begins, the eurozone debt watch will focus on whether Greece has done enough to reduce its deficit in order to qualify for this month's bailout payment. Friday's unemployment data will also be of interest.

Key dates and data releases: U.S. manufacturing, construction spending (10/3); factory orders (10/4); U.S. services sector (10/5); weekly new jobless claims (10/6); unemployment/payrolls, wholesale trade, consumer credit (10/7).

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