INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

The beginning of the 3rd quarter saw the Greek drama come to a resolution, with an agreement between Greece and the rest of the European Union members that provided financial assistance to Greece, in exchange for a package of reforms and taxes. However, investors promptly shifted their concerns to the slowing Chinese economy and a highly anticipated rate hike by the Federal Reserve.

The Chinese economy continued to negatively impact oil and commodity prices, which in turn affected all "risk" assets from equities to high yield bonds. This caused several investors to reassess the likelihood that the Federal Reserve would raise rates during their September meeting. The diminishing September rate hike probabilities, along with the flight to quality from the volatile equity and credit markets to US treasuries caused the yield curve to flatten and spread sectors to underperform in the third quarter.

And then September came, and the Federal Reserve remained true to recent form and did not raise rates, but left the door ajar for a later hike. This decision left the market questioning what it will take to get the Federal Reserve to do a measly 25 basis points rate hike. Meanwhile, some of the global asset dislocations created by the Fed and other central banks appear to be correcting themselves with or without a Fed rate hike.

All this uncertainty is likely to provide support for US assets in general, and interest rates specifically. And with all the volatility, opportunities in several high quality corporate names have been created, which we have and will continue to capitalize upon. Investing in, or continuing to hold several of the credits that have recently underperformed should provide value added in the quarters to come, as markets normalize and investors become more selective and risk-reward sensitive. Looking forward, we also expect that an eventual Fed rate hike should reverse some of the recent spread widening experienced in selected high quality names, as more investors will be confident in the US economy.

For the fourth quarter of 2015 our strategy remains defensive, electing to add value to our portfolios by remaining invested in high quality corporate bonds, and selected energy sector names, while maintaining the risk of our portfolios at acceptable levels.

The duration of our portfolios remains close to their respective benchmarks, and our yield curve positioning has a more barbelled structure. Uncertainties about global economic growth will continue to provide support to the long end of the yield curve. On a risk-adjusted basis, valuations continue to favor longer maturity US treasuries relative to other foreign government bonds.

Very selective credit overweight continues to be our primary theme for adding value during the 4th quarter. We maintain our overweight in industrial bonds, which provide our portfolios with additional yield. We maintain our energy related holdings, as they are undervalued on a risk-adjusted basis, and despite their recent underperformance, we expect that they will add value to our portfolios as they return to their fair value. We also have a neutral allocation to financials, as we believe that the spreads offered by this sector still fairly compensate for the sector volatility. We maintain our allocation to agency MBS, as sector valuations remain in a fairly valued range.

In spite of potential oil weakness and continuing commodity sector volatility, we are comfortable holding our energy sector selections over the longer term. We believe that these companies: (1) can withstand years of reduced oil prices, (2) have shown the commitment to maintain their investment grade ratings and (3) have a willingness to reduce leverage.

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KEY **RATES**

	9/30/15	6/30/15	9/30/14
Fed Funds Target Rate	0-0.25%	0-0.25%	0-0.25%
3 Month LIBOR	0.33	0.28	0.24
On-the-run Treasuries:			
3 Months	-0.02	0.01	0.02
6 Months	0.07	0.11	0.03
2 Years	0.63	0.65	0.57
5 Years	1.36	1.65	1.76
10 Years	2.04	2.35	2.49
30 Years	2.85	3.12	3.20

Source: Bloomberg

KEY **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

as of	9/30/15	9/30/14
U.S. $ (DXY)	96.35	85.94
Oil	45.09	91.16
Gold	1,115.07	1,208.16
CRB	193.76	278.55
GDP	3.9	4.6
CPI	0.2	1.7
Core (Ex - Food & Energy)	1.3	1.5
Unemployment Rate	5.1	6.1
Consumer Confidence	103.04	86.00
S&P/Case-Shiller – Comp-20	4.96	6.75

Source: Bloomberg

INDEX **RETURNS**

	3Q'15	YTD	1-Year
Barclays –			
Universal	0.68%	0.98%	2.33%
Aggregate	1.23	1.13	2.94
Aggregate ex-credit	1.53	1.73	3.57
Gov-Credit	1.20	0.90	2.73
Int. Gov-Credit	0.95	1.77	2.68
Corporate	0.83	-0.10	1.66
Treasury only	1.76	1.80	3.76
1-3 year Gov	0.32	1.01	1.20
BofA Merrill – 1-yr T-Note	0.11	0.32	0.25
High Yield	-4.86	2.45	-3.43
International Debt	0.64	-4.82	-7.67
Emerging Markets Debt	-2.39	0.30	-1.43
S&P 500	-6.44	-5.29	-0.62
DJIA	-6.98	-6.95	-2.11
NASDAQ 100	-4.63	-0.41	4.46
MSCI EAFE	-10.16	-4.83	-8.11

Source: Bloomberg & Barclays

SECTOR **RETURNS**

3Q'15	Total Return	Excess Return
U.S. Treasuries	1.76%	0.00%
Government-related U.S. Agency	-0.06	-1.74
Government-related Credit	-0.63	-2.66
Corporate	0.83	-1.46
Corporate Financials	1.51	-0.30
Corporate Industrials	0.32	-2.14
Corporate Utilities	1.97	-1.01
Corporate AAA-rated	2.39	-0.47
Corporate AA-rated	1.39	-0.59
Corporate A-rated	1.54	-0.66
Corporate BBB-rated	-0.02	-2.43
Corporate High-Yield	-4.86	-6.31
Mortgage-backed Securities-FR	1.31	-0.22
Mortgage-backed Securities-Hybrid	0.63	0.07
CMBS	1.54	-0.05
ABS	0.74	0.16

Source: Barclays

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