



## June 2009 Capital Markets Review

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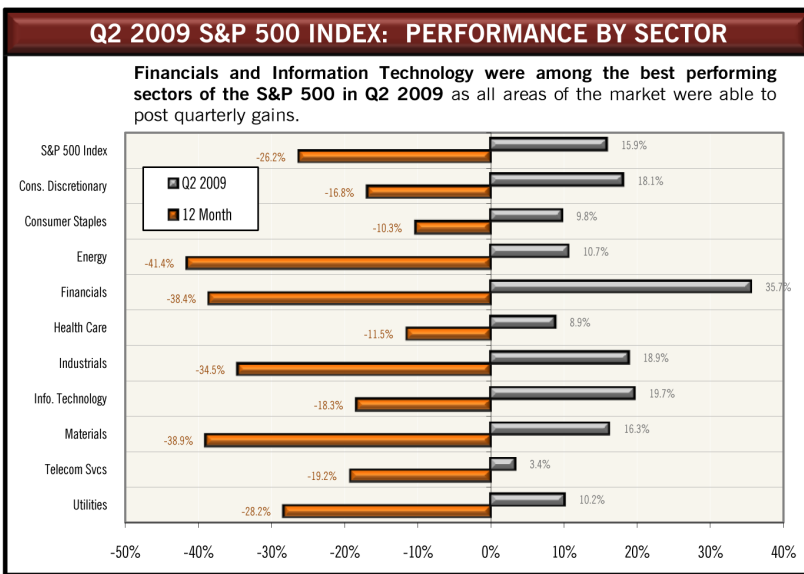
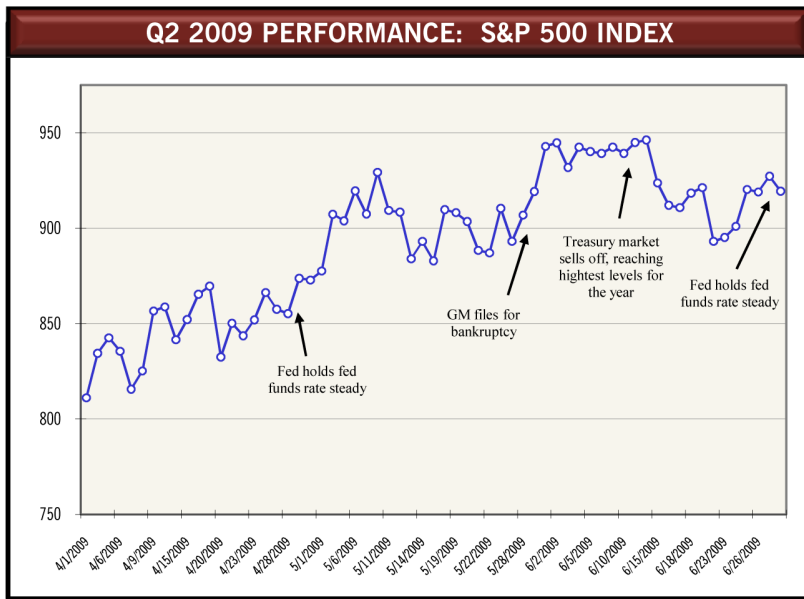
| INDEX                                  | PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009 |          |             |             |             |              |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | QTR                         | YTD      | 1 YR RETURN | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| <b>BROAD MARKET EQUITY</b>             |                             |          |             |             |             |              |
| S&P 500 Index                          | 15.93%                      | 3.16%    | (26.21%)    | (8.22%)     | (2.24%)     | (2.22%)      |
| Russell 1000 Index                     | 16.50%                      | 4.32%    | (26.69%)    | (8.20%)     | (1.85%)     | (1.75%)      |
| Russell 2000 Index                     | 20.69%                      | 2.64%    | (25.01%)    | (9.89%)     | (1.71%)     | 2.38%        |
| Russell 2000 Growth Index              | 23.38%                      | 11.36%   | (24.85%)    | (7.84%)     | (1.32%)     | (0.89%)      |
| Russell 2000 Value Index               | 18.00%                      | (5.17%)  | (25.24%)    | (12.07%)    | (2.27%)     | 5.00%        |
| <b>NON-US DEVELOPED MARKETS EQUITY</b> |                             |          | 12 MONTHS   | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| MSCI World Ex US                       | 25.86%                      | 9.32%    | (31.62%)    | (7.46%)     | 2.87%       | 1.62%        |
| <b>EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY</b>         |                             |          | 12 MONTHS   | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index            | 33.57%                      | 34.26%   | (29.97%)    | 0.61%       | 11.99%      | 6.29%        |
| <b>FIXED INCOME</b>                    |                             |          | 12 MONTHS   | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| 90 Day US Treasury Bills               | 0.05%                       | 0.10%    | 0.62%       | 2.99%       | 3.13%       | 3.13%        |
| <b>REAL ASSETS / COMMODITIES</b>       |                             |          | 12 MONTHS   | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| Wilshire REIT Index                    | 31.46%                      | (13.13%) | (45.35%)    | (19.73%)    | (3.28%)     | 5.53%        |
| S&P North American Natural Resources   | 18.24                       | 9.96     | (44.94%)    | (4.50%)     | 9.33%       | 6.89%        |

### Commentary

- ❖ Financial markets soared in the second quarter of 2009 as the risks of a systemic global financial meltdown appear to have abated. Nearly all asset classes other than Treasuries benefited from increased investor risk appetite as Armageddon scenarios were taken off the table. In the U.S., the economy has shown signs of bottoming (or at least worsening at a decreasing rate), yet still remains fragile in the face of rising unemployment, falling home prices and ongoing deleveraging.
- ❖ In the equity markets, emerging market economies surged on expectations that they may lead the global economic recovery. In the U.S., financial, energy and technology stocks were among the best performers, with lower quality companies that have weaker balance sheets leading the way in a “dash to trash.” In developed international markets, Europe is lagging a bit (in local terms) on the thought that it will take longer to recover economically.
- ❖ Credit markets continued to improve, and the degree of anxiety seen last fall has fallen dramatically. As investors have become more comfortable, they have shifted out of U.S. Treasuries (government bonds posted one of their worst quarters on record). The high yield corporate debt market was one of the main beneficiaries and posted record quarterly gains as credit spreads narrowed

significantly, especially for lower quality credits. Still, spreads remain wide in a historical context as defaults are reaching high levels.

- ❖ Commodity prices (particularly energy) rallied in the second quarter on signs of global economic recovery and renewed inflation concerns. Real estate surged, though in the U.S. concerns about commercial property distress are being raised.
- ❖ Hedge funds as a group underperformed the broad markets in the quarter, thanks to low net exposures, though on a longer-term basis have continued to preserve value better than the equity markets.



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