

Currency Roundup

Currency	Value	11/23/2007	10/23/07
EUR	1 Euro equals US\$	\$1.4807	\$1.4251
CAD	1 CAD equals US\$	\$1.0100	\$1.0355
JPY	US\$ equals Yen	107.9300	114.70

The dollar has continued to weaken against most other major currencies. The Fed's latest 25 basis point cut in rates has added additional downward pressure on the dollar. The falling dollar remains troublesome for companies that import into the US and a boon to those that export. The US trade deficit is shrinking in rapid fashion however coupled with rising commodity prices the falling dollar continues upward pressure on inflation and may prevent any more Fed rate cuts for awhile.

Hot Commodities

Commodity	11/23/07	10/23/07
NYMX WTI Crude Oil	\$97.21	\$85.53
COMEX GOLD	\$814.80	\$764.00
NYMX Nat. Gas	\$7.678	\$6.79

How high will oil and gold go? Many analysts believe that oil will breach \$100 per barrel before sinking to \$60-\$75 in the spring. Others think that it will go even higher. Can gold pass \$1000 per ounce? Some pundits think so and predict a lot higher. All we know is unless oil and gold price cool off the inflationary pressure will tie the Fed's hands.

Getting Ready to Retire

Globally markets continue to seesaw up and down. The US Equity market in particular appears to be on an incredible rollercoaster ride. First it soars up to new record levels and then it comes flying back down. As we have stated so many times in the past, it is impossible to predict with any accuracy what markets will do over a short period of time. In order to make money through investing it is important to have a long term outlook. Do not try to time the market. That is a sure recipe for disaster.

That is why we believe in a safe and sane strategy of investing. We use asset allocation strategies based on many criteria some of which includes the time horizons, means and risk tolerances of each client. No two situations are ever the same. That is why we use a "shrink wrap" customization method. It also means that our Financial Consultants will periodically review with you your investment portfolio and recommend fine tuning based on changes to your investments needs and goals as well as changes in market conditions. We strongly believe that only a personal Financial Consultant that has really gotten to know you and your unique financial situation can help you implement a strategy that best fits your needs.



INTERESTING Thoughts

Benchmark	11/23/07	10/23/07
Fed Funds	4.50%	4.71%
3 Mon. T-bill	3.08%	3.88%
5 yr. T-note	3.41%	4.05%
10 yr. T-note	4.030%	4.40%
30 yr. T-bond	4.460%	4.69%

After the Fed's second rate cut this year we have seen a dramatic reduction in short term interest rates as represented by the 3 month T-bill. Although 5 year, 10 year and 30 year rates have also declined, their fall has not been as large causing the yield curve to return to a more normal look.