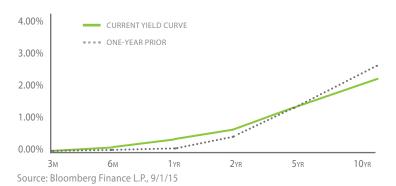


# PRUDENT MAN ADVISORS MARKET UPDATE

# SEPTEMBER 2015

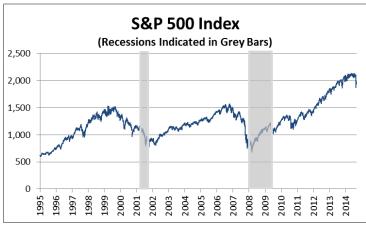
# Historical Yield Curve



### FEATURED ECONOMIC INDICATOR

### **Stock Market Correction**

In the midst of a turbulent month for global stock markets in August, the S&P 500 fell by over 11% during six consecutive trading days between August 18th and 25th. The plunge marked the first 10% correction in four years. Such corrections can lead to a bear market or recession, but stock market corrections have historically occurred more frequently. During the 20 years between 1996 and 2015, the S&P 500 experienced 10 declines of at least 10% within a 5 day trading period (based on closing prices). While most economists believe the U.S. economy will avoid recession this year, the recent turmoil exposes some fragilities related to slow earnings growth and weakness in China and commodity markets. Source: Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal



### Source: Bloomberg

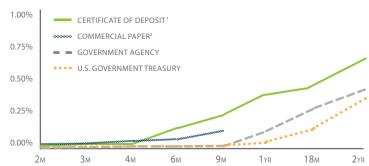
**RECENT NEWS** 

# GDP Revised Higher For 2nd Quarter

Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 3.7 percent in the second quarter of 2015, according to the "second" estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the "advance" estimate, the increase in real GDP was 2.3 percent. The favorable revision was due largely to higher business investment of 3.3 percent instead of the previously reported 2.5 percent pace. Higher inventories also contributed. Consumer spending was also positive as it grew at a 3.1 percent rate, rather than the 2.9 percent pace reported last month.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Reuters

### **Indicative Rates**



<sup>1</sup> Average of top ten banks; <sup>2</sup> General Electric Capital Corp. Source: PMA Financial Network, Inc., Bloomberg Finance L.P., 9/1/15

# **U.S. Economic Indicators**

Event	Event Date	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior / Revised (R)
Housing Starts	08/18/15	JUL	1180K	1206K	1204K (R)
Consumer Price Index (YoY)	08/19/15	JUL	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Core CPI (YoY)	08/19/15	JUL	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
New Home Sales	01/08/00	JUL	510K	507K	481K (R)
Consumer Confidence	01/08/00	AUG	93.4	101.5	91.0 (R)
Durable Goods Orders Ex. Transportation (MoM)	08/26/15	JUL	0.3%	0.6%	1.0%
ISM Manufacturing	09/01/15	AUG	52.5	51.1	52.7
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	09/04/15	AUG	218K		215K
Unemployment Rate	09/04/15	AUG	5.2%		5.3%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., 9/1/15

# **Contact Information**

### JOHN H. HUBER, CFA

Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer

Prudent Man Advisors, Inc. 2135 CityGate Lane, 7th Floor Naperville, IL 60563

Tel: 630.657.6510 Fax: 630.718.8701

Email: jhuber@pmanetwork.com

This document was prepared by Prudent Man Advisors, Inc. for clients of the firm and its affiliated PMA entities, as defined below. It is being provided for informational and/or educational purposes only without regard to any particular user's investment objectives, financial situation or means. The content of this document is not to be construed as a recommendation, solicitation or offer to buy or sell any security, financial product or instrument, or to participate in any particular trading strategy in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation, or trading strategy would be illegal. Nor does it constitute any legal, tax, accounting or investment advice of services regarding the suitability or profitability of any security or investment. Although the information contained in this document has been obtained from third-party sources believed to be reliable, PMA cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information. It is understood that PMA is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the content in this document and the information is being provided to you on an "as is" basis without warranties or representations of any kind.

Securities, public finance services and institutional brokerage services are offered through PMA Securities, Inc. PMA Securities, Inc. is a broker-dealer and municipal advisor registered with the SEC and MSRB, and is a member of FINRA and SIPC. Prudent Man Advisors, Inc., an SEC registered investment adviser, provides investment advisory services to local government investment pools and separate accounts. All other products and services are provided by PMA Financial Network, Inc. PMA Financial Network, Inc., PMA Securities, Inc. and Prudent Man Advisors (collectively "PMA") are under common ownership.

Securities and public finance services offered through PMA Securities, Inc. are available in CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, OK, PA, SD, TX and WI. This document is not an offer of services available in any state other than those listed above, has been prepared for informational and educational purposes and does not constitute a solicitation to purchase or sell securities, which may be done only after client suitability is reviewed and determined. All investments mentioned herein may have varying levels of risk, and may not be suitable for every investor. PMA and its employees do not offer tax or legal advice. Individuals and organizations should consult with their own tax and/or legal advisors before making any tax or legal related investment decisions. Additional information is available upon request.