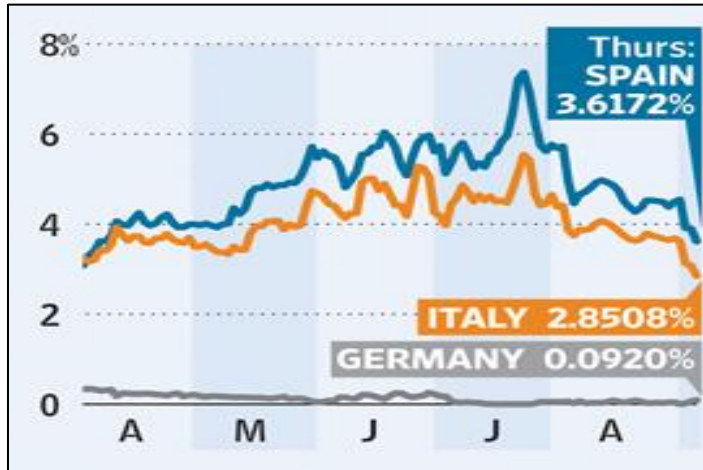


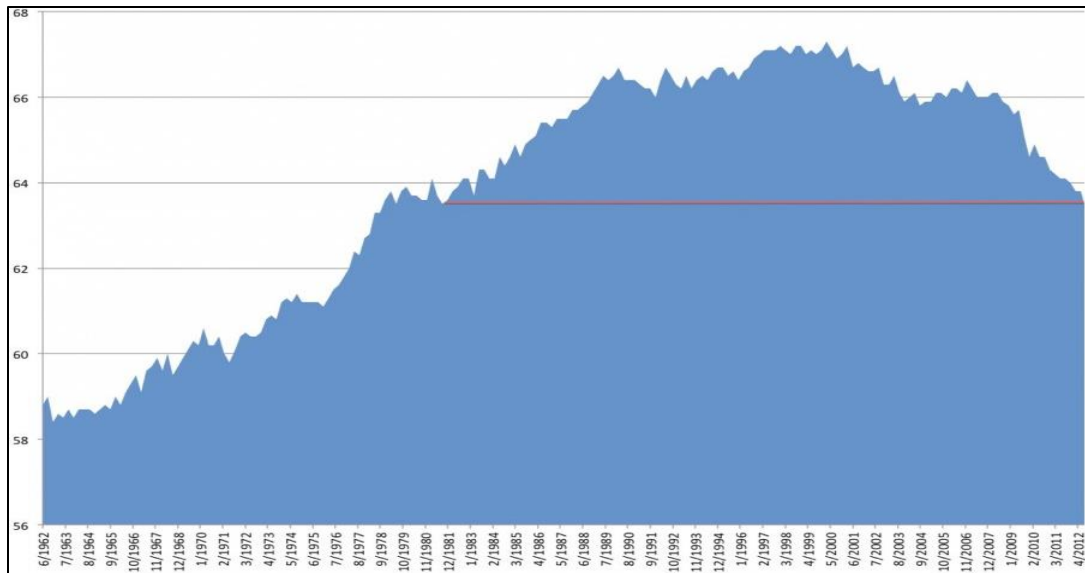
# Market Recap

## Three-Year Bond Yields



Source: Factset; WSJ

## U.S. Labor Force Participation



Source: Bloomberg

The European Central Bank announced a new and potentially unlimited bond-buying program in order to lower struggling nations' borrowing costs. The scheme would focus on bonds maturing in one to three years. Its aim is to restore stability to the government debt markets of Spain and Italy and entice foreign investors, who have fled those markets *en masse*, to return. Countries requesting ECB relief must first seek assistance from Europe's bailout fund. They would also need to agree to budget cuts and economic reforms as a requirement for any ECB purchases. The ECB reserved the right to withdraw any bond assistance if countries backtrack on their promises. Some observers warn that the central bank will have difficulty making good on that threat, since withdrawing the support could trigger a market panic. Accordingly, it is far from clear that the plan will work.

Jobs growth slowed sharply in August as nonfarm payrolls increased only 96,000 last month. While the headline unemployment rate did drop to 8.1% from 8.3% in July, that was only because many Americans gave up their search for work. The labor force participation rate, which is the share of the population that is working or looking for work, fell to 63.5%, its lowest level since September 1981. For men, the August participation rate figure was 69.8%. That is the lowest reading ever since the records of the Labor Department began in 1948. Overall, an estimated 368,000 people gave up looking for work last month. Many economists believe that the weak employment data sets the stage for the Federal Reserve to inject additional capital into the sluggish economy next week. The data is also viewed as dealing a blow to President Obama's re-election efforts.

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## S&P 500 Monthly Performance

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
2007	3.5%	-1.7%	-3.1%	1.5%	3.7%
2008	1.3%	-8.4%	-0.8%	1.4%	-8.9%
2009	5.6%	0.2%	7.6%	3.6%	3.7%
2010	-8.0%	-5.2%	7.0%	-4.5%	8.9%
2011	-1.1%	-1.7%	-2.0%	-5.4%	-7.0%
2012	-6.0%	4.1%	1.4%	1.7%	

Source: Standard & Poor's

One long-standing investment cliché has been to “Sell in May and Go Away.” If an investor in the S&P 500 was to have followed that advice, she would have avoided an average of 6.0% in losses over the previous two years. However, this year would have produced very different results. Investors who sold at the end of May missed a cumulative return of 7.4% thereafter as each of the summer months saw positive market performance. The stock market was driven by second quarter earnings (the highest on record), as well as the anticipation of further quantitative easing due to the sluggish economic recovery. Investors should not get too attached to emotional investing theories. The months ahead have the potential for higher volatility, with ongoing concerns with Europe, the pending fiscal cliff, and challenging earnings expectations.

## Top NFL Ticket Prices

Team	Avg. Ticket	Pct. Change	Avg. Prem. Ticket	Beer	Soft Drink	Hot Dog	Parking	Program	Cap	FCI™	Pct. Change
Dallas Cowboys New York Jets*	\$110.20 117.94	0.0% -2.5%	\$340.00 301.36	\$8.50 <sup>16</sup> 8.75 <sup>16</sup>	\$5.00 <sup>20</sup> 5.00 <sup>20</sup>	\$5.50 5.75	\$75.00 25.00	\$10.00 10.00	\$19.99 19.99	\$634.78 617.25	3.4% -1.9%
Chicago Bears New England Patriots**	110.91 117.84	9.2% 0.0%	389.00 566.67	8.50 <sup>16</sup> 7.50 <sup>20</sup>	4.75 <sup>20</sup> 4.00 <sup>20</sup>	5.00 3.75	49.00 40.00	5.00 5.00	25.00 19.95	608.64 607.26	16.3% 1.7%
New York Giants Baltimore Ravens	111.69 91.92	0.0% 5.8%	464.75 246.84	8.75 <sup>16</sup> 8.00 <sup>20</sup>	5.00 <sup>20</sup> 7.50 <sup>32</sup>	5.75 4.50	25.00 35.00	10.00 0.00	19.99 27.00	592.24 520.69	0.0% 7.1%
San Diego Chargers* Washington Redskins*	80.30 79.13	0.0% 0.0%	170.00 254.56	9.00 <sup>16</sup> 7.00 <sup>20</sup>	5.75 <sup>22</sup> 4.00 <sup>22</sup>	5.00 5.00	25.00 35.00	5.00 5.00	24.50 25.00	466.20 461.53	25.2% 4.6%
San Francisco 49ers* Indianapolis Colts	83.54 85.34	0.0% 0.0%	275.00 246.17	7.75 <sup>16</sup> 7.00 <sup>12</sup>	4.00 <sup>16</sup> 5.50 <sup>32</sup>	4.00 4.75	25.00 20.00	5.00 0.00	19.95 18.00	456.56 452.34	3.6% 0.0%
New Orleans Saints* Green Bay Packers	74.99 78.84	0.0% 5.0%	177.61 278.40	8.50 <sup>24</sup> 6.00 <sup>12</sup>	4.50 <sup>22</sup> 4.25 <sup>20</sup>	4.50 5.50	25.00 40.00	5.00 6.00	32.00 14.95	451.96 448.24	7.6% 4.3%
<b>NFL AVERAGE</b>	<b>78.38</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>243.70</b>	<b>7.28<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>4.57<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>27.35</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>21.38</b>	<b>443.93</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

Source: Team Marketing Report

With the NFL season kicking off this week, many football fans will be flocking to stadiums throughout the country. Ticket prices for NFL games have increased significantly, to the point that the experience is unaffordable for many sports fans. According to a recently-released report from Team Marketing Report's Fan Cost Index, the New York Jets have the highest average, non-premium ticket price in the league at \$117.94. The Jets topped their division rival New England Patriots by 10 cents (\$117.84). The teams with the least expensive average tickets were the Cleveland Browns (\$54.20), Buffalo Bills (\$58.36), and Jacksonville Jaguars (\$59.54). The average NFL ticket will cost \$78.38 this season, up 2.5% from last year. The average cost of the 'total game experience' for a family - measured as four regular tickets, two beers, four hot dogs, parking, program and two adult-size hats - is \$443.93, up 3.9% from last year.

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