

FIN 452 – Market Reports

Rules of Behavior: Please put away phones and close laptops. Give your full attention to the speaker.

1) US Equities:

SP500, NASDAQ

Change over the week

How they stand in the context of the last year

One story about what is happening (with citation)

2) US Debt

10-year, 30-year Treasury bond

Changes in shape of yield curve

Change over the week

How they stand in the context of the last year

News about high-yield market?

3) US Money Market

Federal Funds rate, Treasury Bill rate

Changes in shape of yield curve

Change over the week

Expectations for upcoming FOMC meeting

4) US Real Economy

GDP, unemployment, wage or employment reports

Report on any relevant news releases

5) Germany

DAX

Change over the week

How it stands in the context of the last year

One story about an economic event in Germany (with citation)

6) France

CAC

Change over the week

How it stands in the context of the last year

One story about an economic event in France (with citation)

7) UK

FTSE

Change over the week

How it stands in the context of the last year

One story about an economic event in the UK (with citation)

8) Other European Financials

dollar/euro exchange rate, dollar/pound exchange rate, LIBOR, ECB benchmark rates

Change over the week
How they stand in the context of the last year

9) Japan

Nikkei, dollar/yen exchange rate
Change over the week
How they stand in the context of the last year
One story about what is happening (with citation)

10) China

Shanghai Composite, Hang Seng, dollar/yuan exchange rate
Change over the week
How they stand in the context of the last year
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Other topics will be assigned on an occasional basis

Other Countries

Discuss two or three recent events. These can be news stories or changes in the last few months in an exchange rate or stock market index.

Federal Reserve

Provide an argument for the Fed to tighten or to do nothing at the next FOMC meeting. If there was a recent meeting, report what the Fed decided and the reasons they gave for that decision.

Commodities

Either gold and silver or oil
Change over the week
How they stand in the context of the last year
One story about what is happening (with citation)