



The IPAIT Bulletin

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Economic Review

The turn of the calendar always brings hope: for clarity, for prosperity, for peace. We wish for these things, but uncertainty abounds heading into 2012. Of primary concern is the European situation and the potential for contagion that spreads beyond the means to prevent mass destruction of wealth and political systems. Greece remains on the brink of default, but Italy and Spain are the real worries given the sheer amount of debt outstanding and the concentration held by European banks. Defaults by either or both would shake the global financial system and could push the world into recession and extended economic malaise. EU Finance ministers agreed in December to a framework for holding the Union together, but the devil will be in the details and volatility will follow.

On the home front, economic indicators have moved higher suggesting the growth story is in tact. The unemployment rate dropped to 8.6 percent, ISM service and manufacturing activity surveys ticked up, and retail sales for the holiday season were encouraging. While activity is far from robust, GDP growth of 2-3 percent in 2012 would be a welcome improvement.

Outside of Europe, the geopolitical landscape is changing with the death of North Korea's leader and increased speculation that Iran has nuclear weapon capabilities. Tensions in many Middle Eastern countries are elevated as a result of Arab Spring unrest. And the upcoming U.S. election encourages political gridlock. Uncertainty on many fronts will likely leave interest rates anchored at historically low levels and keep a lid on economic growth.

With the Fed on hold for the foreseeable future and the potential for another round of quantitative easing, money market yields seem the proverbial immovable object. We are grateful to provide a source of income to our participants where other options are limited or capped. And we hope for more clarity in 2012!

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Monthly Average Yield

December 0.016%

SEC Yield (7-Day Average)

***as of 12/30/2011**
0.010%

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