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## THE U.S. & GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK THROUGH 2011:

## What Kind Of Recovery From The "Great Recession" Of 2008-09?

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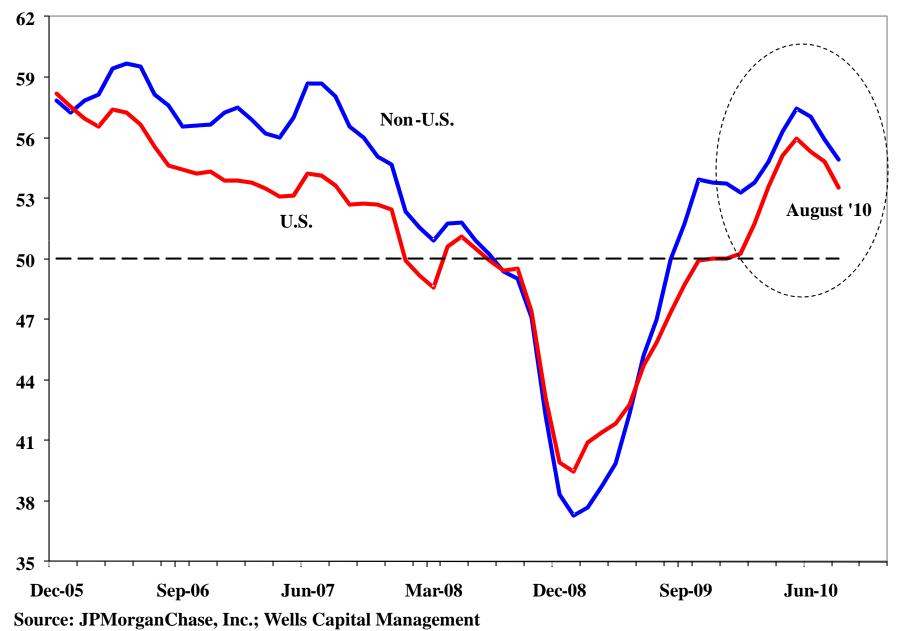
## AN UNUSUAL GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- A Sub-Par Recovery From A Deep Recession
- "Beggar-Thy-Neighbor" And The Threat Of Trade

**Protectionism** 

- Developing Countries As The Main Growth Engine
  - --A Greater Role For Exports In The U.S. Recovery
- An Unusual Split Between "Deflation" And Inflation Worries

### A SYNCHRONIZED GLOBAL GROWTH SLOWDOWN, LED BY THE U.S. % Of Respondents Reporting Increased Manufacturing & Non-Manufacturing Activity



HURDLES TO A STRONGER U.S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Reduced Economic Stimulus, Policy Uncertainties
- Housing's Unusually Weak Recovery
- The Lending Recovery Slowed By Banking

**Industry, Household De-Leveraging** 

• Job, Wage Growth Restrained By Weak Business

"Pricing Power," Aggressive Cost Cutting

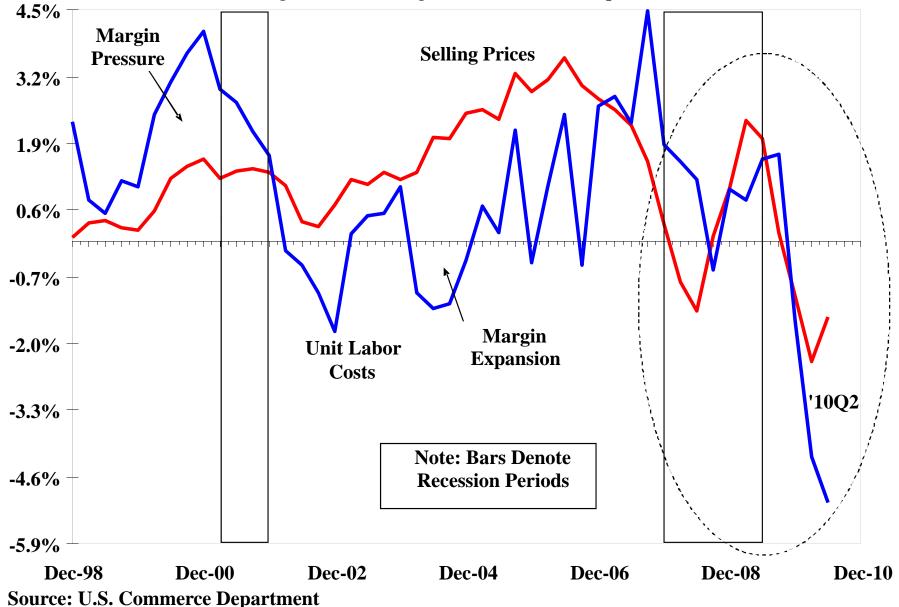
#### **Cumulative % Change In Inflation-Adjusted Bank Lending** 16 **Economic Recovery Period** 11 Average, Past 10 **Economic Cycles** 6 1 -4 **Current Economic** Cycle -9 -12 -10 18 20 -8 10 12 14 16 -6 -2 0 2 6 8 Δ Months Before/ After Recession's End

# STILL IN THE SHADOW OF THE FINANCIAL "MELTDOWN"

**Source: Federal Reserve Board** 

### WEAK "PRICING POWER" TRIGGERS A COST-CUTTING FRENZY THAT KEEPS A LID ON HIRING, WAGE INCREASES

Year-Ago Percent Change; Non-Financial Corporations



## **"DOWNSIDE" RISKS FOR INTEREST RATES DURING THE BALANCE OF 2010**

- Modest/ Moderate Economic Growth
- "Deflation" Worries Lingering On
- Poised For "QE2" By The Federal Reserve
- Lingering Turbulence In The Global Financial Market

## **INTEREST-RATE RISKS SWING TO THE "UPSIDE" IN 2011**

- Economic Growth Begins To Firm
- Less Sanguine Inflation Expectations
- Interest Rates Unusually "Lean"
- A Calmer International Financial Market

--"Reverse Flight" Capital Aggravated By U.S. Budget

**Deficit Worries?** 

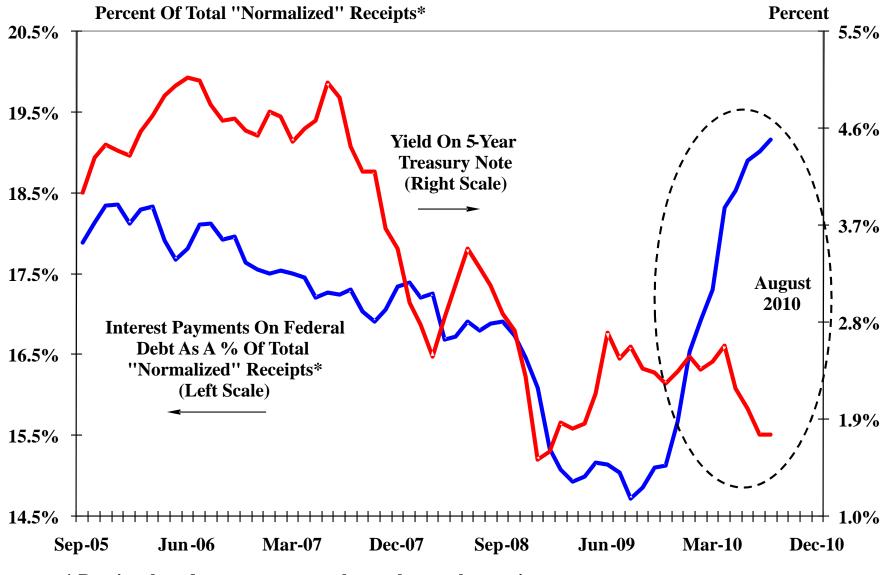
## TOWARD MORE SATISFACTORY ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Gains In "Purchasing Power" Supported By Wage & Salary Growth, "Disinflation"
- The Household Debt Burden At A Ten-Year Low
- "Refis" Add To Household Cash Flow
- Double-Digit Growth Of Equipment Orders & Shipments
- U.S. Export Growth Still At A Double-Digit Pace

# STRONGER ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 2011?

- Pent-Up Consumer Demand
- Deferred Equipment Spending --Manufacturing Capacity Falling
- Pent-Up Housing Demand From Depressed Household Formations, Labor Mobility
- Extraordinarily "Lean" Payrolls

#### A WORRISOME RISE IN INTEREST PAYMENTS ON FEDERAL DEBT, DESPITE LOWER BORROWING COSTS



\* Receipts based on average annual growth over the previous ten years.

Sources: U.S. Treasury Department; Federal Reserve Board

## GAUGING THE ECONOMY'S LONGER-TERM STRENGTHS

- Increased Productivity, Improved Operating Efficiency As A Counter To Pricing, Cost Pressures
- Relatively Strong Population Growth, Increased Female Participation In The Workforce
- Better Access Venture Capital And To A Broader Array Of Other Financing
- A More Entrepreneurial Culture

THEMES SHAPING LONGER-TERM ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

- An Aging Population's Impact On Potential Growth, Spending & Investment
- Trade Protectionism In A Slower Growing Global Economy

--Diminishing "Tail Winds" From "Globalization?"

Asset-Price Volatility In A Low-Inflation, Low Interest-Rate
Economy

--"Financialization" Of Commodities

• Toward A Higher-Taxed, "Managed" Capitalist, U.S. Economy?