

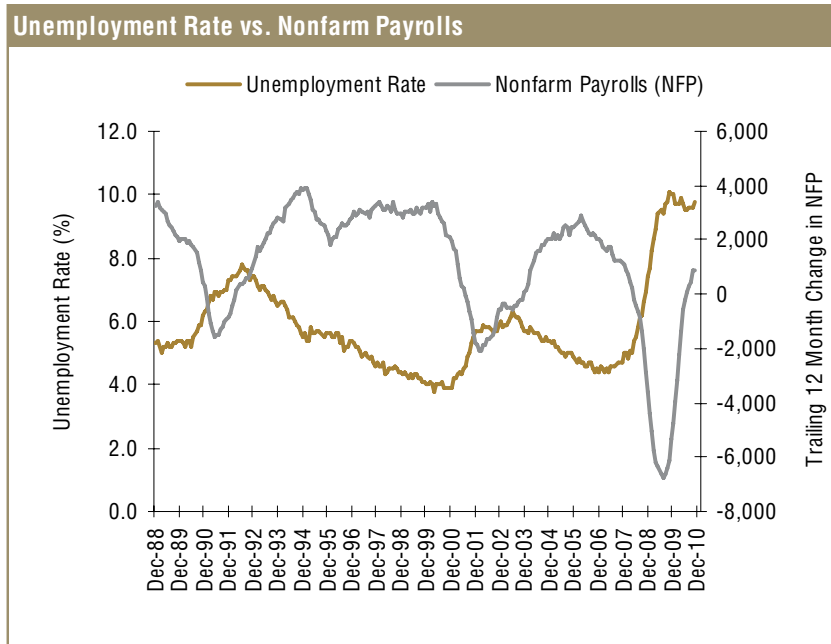
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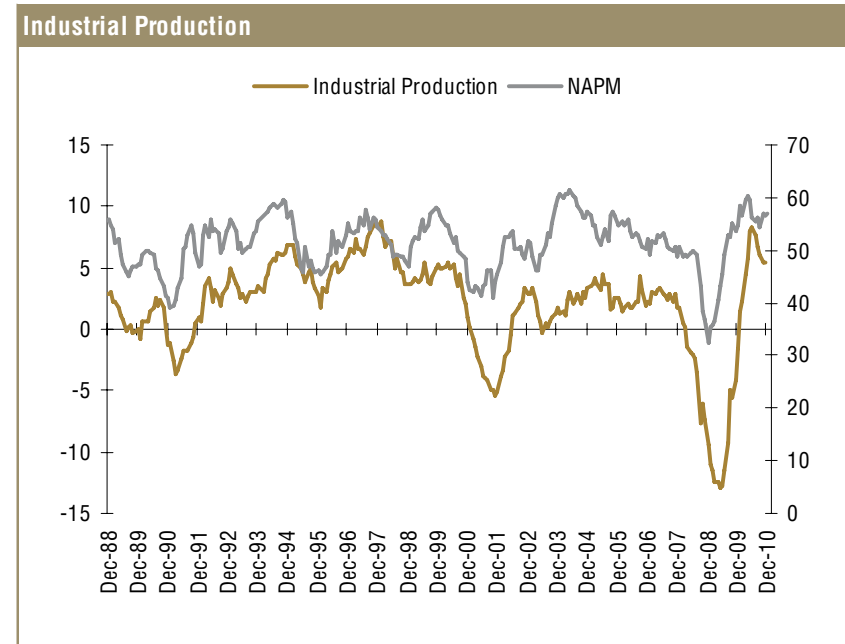
## Insurance Bond Market Update

January 2011

## Employment and Manufacturing



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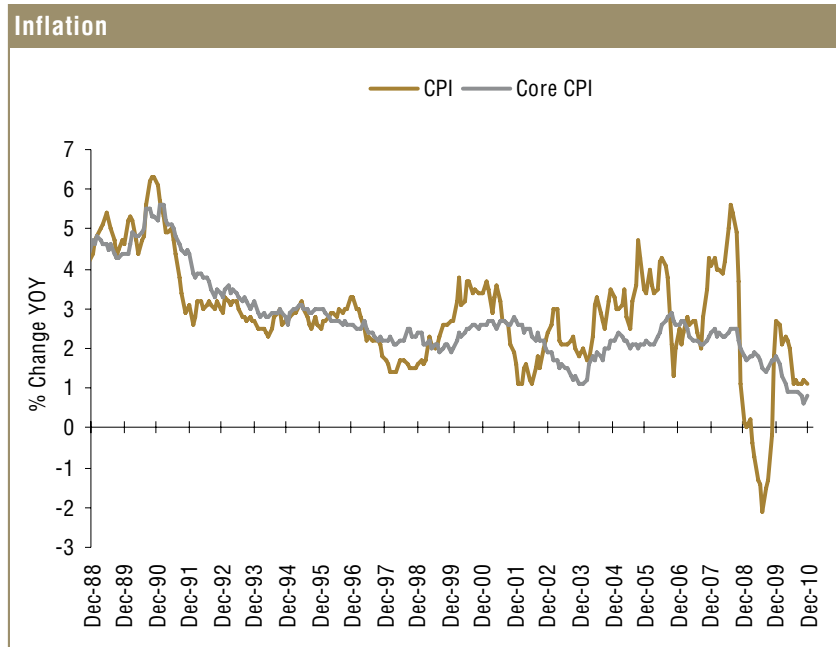


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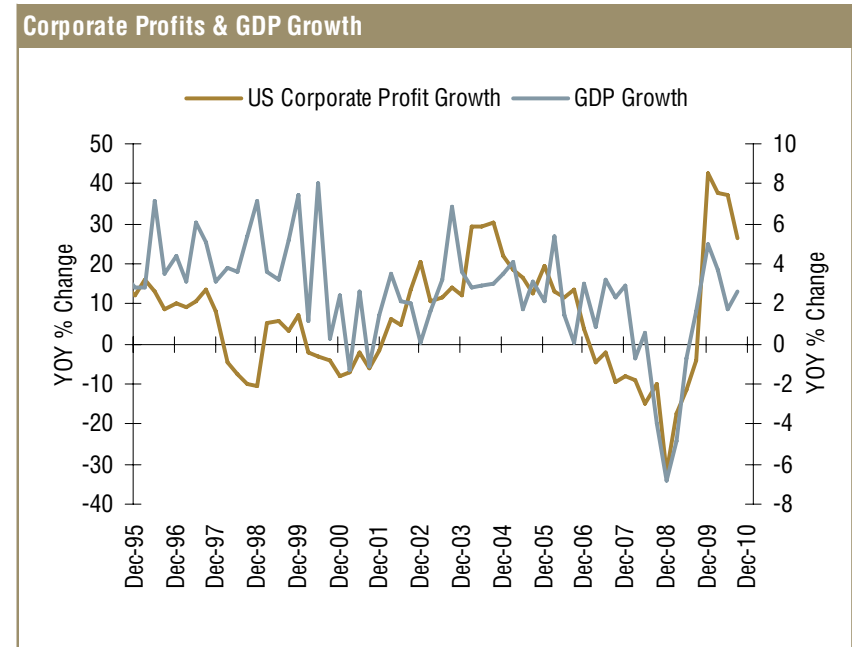
- The trend in job gains is improving albeit at a slow pace. Consistent with the steady decline in jobless claims, we expect continued job growth in the months ahead.

- Manufacturing activity remains at an historically healthy pace. The boost to spending from tax-related stimulus should be supportive of a continued expansion.

## Inflation and Growth



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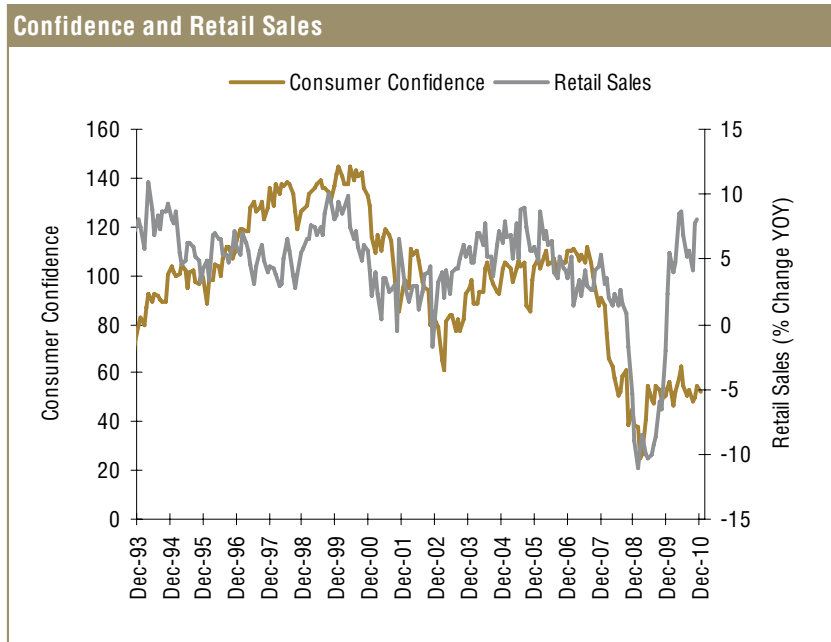


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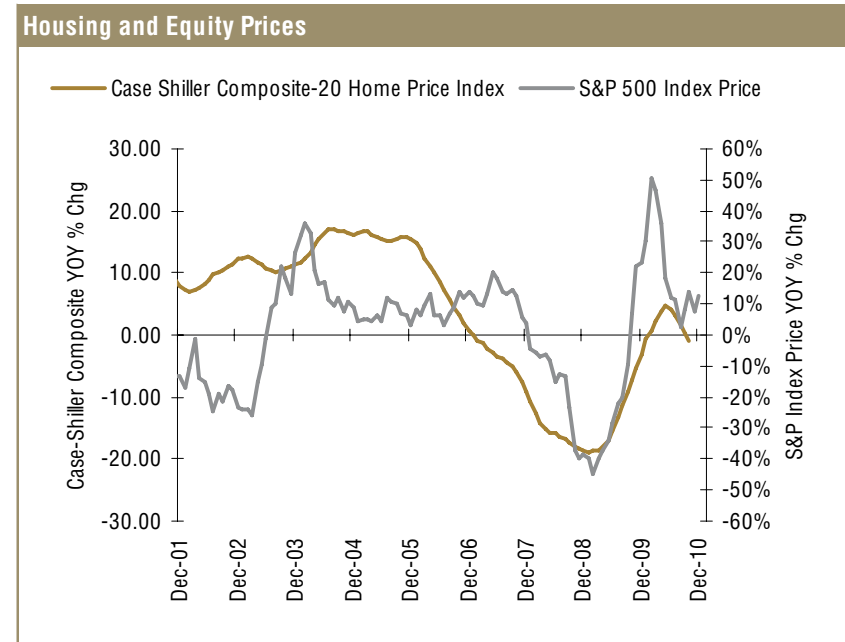
- Debt reduction in the household sector and high unemployment temper the risk of higher inflation from increasing demand and rising wages.

- Companies are well positioned with lots of liquidity to fund a moderate pickup in spending while maintaining the positive trend in corporate profits.

## Consumer Wealth and Confidence



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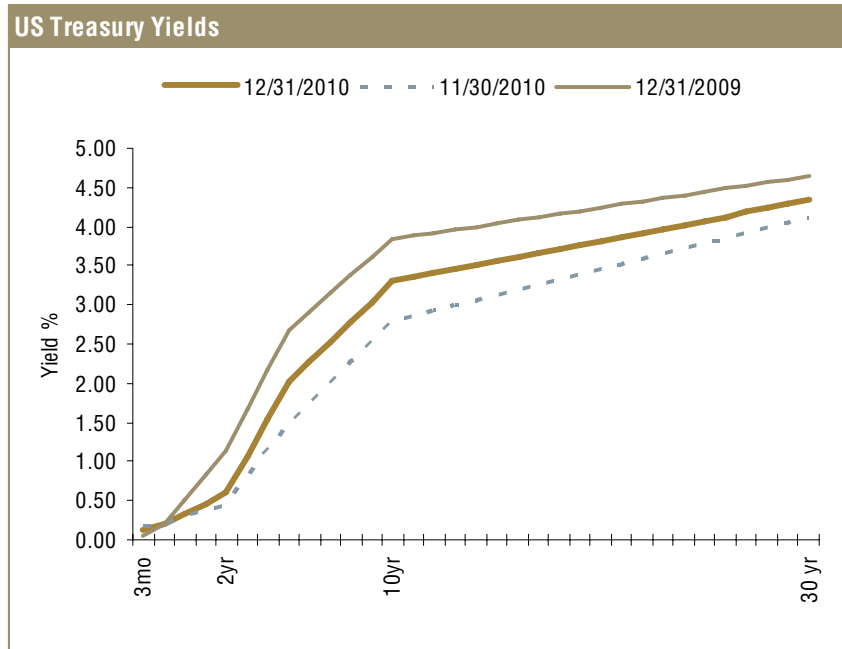


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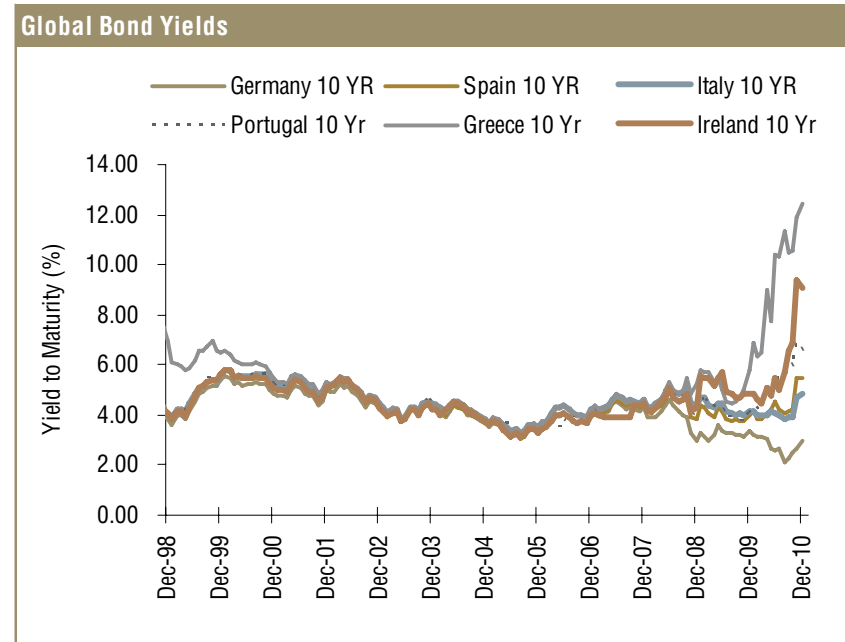
- Given the tax cuts that will be implemented over the next two years, the additional discretionary income should support a pickup in consumer spending.

- Equities are benefiting from stronger growth expectations and inflows from bonds as investors shift from low yielding fixed income to stocks.
- High inventory and new supply from foreclosures continue to be an ongoing headwind for the housing sector's recovery.

## Government Bond Yields and Global Bond Yields



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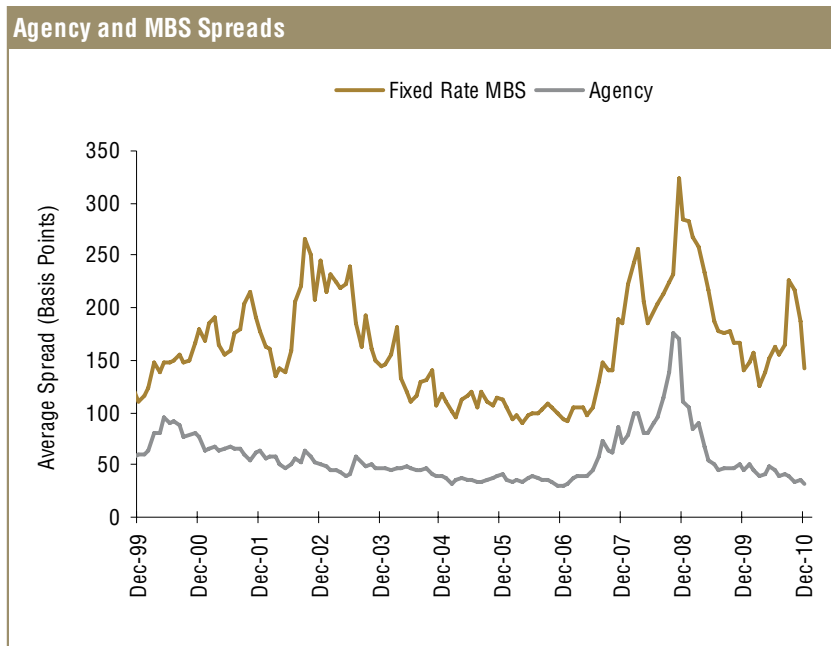


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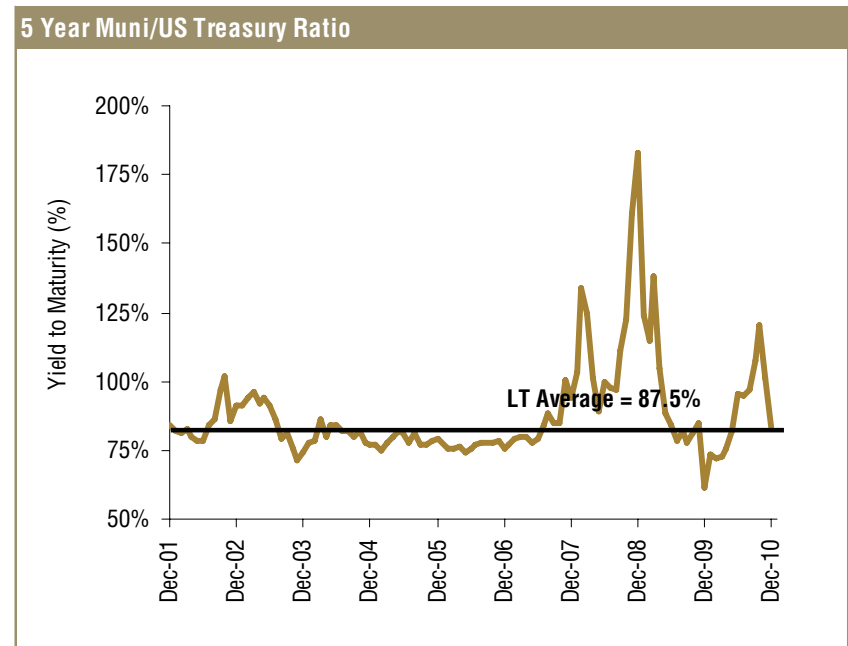
- Positive economic news and the tax stimulus helped drive interest rates higher through year-end. Intermediate bonds underperformed as investors shed duration by selling predominantly 5 to 10 year bonds.

- Higher interest rates in the weaker peripheral countries persist. Rising funding costs and significant refinancing needs are driving spreads wider relative to core Europe.

## Agency/MBS Spreads and 5 Year Muni/US Treasury Ratio



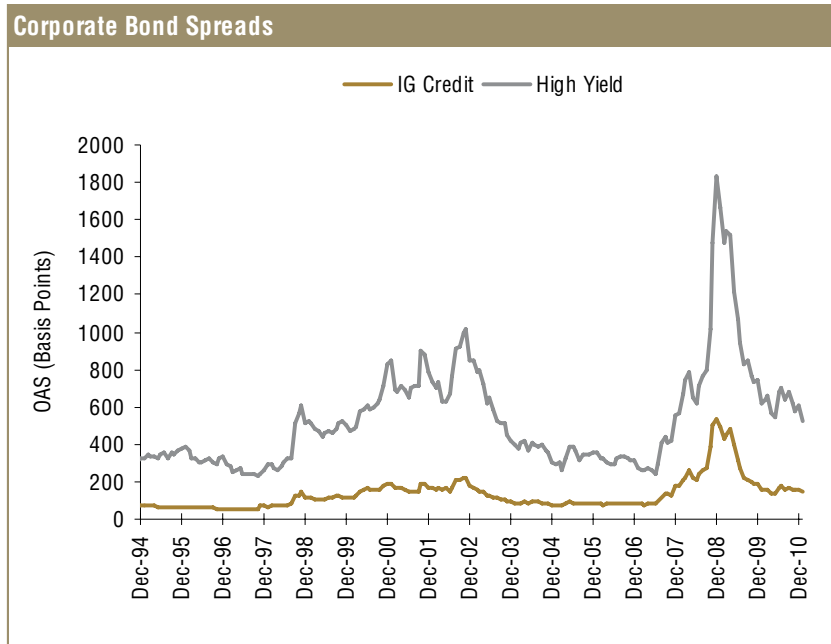
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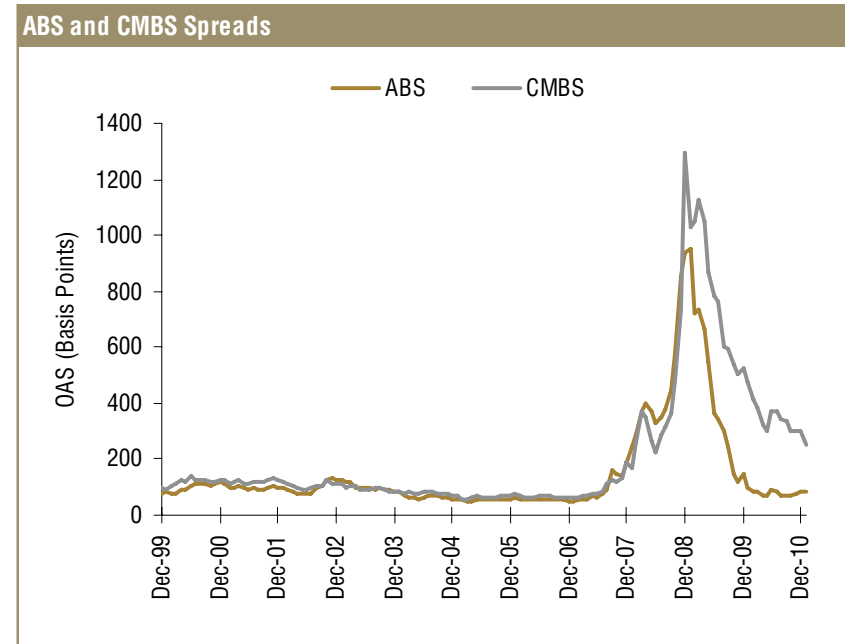
- Agencies and mortgages outperformed amid higher interest rates as the selling pressure was concentrated in Treasuries.
- Municipal yields relative to Treasuries remained elevated. Tax-exempt bonds were hit by a flood of new supply prior to the expiration of the Build America Bonds program, mutual fund outflows and year-end illiquidity.

## Credit Risk Premiums



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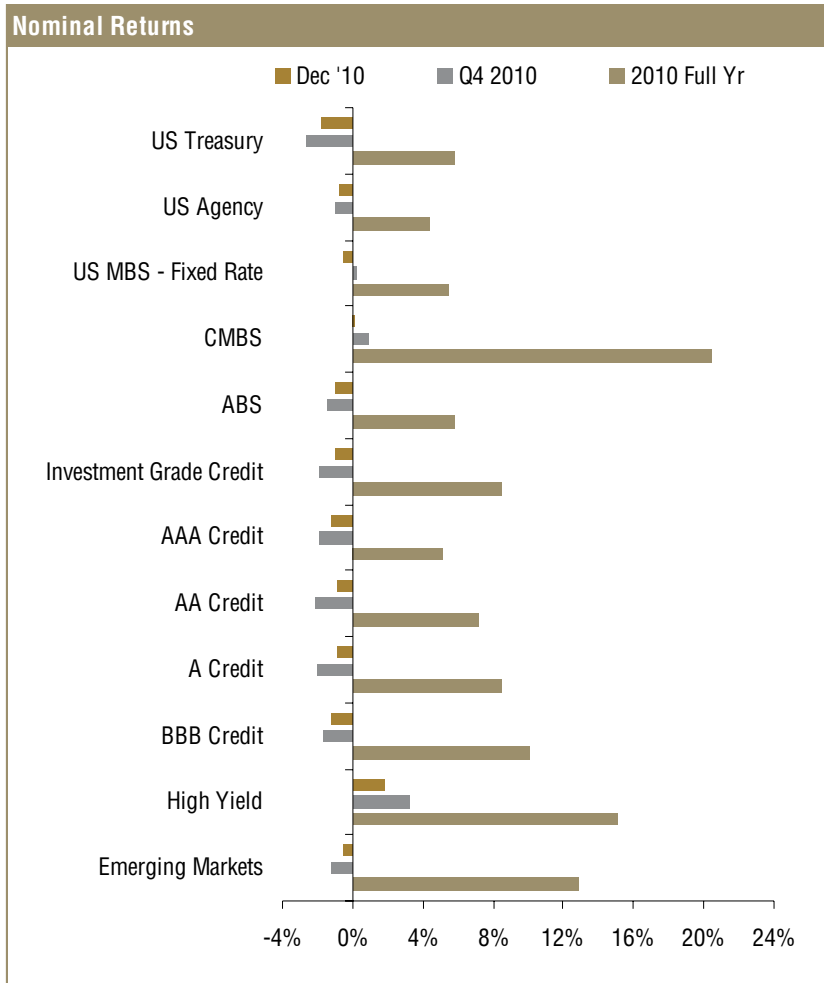
- Against the backdrop of improving economic growth, investment grade and high yield corporate bonds outperformed.



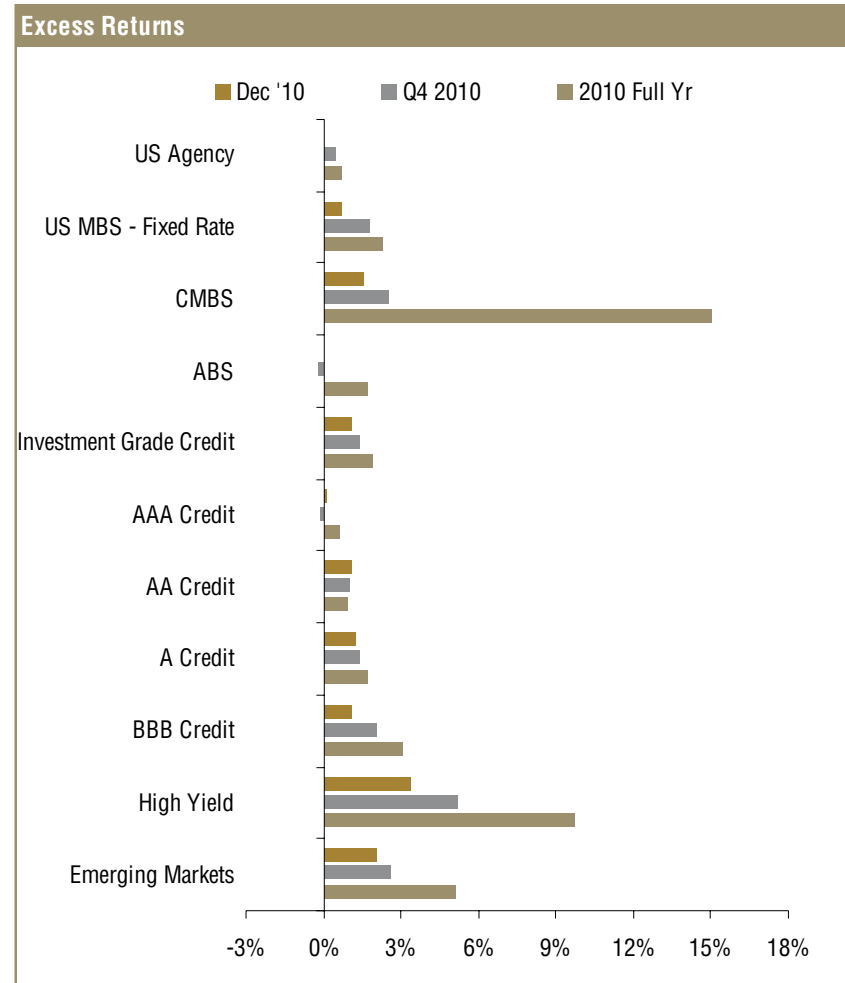
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- ABS, and especially CMBS, outperformed Treasuries. The technical conditions are overwhelmingly positive for CMBS as the trend for negative net new supply continues. The rally in the CMBS sector is most impressive in subordinated bonds where spreads are widest compared to similarly rated corporates.

# Sector Returns



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## Sector Returns

Bond Market Returns - Nominal			
	Dec '10	Q4 2010	2010 Full Yr
US Treasury	-1.80%	-2.64%	5.87%
US Agency	-0.80%	-0.98%	4.36%
US MBS - Fixed Rate	-0.56%	0.25%	5.50%
CMBS	0.13%	0.91%	20.40%
ABS	-0.99%	-1.48%	5.85%
Investment Grade Credit	-1.01%	-1.86%	8.47%
AAA Credit	-1.21%	-1.92%	5.13%
AA Credit	-0.86%	-2.06%	7.10%
A Credit	-0.86%	-1.97%	8.50%
BBB Credit	-1.20%	-1.62%	10.03%
High Yield	1.81%	3.22%	15.12%
Emerging Markets	-0.51%	-1.23%	12.84%

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Bond Market Returns - Excess Over Treasuries			
	Dec '10	Q4 2010	2010 Full Yr
US Treasury	-	-	-
US Agency	0.02%	0.52%	0.72%
US MBS - Fixed Rate	0.68%	1.81%	2.30%
CMBS	1.52%	2.50%	15.01%
ABS	0.02%	-0.23%	1.69%
Investment Grade Credit	1.07%	1.41%	1.92%
AAA Credit	0.14%	-0.11%	0.64%
AA Credit	1.07%	1.00%	0.95%
A Credit	1.25%	1.39%	1.70%
BBB Credit	1.12%	2.05%	3.05%
High Yield	3.37%	5.19%	9.74%
Emerging Markets	2.10%	2.60%	5.08%

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