# US - Light Vehicle Outlook 

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## Euro Zone Crisis <br> Governments Scrambling to Solve Crisis - No Success Yet

- Of the 27 European Union nations, 26 nations agree to the principles of the new treaty - coordinated fiscal policy with oversight. The United Kingdom won't agree.
- The European Central Bank cut its interest rates and buying bonds to supply liquidity, but major problems remain - ECB won't commit to buying "troubled" government bonds.
- Euro Zone is in a recession and the UK is not far behind.
- Greece continues to miss its fiscal targets and will soon run out of room to maneuver - borrowing at 32\% interest rates. Baseline forecast incorporates a Greek sovereign debt default in February 2012 or sooner (60\% probability).
- Italy is better situated to withstand its crisis but yields are now $6 \%$ to $7 \%$. Probability of Italian default is $15 \%$ to $20 \%$. Spain yields are also at unsustainable levels.
- Doomsday scenario - Euro Zone melt down, financial crisis, euro falls to parity with dollar, US recession (25\%-30\% probability).
- Impact on global economy unknown. Asia is impacted by lower trade and less credit. US could see only limited impact - US banks are flush with cash.

Bottom Line - Europe is in a recession, but Doomsday is avoided

## US Economy - Remains on a Slow Recovery Path

- Amid global storm clouds, the US economy will grow at a modest pace.
- Business equipment investment and consumer durables, supported by replacement demand, are driving near-term growth.
- Strained household finances will limit real consumption gains to about 2\%.
- Confidence in U.S. policy-making has hit new lows, after the debt-ceiling debacle
- There is no meaningful fiscal resolve until after the election, but there is a QE3 in early 2012
- Fiscal policies will tighten, although the timing and scope is uncertain.
- A recovery in housing markets is key to more robust economic growth in 2013-15.
- The Eurozone sovereign-debt crisis is the biggest threat to growth; we see a $25 \%-30 \%$ risk of another US recession in 2012.
U.S. Economy
-Probability of a Recession is now 30\%
(Percent unless otherwise noted / January 2012)

|  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real GDP Growth | -3.5 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| Employment Growth | -4.3 | -0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| CPI Inflation | -0.3 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 1.5 |
| Oil Prices (WTI, US\$/bbI) | 61.8 | 79.4 | 95.0 | 91.0 |
| Housing Starts - mm | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.73 |
| Federal Funds Rate | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Dollar (Major Trading 2005=1) | 0.93 | 0.90 | 0.85 | 0.88 |

Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth


## Crude Oil Price vs. Gasoline Price



## A Double Dip for Home Prices



## Housing Starts Will Not Rebound Until 2013



## Payroll Employment



## Rising Unemployment Puts Pressure on Consumers' Balance Sheet



## Households will Save More in the Future



## Real Consumer Spending and Income Growth

New long-term trend for consumption is $\mathbf{2 \%}$ not $3 \%$


## US - Auto Market Overview

- Pent - Up demand is driving the auto recovery
- Consumer confidence has plunged, but it appears as if the consumer attitude to new vehicle purchases remains favorable
- The recent sales numbers have exceeded expectations
- Retail, rather than fleet, remains the main driver
- Sales have improved, as Japanese cars return to the showrooms, but there are still some issues of availability
- Incentive spending has risen modestly, as inventories rebuild
- There has been an increase in lease activity
- Auto credit availability is improving
- The used car and truck market remains very strong
- Cost pressures will return but industry profits are good

Bottom Line - A weak economy will hurt the release of pent up demand, slowing not derailing, the auto market recovery

## New Vehicle Buyers Average Credit Score



## Source: CNW Marketing

New Auto Loan Rates - Commercial Banks


Federal Reserve Board

## Incentives to MSRP



## CNW Marketing

## Residual Value Index



Source: CNW Marketing
Months

## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales — Lease Penetration



Source: CNW Marketing

## U.S. Light Vehicle Inventory — Units


U.S. Light Vehicle Inventory — Days Supply


## United States - Car \& Truck Sales, SAAR



Months

## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales



## U.S. Sales - Major Manufacturers Market Share



## Auto Market - Forecast Drivers 2011-2016

- Average Real GDP growth from 2011-2013 of 1.8\% per year, was 2.6\% in July forecast
- Economy does not start adding more than 2.0 million jobs per year until 2014
- Recovery in housing bounces along the bottom through 2012, starts eventually return to 1.7 a year by 2016
- Gradual easing of credit
- Consumer returns but not to past historical levels - real consumption stubborn at $2.0 \%$ per annum, higher savings, premium on value
- Recovery slowly releases pent-up demand; high level of replacement demand in medium term
- Outbound household formation and growth in driving age population sustain sales
- Long-term Gen Y becomes a big driver as the job market returns


## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales: Relative to Employment



## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales - Car Segments (54\%)


$\square 2006 \square 2007 \square 2008 \square 2009 \square 2010 \square 2011 \square 2012 \square 2013 \square 2014 \square 2015 \square 2016$

## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales

 - Light Truck Segments (46\%)

## Foreign Manufacturers: Share of U.S. Market - Sales



## Short-Term Outlook

North American Light Vehicle Production


## Production Outlook

North American Produced Vehicle Exports Bolster Prospects


## Production Outlook

## North American Light Vehicle Production by OEM



- Downward revisions to production outlook, yet inventory position and export activity offset some of the impact
- BMW, Hyundai, VW, Toyota \& Honda drive additional capacity expansion
- Ford tweaks sourcing - on GM's heels; Chrysler/Fiat potential, yet hurdles remain


## Autos - The Bottom Line

- The auto industry is in its best shape to withstand economic adversity
- Auto credit quality is outstanding, availability will improve this year
- Industry pricing power will continue to improve
- Leasing is on the way back
- Small cars will gain market share but crossovers will remain very popular
- Higher fuel economy standards are the next big challenge (opportunity)
- The industry has done a great job reducing capacity and cost, but we can't rest on our laurels
- Initially replacement demand drives volume, longer term demographics sustain sales
- Forecast assumes one vehicle per diver, two per household
- Eventually the economy will support volume levels that are more normal for the auto industry
- The industry has become more profitable and once volume returns, it will become even more so


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