HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE -

In this issue, we look ahead and opine on the 2011 backdrop. While we view this year as a continuation in spirit of 2010, we start by pondering what we believe will prove to be surprises for the consensus. We then present our vision for the global economic landscape and finish with the broad strokes of our market view and positioning.

- We expect 10 events to surprise the market consensus, ranging from fixed income volatility to rating actions.
- Our macro view calls for a growth disappointment early in the year; however, we find inflation as the key macro issue to ponder in 2011.
- Markets-wise it is still risk-on; while tempted to stay, we are now in an orderly 'retreat' mode.

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