

ILIM MARKET REVIEW

Week

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- Uncertainty about developments in the Eurozone dominated sentiment last week and left markets prone to sharp price swings. Global equities however were largely unchanged for the week.
- US and European equities rallied on Friday as investors turned more optimistic that European policymakers would put aside their differences and present a credible plan to tackle the regions debt crisis.
- Eurozone bond markets spent the week in a waiting for this weekend's Eurozone summit meetings. Peripheral markets again lost ground last week with 10 year Italian bonds above the 6% yield level. Irish bonds received a boost from another positive review by the Troika with the 2025 bond offered at a yield of 7.75%.
- The euro suffered only a modest drop against the dollar last week in spite of the increased tensions around the Eurozone and the ever shifting expectations towards relief for its debt and banking problems. The euro dropped 0.4% to \$1.38 against the dollar.
- Commodity prices were broadly lower over the week as oil slipped \$4 to \$110.44 a barrel. Gold rallied on Friday but still ended the week with a fall of more than €30 at \$1,640 an ounce.

INDEX RETURNS to Close of Business 23/10/2011

INDEX	REGION	16/10/2011 to 23/10/2011		YEAR TO DATE 31/12/2010 to 23/10/2011		1 YEAR 23/10/2010 to 23/10/2011		3 YEARS 23/10/2008 to 23/10/2011	
		LOCAL	EUR	LOCAL	EUR	LOCAL	EUR	LOCAL	EUR
ISEQ	Ireland	0.96%	0.96%	-7.13%	-7.13%	-1.35%	-1.35%	4.38%	4.38%
FT 100	UK	0.43%	1.14%	-4.22%	-5.82%	-1.13%	0.83%	50.27%	37.17%
S&P 500	US	1.12%	0.88%	-1.54%	-4.96%	4.66%	4.87%	36.35%	26.41%
FT Eur x UK	Europe ex UK	-0.41%	-0.19%	-12.94%	-13.05%	-12.59%	-11.23%	17.53%	22.37%
FT Japan	Japan	-0.56%	0.81%	-16.23%	-13.87%	-8.72%	-2.21%	-11.06%	5.65%
FT Pacific x Japan	Asia ex Japan	-1.34%	-1.43%	-12.74%	-16.04%	-8.42%	-6.35%	52.88%	76.94%
FT World	World	0.29%	0.29%	-6.72%	-9.21%	-2.00%	-0.88%	33.96%	35.18%
FT North America	US	0.97%	0.77%	-1.01%	-4.57%	5.66%	6.02%	44.86%	36.51%
FT Eur x UK & Eurobloc	Europe ex UK and Eurobloc countries	0.81%	0.81%	-11.83%	-11.83%	-4.40%	-4.40%	44.76%	44.76%
Eurostoxx 50	Euro	-0.70%	-0.70%	-13.70%	-13.70%	-15.79%	-15.79%	5.74%	5.74%

(TOTAL RETURN INDICES USED)

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