



September is here, the kids are heading back to school, and those winter clothes look set to emerge from the wardrobe once more.

The ongoing economic uncertainty shows little sign of letting up just yet, but we hope this information will help you to feel more up to date and informed with what's going on in the financial world and here at Taylor & Taylor Associates.



Warmest regards,

Taylor & Taylor Associates

MONTHLY NEWS, VIEWS AND UPDATES

Taylor & Taylor have a new look

Having had our logo for almost 10 years, we felt it was time for a change. You'll notice our updated header and footer in this newsletter and also on our new look [website](#). We hope you like it!



September market commentary

At the end of July, President Obama and the US Senate were arguing over the debt crisis. But no sooner had a fragile truce been brokered than Hurricane Irene swept along the Eastern seaboard. Obama might well have echoed Harold Macmillan: "Events, dear boy, events."



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How likely are you to live to 100?

New findings have revealed that 20-year-olds are three times more likely to live to be 100 than those of their grandparents age (80), and almost twice as likely as their parents generation (50-year-olds).



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Stock market volatility - it's not all bad news

To say that the stock market has been volatile lately is an understatement. The FTSE ("footsie"), as it's commonly known, started life in January 1984 with a base level of 1,000 and peaked at an all time high of 6,950 on 30th December 1999. Since that high point it has fallen back below 4,000 and several times been above 6,000. At the time of writing, it stood at 5,130.



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Accounting periods for sole traders

If you are a sole trader or partner, you can choose not to prepare formal accounts, but you still need to prepare and keep records of income and expenditure over a set accounting period.



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MONTHLY ECONOMIC UPDATES

Good points

August has been a month for the history books with plenty of volatility and some considerable falls in equity indices around the globe. But this has also presented a great buying opportunity for our clients. As we have been guiding our clients to retain good levels of cash, fixed interest and gilts over the past 6 months, we have been very busy this month allocating some of these cash elements to this undervalued equity market, with potential for more if necessary.

Not so good points

The market started with the US finally pulling together and increasing their debt ceiling. But the rally on this news was short lived when US manufacturing data fell considerably, which was the catalyst for further market panic. However, overall MACRO data has been poor during the month, therefore we expect this will level out over the coming months, but also expect market volatility will continue for the time being.

AND FINALLY

Do you find yourself salivating at the prospect of Apple's forthcoming iPhone 5, or do you despair at our collective obsession with owning the latest gimmicky gadgets? Either way, this short clip showcasing the wonders of a new microcomputer, the Mactini, is sure to raise a wry smile...

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