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- Super Swissie Remains Firmly Within Bullish Trendline Below 0.8520
- Consumer Reaction to Gas Prices Worsened in May - S&P Retail Index (RLX) Fades
- S&P 500 Momentum: You're Gonna Need a Bigger Can
- June 2011 Retail Sales and CPI: Ex-Auto +8.25%, Inflation 4.7%

Recently Distributed Media Commentary



GHS Capabilities Overview

Richard D. Hastings

Macro & Consumer Strategist

Summary: GHS Macro & Consumer Strategist Richard Hastings, CCE monitors a wide range of data to track key trends in the domestic and international economies that provide GHS clients with value-added insights into major inflection points in the markets. In addition to his work on markets, the economy, forex and labor trends, he is known for his insights into consumer trends, retailers, housing and construction, new media and marketing. Mr. Hastings' general philosophies for risk management and investment include:

- A distrust of generalizations, guiding us to a more granular level of detail which allows differentiation of exceptions to trends.
- A focus on contradictions, as they often portend important discoveries and are the hallmark of the differentiation of opportunity.
- Discovery of inter-market inflection points, which provide baseline knowledge of the strength, depth and duration of any major trend.
- Change the focal point to discover rewards in other markets and securities.

Biography

Mr. Hastings is a nationally recognized authority on retail and consumer markets. He is known for his work on credit cycles and gas price inflation, as well as monitoring trends in labor, inflation, housing and construction, Japan and the yen, new media and marketing, and other trends influencing capital markets.

His analysis of emerging trends in the retail and consumer markets – especially those driven by commodity and supply issues such as gasoline and cotton prices – have made him a frequent guest on both CNBC and Bloomberg television and much sought-after speaker for major professional organizations.

Along with his regular television interviews, Mr. Hastings' comments appear regularly on CNBC.com, MarketWatch.com, Bloomberg News, The Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones Newswires and other business media outlets, both domestic and international. Mr. Hastings is a highly sought after guest speaker, making recent appearances at RetailConnections, Consumer Goods Technology, The Sam M. Walton College of Business Walmart Center for Retailing Excellence, TradeStone Software, SAP, The Credit Research Foundation, The National Funding Association and the Federation of Credit among others.

Mr. Hastings holds the FINRA Series 7 and 63 regulatory licenses and serves on the board of directors of the CFA North Carolina Society. He is a Certified Credit Executive with the National Association of Credit Management and is a research fellow with the Credit Research Foundation. He also serves as Economic Advisor to the Federation of Credit, an association of commercial credit risk managers.

Mr. Hastings' career spans more than 20 years of experience in the world of finance, beginning in the late 1980s as a credit analyst in New York City's garment center. He later worked in apparel manufacturing as a credit manager. Prior to joining Global Hunter Securities in May 2008, Mr. Hastings served as Vice President-Senior Retail Credit Analyst with New Jersey-based Bernard Sands, LLC.

Mr. Hastings frequently offers guest commentary and key-note addresses for organizations and businesses that are keenly focused on the macro drivers of the economy and their global consequences.

Global Hunter Securities, LLC is a full-service investment bank focusing on the Energy, China, Healthcare and Metals & Mining sectors. The more than 150 dedicated professionals of Global Hunter Securities provide insights based on centuries of collective analysis experience and billions of dollars in completed transactions. Launched just before one of the worst bear markets in history, GHS has thrived by maintaining unflinching standards of excellence. In the first six months of 2011, we completed 25 transactions, totaling approximately \$3.1 billion in aggregate value. Our market-savvy professionals bring to each engagement the passion, work ethic and integrity to that have made us a trusted advisor to our clients.