



## **RESPONSIVE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

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### **To all our clients and friends,**

I call it "Grey Monday" because it wasn't nearly as bad as "Black Monday", in fact despite this being the largest point decline in history, it one only the 18<sup>th</sup> worst trading day we have had on a percentage basis. Federal fingers stirring the pot.

As I mentioned in my last letter, I didn't think a "bail-out" was a good idea or necessary. I certainly wish that it hadn't been sold as THE way to "save" our economy from... ummm, have you been told what we are being saved from? I must have missed the details. Nearest I can tell, it is a "collapse" of the economy. My window overlooks the interchange of two highways outside of Chicago, and they are still jammed with trucks and cars. I cross the train tracks on the way to work, and the commuter trains are also jammed with people, I presume going to work in the morning and coming home at night. The building next to us is completely empty, (owned by Pepsi, still doing OK, selling lots of Pepsi, spending less than they earn, they can wait).

I am attaching a letter from the Chairman and CEO of a bank holding company, I think it spells out very well how narrow this "bailout" really might be. It is a very well written piece from what I expect is a very well run bank holding company.

A large portion of what we are dealing with is government intervention in the normal functioning of markets. We should be very skeptical of the promise that the largest intervention ever, transferring the largest amount of private assets to public hands in our nation's history should be considered a healthy and efficient solution to our current economic woes.

I am just that, skeptical. I cannot say outright that it is the wrong thing. But I am dead certain it is NOT the only solution to our current credit market issues.

I am not going to write a great deal today. We are spending our time looking for unfair opportunities after yesterdays ridiculous selloff. Thank Paulsen, Bernanke, and Bush for this one. A terrible and irresponsible sales job on their part, my estimate is their message of woe was worth a good 400 points yesterday alone.

Just to reassure you that the world did not end yesterday I am including here the "one day return" for most of the securities that are held in one or more of our model or more typical custom accounts. The vast majority of them having declined far less than the markets as a whole. It is a rough day, but we have had worse and have profited from them, in time, in the past as well. As I write this today markets are in a substantial recovery, even without a bailout bill.

Symbol	Name	Return 09/26/08-	
		09/29/08	Price
MWTRX	MetroWes Total Return Bond	0.97%	9.35
PTLDX	Pimco INST:Low Duration	0.84%	9.56
BRKB	Berkshire Hathaway-B	0.75%	4458
FPNIX	FPA New Income	0.36%	11.09
HSGFX	Hussman Strategic Growth	0.25%	16.11
LSGLX	Loomis INV:Global Bond Retail Trust I	0.00%	14.58
XOSAX	Oppenhm Senior Floating Rate-A	-0.25%	7.88
PGHYX	Pioneer Global High Yield-A	-0.90%	9.92
PASDX	PIMCO All Asset-D	-1.13%	11.39
MERFX	Merger Fund	-2.78%	14.33
FRIAX	Franklin ADV:Income	-2.97%	1.96
OAKBX	Oakmark Equity and Income-I	-3.22%	25.23
SGOVX	FirstEag Overseas-A	-3.59%	19.36
WGRNX	Wintergr Fund	-3.60%	11.25
WASAX	Ivy Asset Strategy-A	-4.17%	22.29
SGENX	FirstEag Global-A	-4.28%	38.87
LAALX	Leuthold Asset Allocation	-5.64%	9.21
ERF	Enerplus Resources Fund	-5.95%	35.43
LCORX	Leuthold Core Investment	-5.95%	14.85
ARTKX	Artisan INV:International Value	-6.03%	20.72
AIOIX	AmerCent INV:International Opportunities	-6.42%	4.81
TMCGX	Turner Emerging Growth	-6.55%	45.08
RYN	Rayonier	-6.68%	44.81
AVPAX	AmBeacon SmallCap Value PlanAhead	-6.95%	15.13
EXEYX	ManningN Equity Series	-7.18%	16.03
PCL	Plum Creek Timber Company	-7.42%	47.01
BUFMX	Buffalo MidCap	-7.63%	11.5
RSP	EXTRADED S&P 500 Eq Wt(Rydx)	-7.75%	36.9
SWTSX	Schwab Total Stock Market Select	-8.19%	19.74
ADVDX	Alpine Dynamic Dividend	-8.37%	6.98
KSCVX	Keeley SmallCap Value-A	-8.62%	23.01
BREAX	BlackRoc INV: Intern'l Opportunities-A	-8.70%	27.27
VFINX	Vanguard S&P 500/40	-8.78%	101.85
SP-CP	INDEXFAM S&P 500 Composite Index	-8.79%	1106.39
SSHFX	SoundShr Fund	-8.86%	29.22
ODMAX	Oppenhm Developing Markets-A	-9.65%	32.88
DODFX	DodgeCox International Stock	-9.72%	31.75
HAINX	Harbor INST:International	-9.72%	50.06

Have a great day! Rest assured that we are focused on finding the opportunities that this sort of infrequent market dislocation inevitably produces.

**Ben**