

## Member Forecast Survey 2016 Year-End Predictions



### ASFIP Member Survey Results - Forecast Year-End 2016

	S&P 500 2012	WTI Oil \$36	10-Year US Treasury 2.13%	Fed Funds Rate 0.140%	Euro-USD 1.10
December 11, 2015 close:					
Average	2152	\$52	2.50%	0.638%	1.05
Median	2190	\$51	2.50%	0.500%	1.02
High	2380	\$96	3.51%	1.500%	1.40
Low	1800	\$35	0.03%	-0.250%	0.80

- Market to recover modestly:** While 20% of respondents expect the S&P 500 to close 2016 further below its current level, the average forecast indicates an approximate 7% price return. However, the average forecast S&P 500 value of 2152 is well below Barrons' survey of Wall Street strategists (2220)<sup>1</sup>.
- Oil near bottom but unlikely to rebound vigorously:** No respondents forecast the price of West Texas Intermediate to fall below \$35 per barrel, but only 15% of respondents forecast a price above \$60.
- 10-year treasury note to remain range bound:** Excluding outliers, forecasts for the 10-year Treasury yield at year-end 2016 fall between 1.75% and 3.50%, with the majority clustered tightly between 2.25% and 2.75%.
- Wide range of expectations on Fed Funds Rate:** Survey responses reflected uncertainty around the ending federal funds rate, with responses ranging between -0.25% and 1.50%. 77% of respondents expected a rate greater than 0.25%.
- US Dollar to strengthen slightly versus Euro:** Excluding some notable outliers, responses on the price of a Euro clustered tightly between 1.00 and 1.10, indicating a very modest strengthening of the dollar against the Euro over the course of the year.

\* Closing prices source: Bloomberg

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.barrons.com/articles/stocks-could-rise-10-in-2016-according-to-market-strategists-1449899461>

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