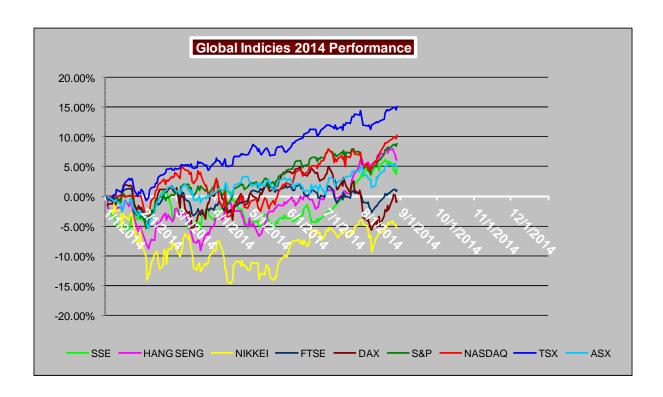


## **GDB September 2014 Newsletter**

**Monthly Market Summary:** 

2014 August Market Activity		
SSE COMPOSITE	2,217.20	+15.64 (+0.71%)
HANG SENG	24,742.06	-14.79 (-0.06%)
NIKKEI 225	15,424.59	-196.18 (-1.26%)
FTSE 100	6,819.80	+89.70 (+1.33%)
DAX	9,470.17	+62.69 (+0.67%)
DOW	17,098.45	+535.15 (+3.23%)
S&P 500	2,003.37	+72.70 (+3.77%)
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	4,580.27	+210.50 (+4.82%)
ASX 200	5,625.90	-7.00 (-0.12%)
TSX COMPOSITE	15,625.70	+295.00 (+1.92%)



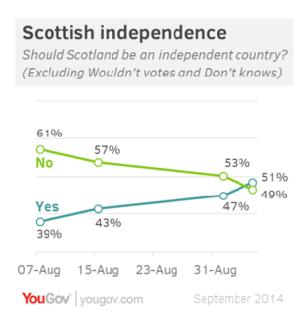


## **Investment Themes:**

On September 19, a potentially seismic event for market volatility has been averted as the referendum for Scotland independence resulted in an overwhelming majority of "NO" votes. The people of Scotland turned out in droves to cast their votes of unity with the United Kingdom.

In the days leading up to the referendum, financial institutions and corporations were scrambling to put together contingency plans, while investors sold Scottish assets and punished the British Pound (GBP) to prepare for the unknown unknown of an independent Scotland.

As we can see, the GBP had depreciated against the US dollar leading up to the date of the referendum as polls in August showing the "YES" votes gaining momentum against the "NO" votes and even exceeding the "NO's" by slight margin towards the end of the month.







From the Commitment of Traders report at the bottom of the above chart, we also see commercial hedging activities increased notably as traders built up hedging positions against a falling GBP.

In fact, the sentiment of the GBP prior to the referendum was so bad, it was in the most oversold state since the height of the 2007-2008 financial crisis:





This leads us to believe there was some panic selling as investors and traders were ill prepared for a Scotland separation and emotional decision makings set in.

Now with the outcome of the referendum known and this macro risk eliminated. We expect traders and investors to refocus their attention on the underlying growth of the UK economy and the first interest hike by Bank of England. We also expect the unwinding of a lot of the hedging positions in the near term. Furthermore, the Euro and Japanese Yen are expected to depreciate further as the monetary policies in those regions start to diverge from the Bank of England's. While ECB just announced another round of stimulus at the beginning of September and soon the BOJ are expected to follow up with further QE, Bank of England with the referendum out of the way, are more affirmative in their decision to raise interest rate next spring. All these factors lead us to believe that there is significant room for a reversal in the GBP's weakness against the dollar and continued strength of GBP against the Euro and Yen.



## **Investment Opportunities:**

## 1. GDB Monthly Income Fund

Fund managed by GDB Capital. Event-driven investments using hedging strategies and combinations of long/short positions in equities, futures, and commodities and their derivatives. Fund targets gross pre-tax IRR of 20% per annum, and returned 108% in 2012 and 194% in 2013. Following are the benchmark comparisons of GDB Fund performance against the major US Indices.

