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The End of QE2:  
What Does It Mean for Investors?



## BlackRock Special Report

In this special report, BlackRock's CIO of Fundamental Fixed Income, Rick Rieder, and Chief Equity Strategist for Fundamental Equities, Bob Doll, offer perspectives on how investors should think about the potential market volatility and investment opportunities in this environment.



Highlights Include:

- The Federal Reserve's QE2 program supported risk asset prices, aided consumer confidence, and marginally helped labor markets, but as policy support diminishes, we think economic growth levels will remain modest.
- Fixed income markets will see greater illiquidity and volatility, but markets should not fall dramatically; rates should remain range bound, though may rise gently through the year.
- QE2 has also aided equity markets, but with corporate earnings and balance sheet strength, stocks should continue their long-term outperformance, although at a slower pace.

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