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Spring Gifting

With spring and summer graduations, engagements and weddings just around the corner, *how about giving the gift of Adams Express or Petroleum & Resources shares?* A gift of shares has enduring value and will be appreciated year after year. And what young graduate or married couple couldn't use a little nest egg? To buy shares, you can contact your broker or invest directly through the Companies' transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST). To obtain an "Investors Choice" brochure, contact **AST at (877) 260-8188** or visit their website, www.amstock.com, and click on "How to Invest" under Shareholder Services.



INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Conversation with the Mr. Doug Ober on the Recent Dynamics in the Economy

With all the topsy-turvy in the financial and housing segments of the economy and the large headlines screaming economic meltdowns, we sat down with Doug Ober, Chairman and CEO of both Adams Express and Petroleum & Resources Corporation and asked him for his perspective on what's going on in the economy.

IE – According to the papers and the cable news stations, we are on the edge of real financial calamity, is that true?

DO – I think that they are being somewhat sensational. While we do see the economy slowing in growth from the past two years, we don't foresee a widespread catastrophe on the horizon. We forecast that the economy will show no growth or at worst exhibit a small contraction in the first half of year and slowly begin to turn itself around in the second half. Right now, the financial and housing sectors are suffering through significant re-alignments. No doubt about it. This is directly correlated to the credit crunch that began last summer, but the economy on the whole is in relatively good shape. Certainly, if you live in California, Florida, Michigan and Texas, you will see a more tepid economy. The housing sector in those states plays a much larger factor in the overall health of the local economy than in other parts of the country. Of course, the credit and housing industry problems impact the overall economy, but one needs to put it in perspective.

IE – What are the factors that will affect the economy going forward?

DO – As always with the U.S. economy, consumer confidence and spending will be the most significant factors in how the economy



responds. The March unemployment rates increased, but one has to put that in perspective, too. An unemployment rate of 5.1% is a long way away from the 8% unemployment rate we saw in the early 1990's. In addition, we've seen credit card delinquency rates slow and both Wal-Mart and Target report improving sales numbers since February. Usually it takes six to nine months for the Fed rate cuts to trickle down and impact the economy which means their affect will start to be felt by this summer.

IE – What are the bright spots in the economy?

DO – There are several. The industrial sector will remain strong and unaffected by the credit and housing crunch. A big reason why is that most of the companies in the sector have a greater proportion of their revenues coming from overseas. Same holds true for large consumer companies, such as Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble and Pepsi. While U.S. revenues for these companies have stayed flat, their revenues continue to grow from their international business units, plus they have expanded their product line-ups to supplement their traditional lines of business. The companies that supply the cellphone industry are also bright spots as worldwide sales of cellphones continue to grow. As with any other period of time, it's important to keep all the news in perspective. Under any economic scenario, there will be both good and bad news.

Adams Express And Petroleum & Resources Corporation Has Not Issued or Invested in Any Auction-Rate Preferred Securities or Debt

Auction Rate Preferred Shares (ARP) are preferred stock issued by some closed-end funds to provide leverage. Purchases and sales of ARPs are usually done through an auction. The auctions can occur anywhere from 7 to 35 days apart. Assets obtained by the funds through the issuance of ARPs are used to leverage the Funds' investments – thus providing the potential for higher yields and returns to common stock shareholders. Recent press reports have described the turmoil in the market for auction-rate securities and debt and its potential impact on closed-end funds that have issued auction-rate preferred shares, invested in auction-rate securities or debt, or used leverage to enhance yield. If these reports have alarmed you about the impact of this situation on your holdings in Adams Express or Petroleum & Resources,

please be aware that the companies have not issued or invested in any auction-rate preferred shares or debt and do not use leverage. According to Doug Ober, Chairman and CEO of both companies, "Our shareholders want to sleep comfortably at night knowing that we are both protecting and growing their investments in our companies. As such, our investment philosophy relies on thinking long term and staying vested in shares of companies that have long-term growth potential and are appropriately valued. That's why we shy away from practices that can boost earnings but raise the risk profile of our portfolio." If you would like further information about this matter, please contact our Investor Relations group by email to: contact@adamsexpress.com or by calling us at (800) 638-2479.

David D. Weaver, CFA, Elected Executive Vice President of Adams Express



David D. Weaver, CFA, has been elected Executive Vice President of The Adams Express Company effective April 1, 2008.

David joined Adams Express in May 2004 as a research analyst covering the industrials and

consumer-discretionary sectors of the Fund. In January 2007, he was promoted to Vice President-Research. Prior to joining the Company, he was an analyst with Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. in Baltimore.

"David is a top-notch securities analyst and has during the past four years has demonstrated the skills we look for in our Portfolio Managers. We are confident that he will be a strong contributor to our portfolio management team," says Douglas Ober, Chairman and CEO of the Company.

Since May of 2004, Mr. Weaver has been an important part of the Company's research team. He has gradually increased the companies exposure to the industrial sector

while keeping consumer discretionary holdings at a weighting below that of the overall market. David believes the consumer discretionary sector faces challenges as the U.S. economy slows. "While the economy weakens, the environment will remain difficult for companies in areas such as retail and restaurants," explains Mr. Weaver. "You'll likely see consumers remain cautious on discretionary spending during the next several months. Our holdings in these areas remain relatively low, but pullbacks in the market create opportunities. We will search for quality investments while trying to avoid potential pitfalls." He added, "On the other hand, our industrial sector holdings are more global in their exposure and should prove more resilient to a slowdown in the U.S. economy."

David received his undergraduate degree from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) and a M.S. degree in Business/Finance from The Johns Hopkins University. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a member of the Baltimore CFA Society.

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