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DAVID LEVY SAYS ELECTION RESULTS ALTER ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES FOR 2017

Levy Sees “Contests of Potentially Vast Forces” in U.S. Fiscal Stimulus versus Damage Done by Higher Interest Rates

MOUNT KISCO, NY, Nov. 23 – Economist David Levy, writing in the just-published November issue of *The Levy Forecast*[®], said the unexpected election of Donald Trump as president has created chaos in the economic outlook.

“Possibilities that seemed far-fetched two weeks ago, have emerged as plausible if not probable,” Levy wrote in the nation’s oldest publication devoted to economic analysis.

The macroeconomist said the likelihood of the U.S. receiving a strong fiscal stimulus by mid-2017 to sharply boost second-half profits or offset negative financial influences on U.S. profit sources *“should be very much kept in mind.”*

The economists at the independent Jerome Levy Forecasting Center (www.levyforecast.com) wrote that while the timing and scale of a potential fiscal policy boost to the U.S. economy remain uncertain, *“higher interest rates and widening spreads are chipping away at global financial stability, raising concern about profits in the first half of 2017.”*

Levy, chairman of the Jerome Levy Forecasting Center wrote that fourth quarter economic performance probably would not be altered substantially by the election, saying, *“The remainder of the current quarter will benefit from improved expectations for the economy but face the toxic effect on balance sheets of rising interest rates. The best bet here is for a draw; the contest will become more interesting and more consequential in the first half of 2017.”*

Writing in the same publication, Director of Research Srinivas Thiruvadhanthai noted that U.S. dollar strength is likely to persist, a condition which *“itself will tend to aggravate global financial strains and portends poor performance for EM assets, commodities, and precious metals.”*

Levy concluded by emphasizing ongoing uncertainty around the 2017 outlook, writing that the opposing effects of new fiscal stimulus in the United States and the damage done to excessive global balance sheets by rising interest rates were “*contests of potentially vast forces, financial King Kongs vs Godzillas.*”

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