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**New York, NY (October 10, 2008)** — *Forbes* continues its ongoing coverage of developments in the global markets, and their effect on economies, politics, and businesses worldwide. In its latest issue, *Forbes* reports on the nonfinancial sector of the U.S. economy: businesses that produce rather than trade, revealing that they are struggling, yet chugging ahead (**Pockets of Prosperity, p. 36**). Additional reporting on the economic crisis includes:

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- **Hedge Clippings (p. 60)** – The credit crunch is killing small hedge funds. *Forbes* breaks down why this scenario is bad for the stocks, but good for intrepid investors.
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