

Friday June 15, 2012

## Stock Markets Rap (as of June 14)

|            | Close  | Chg  | (%)  |
|------------|--------|------|------|
| MSCI World | 1,196  | +6   | +0.5 |
| Dow        | 12,652 | +156 | +1.2 |
| Nasdaq     | 2,836  | +18  | +0.6 |
| S&P 500    | 1,329  | +14  | +1.1 |
| Euro Stoxx | 2,148  | +5   | +0.2 |
| FTSE 100   | 5,467  | -17  | -0.3 |
| DAX        | 6,139  | -14  | -0.2 |
| CAC        | 3,032  | +2   | +0.1 |
| ASX 200    | 4,042  | -22  | -0.5 |
| Nikkei     | 8,569  | -19  | -0.2 |
| Shanghai   | 2,296  | -23  | -1.0 |
| Hang Seng  | 18,808 | -218 | -1.1 |
| H Shares   | 9,519  | -140 | -1.4 |

|             | Close | Chg | (%)  |
|-------------|-------|-----|------|
| FTSE ASEAN  | 527   | -6  | -1.1 |
| Singapore   | 2,774 | -13 | -0.5 |
| Thailand    | 1,153 | -5  | -0.4 |
| Malaysia    | 1,571 | -5  | -0.3 |
| Indonesia   | 3,792 | -69 | -1.8 |
| Philippines | 5,021 | -89 | -1.7 |
| Vietnam     | 425   | -2  | -0.5 |
| Lao PDR     | 1,015 | +8  | +0.8 |
| Cambodia    | 720   | -11 | -1.5 |

## Currencies Rap (as of June 14)

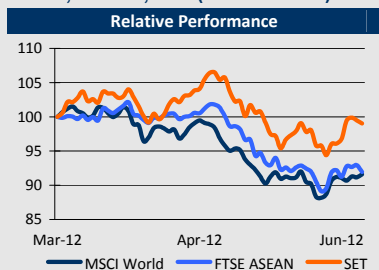
|         | Last     | Chg   | (%)   |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| DX      | 81.99    | -0.07 | -0.08 |
| USD/EUR | 1.2571   | +0.00 | +0.30 |
| JPY/USD | 79.29    | -0.41 | -0.51 |
| THB/USD | 31.57    | -0.01 | -0.03 |
| VND/USD | 20,950   | -5.00 | -0.02 |
| LAK/USD | 8,010.00 | -4.00 | -0.05 |
| KHR/USD | 4,091.80 | -1.15 | -0.03 |
| MMK/USD | 841.69   | -1.13 | -0.13 |
| VND/THB | 664.26   | +0.08 | +0.01 |
| LAK/THB | 253.88   | -0.01 | -0.00 |
| KHR/THB | 128.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| MMK/THB | 26.68    | -0.02 | -0.09 |

## Commodities Rap (as of June 14)

|        | Close    | Chg   | (%)   |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| Gold   | 1,619.60 | +0.20 | +0.01 |
| Silver | 28.41    | -0.53 | -1.85 |
| Copper | 335.45   | +1.50 | +0.45 |
| WTI    | 83.91    | +1.29 | +1.56 |
| Brent  | 97.03    | -0.10 | -0.10 |
| BDI    | 912      | +10   | +1.11 |

Source: Bloomberg

## World, ASEAN, SET (as of June 14)



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## MACRO NEWS

### Central Banks Ready to Combat Greek Market Storm: G20 Officials

Central banks from major economies stand ready to take steps to stabilize financial markets by providing liquidity and preventing a credit squeeze if the outcome of Greek elections on Sunday causes tumultuous trading. "The central banks are preparing for coordinated action to provide liquidity," said a senior G20. Separately, British finance minister said the government and the Bank of England will act together with new monetary policy tools to tackle tightening credit and financial market conditions triggered by the euro zone crisis. Depending on the severity of the market response, an emergency meeting of ministers from the Group of Seven developed nations could be held on Monday or Tuesday, with central bankers joining by phone. Their first line of defense probably would be a statement that policymakers are ready to take whatever steps are needed to assure market stability. Japan already has indicated to its G7 partners concerns about yen strength and it had considered acting earlier this month. Swiss National Bank Chairman and the country's finance minister, on Thursday both threatened capital controls to prevent the franc soaring if Europe's crisis deepens. [\[Reuters\]](#)

### US Jobless Claims Up; Cooler CPI Gives Fed More Room

New claims for state jobless benefits rose for the fifth time in six weeks and consumer prices fell in May, opening the door wider for the U.S. Federal Reserve to help an economy that shows signs of weakening. New claims rose by 6,000 last week, the Labor Department said on Thursday, and have been trending higher since February, which may have marked a turning point for the U.S. economy. Consumer prices dropped 0.3% last month, the sharpest decline since December 2008. Holding back inflation last month, U.S. gasoline prices fell 6.8%, the most in more than three years, the Labor Department said. "Pressure is mounting on the Fed to give the economy a shot in the arm," said Chris Williamson, an economist at Markit. [\[CNBC\]](#)

### Spain Yields Hit 7% as Rating Cut to Brink of Junk

Spanish government bond yields hit a euro-era high above 7% on Thursday after Moody's cut the country's credit rating to one notch above "junk", pushing its borrowing costs ever higher and raising the prospect of a full-scale bailout. Moody's slashed Spain three notches to Baa3, its lowest investment grade rating, and said it could cut the rating again within three months. Yields on Spain's 10-year bonds rose as much as 25 basis points to 7.02%, a financing level seen as unsustainable in the long term. Greece, Ireland and Portugal were quickly forced to ask for bailouts after yields on their bonds rose above 7%. Italy tested sentiment for its debt with a sale of 4.5 billion euros of bonds, finding better-than-expected demand although borrowing costs rose sharply. Ten-year yields were 4 bps higher at 6.26%, having touched their highest since January. [\[Reuters\]](#)

### China Growth to Stay Weak for Several Years: Credit Suisse

Economic growth in China is widely expected to pick up momentum after bottoming in the 2Q12, but Credit Suisse warns that China could experience "several years" of weak growth on declining private sector investment and corporate profits. The investment bank on Thursday downgraded its economic growth forecast for China to 7.7% for 2012, from 8 percent predicted earlier this year. The economy grew 9.2% in 2011. "We expect China to be in a weak growth cycle for the next several years featuring a weak credit cycle, weak export cycle and weak property cycle," [\[CNBC\]](#)

## CORPORATE NEWS

### Apple [AAPL:US] - Apple iPad Demand Boosts Tablet Shipment Forecast, IDC Reports

The global market for tablet computers is growing faster than expected, with Apple Inc.'s iPad widening its lead as consumers' top choice, according to market researcher International Data Corp. (IDC) Worldwide shipments of tablets this year will be 107.4 million units, up from an earlier projection of 106.1 million, Framingham, IDC said. Worldwide shipments should reach 142.8 million next year and 222.1 million by 2016. IDC predicts the iPad will account for 62.5% of global shipments this year, up from 58.2% last year. Apple's share could rise even further if it introduces a smaller, less expensive tablet. "Apple's iPad shows few signs of slowing down," IDC said. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

### Apple [AAPL:US] - Baidu to Share Revenue With Apple on China iPhone Deal

Baidu Inc. said Apple Inc. will be entitled to a share of advertising sales after the Chinese company's search engine was added as part of a software upgrade for iPhones in China. The revenue-sharing agreement with Apple follows similar accords between Baidu and manufacturers of handsets that use Google Inc.'s Android operating system. Apple will offer Baidu's search engine as an option for iPhone and iPad customers and add Chinese-language support for its Siri voice technology, as Apple tailors its products for Chinese consumers. Baidu, which fields about 80% of China's Web searches, is prepared to incur costs to add smartphone users by offering services such as music streaming for free. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

### Royal Dutch Shell [RDS/A:US] - Shell Extends Offer for Cove at Lower Price Than PTT Bid

Royal Dutch Shell Plc extended its offer to buy Cove Energy Plc, an oil explorer focused on East Africa, without matching PTT Exploration & Production Pcl (PTTEP)'s higher bid for the firm. Cove shareholders now have until June 27 to agree to Shell's bid, a second extension after the offer of 220 pence offer was made on April 24. Shell has received 4.8% of the shareholders' acceptances so far, it said Thursday. On May 23, Thailand's PTT made an offer of 240 pence, valuing Cove at 1.22 billion pounds (\$1.9 billion). [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

### McDonald's [MCD:US] - Goldman Cuts McDonald's Rating

The analyst sees several challenges looming that could constrain sales growth for an "extended period," including "resurgent" competition; the chain's substantial presence in Europe, where the debt crisis has driven several countries into recession; a stronger dollar, which cuts into revenues generated outside the U.S.; and increased discounting weighing on results in Japan, which makes up 40% of a key revenue figure in Asia. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)