

Monday June 18, 2012

Stock Markets Rap (as of June 15)

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,209	+13	+1.0
Dow	12,767	+115	+0.9
Nasdaq	2,873	+36	+1.3
S&P 500	1,343	+14	+1.0
Euro Stoxx	2,181	+33	+1.5
FTSE 100	5,479	+12	+0.2
DAX	6,229	+91	+1.5
CAC	3,088	+55	+1.8
ASX 200	4,057	+15	+0.4
Nikkei	8,569	+0	+0.0
Shanghai	2,307	+11	+0.5
Hang Seng	19,234	+426	+2.3
H Shares	9,745	+226	+2.4

	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE ASEAN	535	+8	+1.6
Singapore	2,811	+37	+1.3
Thailand	1,166	+13	+1.1
Malaysia	1,579	+8	+0.5
Indonesia	3,818	+26	+0.7
Philippines	4,931	-90	-1.8
Vietnam	433	+8	+1.8
Lao PDR	1,017	+1	+0.1
Cambodia	710	-11	-1.5

Currencies Rap (as of June 15)

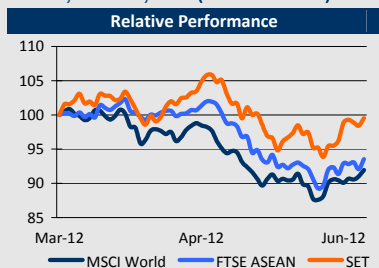
	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	81.63	-0.36	-0.44
USD/EUR	1.2638	+0.01	+0.53
JPY/USD	78.73	-0.56	-0.71
THB/USD	31.51	-0.06	-0.19
VND/USD	20,960	+10.00	+0.05
LAK/USD	8,006.00	-4.00	-0.05
KHR/USD	4,083.75	-8.05	-0.20
MMK/USD	841.94	+0.26	+0.03
VND/THB	665.74	+1.48	+0.22
LAK/THB	254.32	+0.44	+0.17
KHR/THB	128.00	0.00	0.00
MMK/THB	26.75	+0.07	+0.25

Commodities Rap (as of June 15)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,628.10	+8.50	+0.52
Silver	28.74	+0.33	+1.17
Copper	339.05	+2.90	+0.86
WTI	84.03	+0.12	+0.14
Brent	97.61	+0.58	+0.60
BDI	924	+12	+1.32

Source: Bloomberg

World, ASEAN, SET (as of June 15)



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Risk Assets Gain as Pro-Bailout Party Wins in Greece

Risk assets rallied in early Asian trade following the victory for the pro-bailout New Democracy Party in the second Greek election. Markets in Japan, South Korea and Australia all opened higher as investors breathed a sigh of relief that left-wing parties had failed to come out on top at Sunday's elections. S&P 500 futures gained 0.5%, while oil rallied \$1.27 a barrel. The Euro got a boost, strengthening to 1.2726 against the greenback, but then fell back soon after. Despite not winning a clear majority, New Democracy, led by Antonis Samaras, will be able to form a coalition government in Greece after beating off competition from the radical leftist SYRIZA party. [\[CNBC\]](#)

BoE to Launch Liquidity Facility on June 20

The Bank of England announced on Friday it will hold its first emergency liquidity-providing operation for banks this week as part of a package of measures aimed at getting credit flowing through Britain's economy as the euro zone debt crisis deepens. The BoE said it would hold at least one Extended Collateral Term Repo Facility per month until further notice and would offer at least 5 billion pounds at each operation. The first auction of 6-month funds will be on June 20, with the volume of available loans to be announced the day before. The BoE said it would offer loans at a minimum of Bank rate, which is currently 0.5%, plus an additional 25 basis points. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Draghi: ECB Stands Ready to Supply Liquidity

The European Central Bank stands ready to provide support to the euro-zone system, said its President, Mario Draghi, in prepared statements at a speech on Friday. "The Eurosystem will continue to supply liquidity to solvent banks where needed," he said. His comments come amid reports that central bankers are ready to take measures to keep liquidity flowing in international markets should the results of Sunday's Greek elections trigger a credit crunch. He added that April bank lending data indicates a general improvement in bank lending conditions and drop in net tightening of credit standards. He also said there is no inflation risk presently in any euro-area country. [\[MarketWatch\]](#)

Moody's Cuts 11 European Banks' Ratings

Moody's has cut the ratings of 11 European banks and said it would cut again if Greece ditched the euro, kicking off a long-awaited round of downgrades for major European institutions. Moody's said on Friday it had taken action against 5 Dutch banking groups, 3 French banks and 1 each from Belgium and Luxembourg. Moody's was expected to downgrade some of the world's biggest banks by the end of June, which would widen the gulf in prospects between the strongest banks and weaker rivals. Bank of America, Citigroup, and Morgan Stanley are among those whose ratings could be affected. It kept a negative outlook for Dutch bank and insurer ING Bank, one of those cut two notches, meaning the rating could be cut again. Moody's agency had cut the ratings by two notches to Aa2 for Rabobank Nederland, to A2 for ING, to A2 for ABN AMRO Bank. [\[CNBC\]](#)

US: Weak Factories, Sentiment Show Shaky US Recovery

U.S. factory output contracted in May for the second time in three months and families took a dimmer view of their economic prospects in early June, signs that the economy's recovery is on shaky ground. Data released on Friday was the latest in a series of weak economic reports that have led analysts to cut growth forecasts while raising expectations the Fed could launch new stimulus measures. Factory output shrank 0.4% Federal Reserve data showed. Total industrial output, covering factories, mines and utilities, declined 0.1% whereas analysts expect a rise 0.1%. Consumer sentiment slipped to 74.1, falling short of even the most pessimistic forecast. The New York Fed's "Empire State" index fell to 2.3, a 15-point drop from the previous month and the lowest level since November 2011. [\[Reuters\]](#)

China January-May FDI Down, but May a Bright Spot

China's foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows fell 1.9% in the first five months of 2012 from a year earlier amid jitters about Europe's debt crisis and a slowdown in the world's second-largest economy, but a slight upturn in May offered signs of stability. China drew \$47.1 billion in FDI from January to May, the commerce ministry said on Friday. FDI was \$9.2 billion in May alone was up a slight 0.05 from a year earlier, marking the first monthly rise in inflows this year. But analysts cautioned against optimism that the worse is over given Europe's evolving debt crisis and investors' worries about China's economic slowdown. FDI is an important gauge of the health of external economy, to which China's vast factory sector is oriented, but it is a small contributor to overall capital flows compared to exports, which were worth about \$1.9 trillion in 2011. [\[Reuters\]](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

Exxon Mobil [XOM:US] - Exxon Expands Rosneft Alliance to Siberian Shale

Exxon Mobil Corp. said Friday it agreed to develop so-called tight oil reserves in Western Siberia with Russian partner OAO Rosneft, in the Texas energy giant's latest effort to replicate the U.S. shale boom globally. The agreement is the latest chapter in a strategic deal between the two oil companies that includes offshore exploration of massive energy reserves in Russia's Arctic Sea and the Black Sea. [\[WSJ\]](#)

SingTel [Z74:SP] - SingTel, Mitsui to Buy Stakes in Taiwan Software Firm

Singapore Telecommunications, the largest carrier in South-east Asia is to join Mitsui & Co to purchase a 31% stake in Taiwanese software firm General Mobile Technology, the Dow Jones news agency said on Thursday, citing a report from The Nikkei. SingTel will buy a 12% stake and Mitsui a 19% stake for several hundred million yen each, the report said. General Mobile Technology, or G-Mobi, develops software that operates on chipsets from MediaTek, which controls about half of the global market for chips used in conventional mobile phones. [\[TODAYonline\]](#)