

Friday May 18, 2012

Stock Markets Rap (as of May 17)

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,191	-13	-1.1
Dow	12,442	-156	-1.2
Nasdaq	2,814	-60	-2.1
S&P 500	1,305	-20	-1.5
Euro Stoxx	2,147	-28	-1.3
FTSE 100	5,338	-67	-1.2
DAX	6,309	-75	-1.2
CAC	3,012	-37	-1.2
ASX 200	4,157	-8	-0.2
Nikkei	8,877	+75	+0.9
Shanghai	2,379	+33	+1.4
Hang Seng	19,201	-59	-0.3
H Shares	9,701	-41	-0.4

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FTSE ASEAN	543	+2	+0.4
Singapore	2,823	-9	-0.3
Thailand	1,174	+2	+0.2
Malaysia	1,544	+8	+0.5
Indonesia	3,980	-	-
Philippines	5,017	+153	+3.1
Vietnam	443	-7	-1.6
Lao PDR	1,032	0	0.0
Cambodia	774	0	0.0

Currencies Rap (as of May 17)

	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	81.38	+0.01	+0.01
USD/EUR	1.2694	-0.00	-0.13
JPY/USD	80.27	-0.14	-0.17
THB/USD	31.43	-0.06	-0.19
VND/USD	20,843	-7.00	-0.03
LAK/USD	8,017.00	-2.00	-0.02
KHR/USD	4,025.00	-7.50	-0.19
MMK/USD	829.67	-0.30	-0.04
VND/THB	663.41	+1.11	+0.17
LAK/THB	255.12	+0.42	+0.17
KHR/THB	128.00	-1.00	-0.78
MMK/THB	26.40	+0.04	+0.16

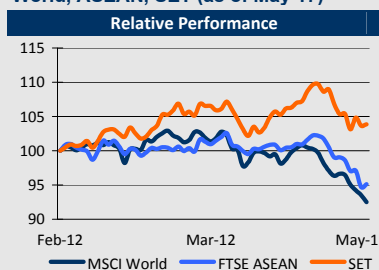
Commodities Rap (as of May 17)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,574.90	+38.30	+2.49
Silver	28.02	+0.82	+3.03
Copper	347.90	+0.10	+0.03
WTI	92.56	-0.25	-0.27
Brent	107.49	-4.22	-3.78
BDI	1,137	0	0.00

Source: Bloomberg

* Indonesia Composite Index as of May 16

World, ASEAN, SET (as of May 17)



Source: Bloomberg

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MACRO NEWS**Moody's Downgrades 16 Spanish Banks**

Moody's Investor Service carried out a sweeping downgrade of 16 Spanish banks on Thursday, including Banco Santander, the euro zone's largest bank, citing a weak economy and the government's reduced ability to support troubled lenders. Thursday's move came after Moody's downgraded 26 Italian banks on Monday and followed a press report about a run at troubled lender Bankia, Spain's fourth largest bank. The Spanish government, which took over Bankia last week, denied the report. Santander suffered a three-notch cut to its long-term rating to A3 from Aa3. Moody's also cut BBVA's long-term rating by three notches to A3 from Aa3 and put the credit on a negative outlook. BBVA is Spain's second largest lender. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Spanish Government Denies Bankia Deposit Exit Report

The Spanish government denied a newspaper report on Thursday that customers had withdrawn more than 1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) from the partly nationalized lender Bankia over the past week. Bankia itself said that deposit activity was normal but the government's denial helped its shares to recoup some of their heavy losses which had accelerated on Thursday. Economy Secretary Fernando Jimenez Latorre denied a deposit flight was underway. "It's not true that there is an exit of deposits at this moment from Bankia," [\[Reuters\]](#)

National Bank of Greece Had Negative Equity at Year End

National Bank of Greece, the oldest Greek commercial bank, saw its financial condition so damaged by the crisis that it was operating with negative shareholder equity at the end of last year. The bank revealed its precarious financial position in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday. The bank's shareholder equity was \$5,632,572 in the hole as of Dec. 31, 2011. It's not clear whether National Bank continues to operate with negative shareholder equity. It has received government aid in recent months which may have tipped its shareholder equity position back into positive territory. The Hellenic Financial Stability Fund has promised to provide up to 6.9 billion euros to recapitalize National Bank. [\[CNBC\]](#)

US Jobless Claims Unchanged; Gauge of Business Activity Falls

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits held at 370,000 for the week ended Saturday, the Labor Dept said. That was a little higher than analysts forecast. The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said its business activity index declined to minus 5.8 from positive 8.5 in April, falling well short of economists' expectations for an acceleration of activity. Any reading below zero indicates contraction in the region's manufacturing. A separate report on Thursday from the private Conference Board showed a gauge of future economic activity fell in April for the first time in seven months. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Gold Rebounds as Slump to Year's Low Prompts Purchases

Gold jumped the most since October as a four-day slump and speculation that the Federal Reserve will announce more stimulus for the U.S. economy boosted demand for the precious metal. Gold futures for June delivery rose 2.5% to \$1,574.90 an ounce at 1:47 p.m. on the Comex in New York. That's the biggest gain for a most-active contract since Oct. 25. Wednesday, prices retreated to \$1,526.70, the lowest since Dec. 29. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

CORPORATE NEWS**Facebook [FB:US] - Facebook Prices at \$38 With Trading Set to Start Friday**

Facebook priced its historic initial public offering at \$38 a share, at the high end of the expected range of \$34-\$38, becoming the largest internet IPO in history. The deal will raise the social networking giant around \$16 billion in proceeds, and value the company at more than \$100 billion. Facebook is set to begin trading Friday at around 11 am on the Nasdaq under the ticker "FB". "It will probably be a positive for the market overall tomorrow," Josh Brown of Fusion Analytics said. [\[CNBC\]](#)

JPMorgan [JPM:US] - JPMorgan's Trading Loss Is Said to Rise at Least 50%

The trading losses suffered by JPMorgan Chase have surged in recent days, surpassing the bank's initial \$2 billion estimate by at least \$1 billion, according to people with knowledge of the losses. When Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's chief executive, announced the losses last Thursday, he indicated they could double within the next few quarters. But that process has been compressed into four trading days as hedge funds and other investors take advantage of JPMorgan's distress, fueling faster deterioration in the underlying credit market positions held by the bank. The overall health of the bank remains strong, even with the additional losses, and JPMorgan has been able to increase its stock dividend faster than its rivals because of stronger earnings and a more solid capital buffer. [\[New York Times\]](#)

Apple [AAPL:US] - Apple Loses Favor With Hedge Funds SAC Capital, Viking

SAC Capital Advisors LP and Viking Global Investors LP were among hedge funds that sold a net 6.1 million shares of Apple Inc. last quarter, taking advantage of the 48% jump in the iPhone maker's stock. Hedge funds accounted for more than a third of the 15.2 million net Apple shares that were sold by endowments, banks, insurance companies and other investors during the first quarter, according to data, which was aggregated from regulatory filings. Even so, Apple remains hedge funds' most valuable holding. As a group they controlled 37.8 million shares as of March 31. Based on Apple's price of \$599.55 on March 30, the last business day of the quarter, sales by hedge funds had a market value of \$3.66 billion. The last time hedge funds were net sellers of Apple shares was in 1Q11, when they dumped 7.25 million shares. Meanwhile, hedge funds boosted their holdings in two of Apple's rivals, buying a net 9.25 million shares of Microsoft Corp. and a net 3.39 million shares of Google Inc. in 1Q, according to the data. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)