

September 20, 2012

Stock Markets Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,334.48	-7.0	-0.5%
Dow	13,596.93	0.0	0.1%
Nasdaq	3,175.96	-6.7	-0.2%
S&P 500	1,460.26	-0.8	-0.7%
Euro Stoxx	2,550.00	-18.0	-0.7%
FTSE 100	5,854.64	-33.8	-0.6%
DAX	7,389.49	-1.3	-0.0%
CAC	3,509.92	-21.9	-0.6%
ASX 200	4,396.00	-19.0	-0.4%
Nikkei	9,086.98	-145.2	-1.6%
Shanghai	2,024.84	-43.0	-2.1%
Hang Seng	20,590.92	-251.0	-1.2%
H Shares	9,707.91	-141.2	-1.4%
	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE ASEAN	587.58	-5.6	-0.9%
Singapore	3,062.61	-13.0	-0.4%
Thailand	1,282.68	-2.8	-0.2%
Malaysia	1,625.59	-20.5	-1.2%
Indonesia	4,217.52	-27.2	-0.6%
Philippines	5,294.97	-22.1	-0.4%
Vietnam	389.28	-5.3	-1.3%
Lao PDR	1,048.96	1.0	0.1%
Cambodia	677.42	0.0	0.0%

Currencies Rap

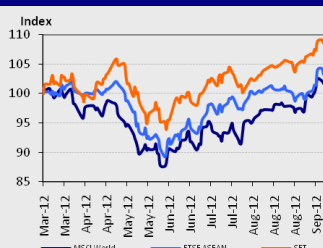
	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	79.41	0.4	0.5%
USD/EUR	1.30	-0.0	-0.4%
JPY/USD	78.22	-0.7	-0.9%
THB/USD	30.90	0.0	0.4%
VND/USD	20,875.00	5.0	0.0%
LAK/USD	7,994.15	-11.8	-0.1%
KHR/USD	4,049.10	-19.2	-0.5%
MMK/USD	862.25	-5.1	-0.6%
VND/THB	675.62	-2.4	-0.3%
LAK/THB	258.79	-1.2	-0.5%
KHR/THB	675.62	-2.4	-0.3%
MMK/THB	27.91	-0.3	-0.9%

Commodities Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,760.46	-13.24	-0.7%
Silver	34.27	-0.42	-1.2%
Copper	375.90	-5.50	-1.4%
WTI	92.42	0.12	0.1%
Brent	110.03	1.84	1.7%
BDI	755.00	33.00	4.6%

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Relative Performance



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Fed's Fisher Says U.S. Inflation Expectations Rising

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Richard Fisher said the central bank's third round of bond purchases will probably fail to create jobs while risking higher inflation. Fisher, who doesn't vote on monetary policy this year, opposed the Federal Open Market Committee decision last week to expand its holdings of long-term bonds with open-ended purchases of \$40 billion of mortgage debt every month in a new round of quantitative easing. The Fed, led by Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, is seeking to boost growth and reduce 8.1 percent unemployment. [Bloomberg]

Spain Sells 4.8 Billion Euros of Bonds, Most Since January

Spain sold 4.8 billion euros (\$6.2 billion) of bonds, the most since January, as the Treasury focused on short-term notes that would be targeted for central-bank buying in the case of a bailout. The Madrid-based Treasury sold 3.94 billion euros of a new three-year benchmark at an average yield of 3.845 percent and 859 million euros of its 10-year benchmark at an average of 5.666 percent. That was the lowest since January and compares with 6.647 percent when it was last sold on Aug. 2. Bond yields, which have fallen since European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said on Aug. 2 he may buy debt from cash-strapped nations, were little changed from their pre-auction levels. [Bloomberg]

China-to-Japan Slowdown Signs Support Case for Stimulus: Economy

A Chinese manufacturing survey pointed to an 11th month of contraction and Japan's exports fell in August, supporting the case for increased stimulus as Asia's growth slows. The preliminary reading was 47.8 for a China purchasing managers' index released today by HSBC Holdings Plc and Markit Economics, compared with a final level of 47.6 last month; a reading above 50 indicates expansion. Japan's overseas shipments slid 5.8 percent on weakness in demand from Europe and China. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao may need to roll out more stimulus to support growth that's poised to slow for a seventh quarter after the Bank of Japan's surprise decision yesterday to expand monetary easing. A dispute between China and Japan over islands claimed by both threatens to interfere with trade between the nations, adding to challenges for Asia as Europe's debt crisis weighs on export demand. [Bloomberg]

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Oil Falls to Six-Week Low on China Slowdown, Supply Surge

Oil fell to a six-week low after U.S. stockpiles climbed the most since March, Chinese manufacturing shrank and Japanese exports fell, signaling fuel demand may be slowing among the world's biggest crude users. Futures dropped as much as 1.4 percent, falling for a fourth day in their longest losing streak since June. U.S. oil inventories surged 8.5 million barrels last week as Gulf of Mexico production resumed after Hurricane Isaac. China's manufacturing may contract an 11th month, according to a purchasing managers index by HSBC Holdings Plc and Markit Economics. Japan's overseas sales fell a third month in August. [Bloomberg]

Heineken Beer Scuffle Leaves Thai Tycoon Charoen Richer

Thai billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi's planned purchase of Fraser & Neave Ltd. for S\$12.7 billion (\$10.4 billion) will give him a beverages and real estate company at a 30 percent discount. F&N's assets are valued at as much as S\$18.2 billion, based on an offer by Heineken NV (HEIA) to buy the company's stake in Asia Pacific Breweries Ltd. and analysts' estimates of the valuation of its remaining property, soft drink, dairy and food units. Thai Beverage Pcl and TCC Assets Ltd., both controlled by Charoen, will back Heineken's S\$5.5 billion bid for F&N's 40 percent stake in APB at a shareholder meeting next week, the companies said yesterday. The Dutch brewer, which runs APB in a venture, agreed not to make a competing offer for F&N. The deal means Charoen only needs to convince F&N shareholders to accept his offer for the rest of the company. [Bloomberg]

Vodafone Considers \$2.2 Billion India Provision After Law Change

Vodafone Group Plc (VOD), which has resisted setting aside money for a \$2.2 billion tax bill in India, may make a provision to cover the legal risks, Chief Financial Officer Andy Halford said in an interview. The world's second-largest mobile-phone operator is consulting on the need for a provision after an amendment by India's government to its tax law made the company potentially liable for the payment. A decision will be made by November. Vodafone in January defeated the initial government demand for taxes stemming from its 2007 acquisition of Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. (13)'s Indian operations in the country's top court. In response, the Indian government amended the law to retrospectively tax cross-border transactions dating back to April 1, 1962. [Bloomberg]

Microsoft Said to Ask China to Stop Piracy at Four Firms

Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) asked China to stop the alleged use of pirated versions of its Office software by China National Petroleum Corp. and three other state-owned companies, three people familiar with the situation said. The world's biggest software company filed its complaint against CNPC, China Post Group, China Railway Construction Corp. and Travelsky Technology Ltd. (696) last month to a government panel led by Vice Premier Wang Qishan, said the three people, who asked not to be identified because the filing isn't public. Microsoft alleged that more than 40 percent of Office and Windows server client software used by CNPC, parent of China's largest company by value, is unlicensed, the people said.