

September 7, 2012

Stock Markets Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,297.60	24.4	1.9%
Dow	13,292.00	0.0	1.9%
Nasdaq	3,135.81	66.5	2.2%
S&P 500	1,432.12	28.7	3.5%
Euro Stoxx	3,181.75	106.1	3.5%
FTSE 100	9,205.04	203.4	2.3%
DAX	9,053.05	274.1	3.1%
CAC	4,433.33	140.3	3.3%
ASX 200	4,443.49	75.8	1.7%
Nikkei	109.96	-0.8	-0.7%
Shanghai	323.40	2.5	0.8%
Hang Seng	2,476.51	8.4	0.3%
H Shares	1,169.25	6.4	0.6%
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FTSE ASEAN	566.77	-0.2	-0.0%
Singapore	2,405.46	3.5	0.1%
Thailand	1,188.62	1.0	0.1%
Malaysia	1,617.99	-23.0	-1.4%
Indonesia	4,102.86	27.5	0.7%
Philippines	5,150.11	-0.7	-0.0%
Vietnam	393.41	-5.5	-1.4%
Lao PDR	1,027.60	0.0	0.0%
Cambodia	682.80	0.0	0.0%

Currencies Rap

	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	81.04	-0.2	-0.2%
USD/EUR	1.26	0.0	0.5%
JPY/USD	78.45	0.1	0.1%
THB/USD	31.22	-0.0	-0.2%
VND/USD	20,855.00	-5.0	-0.0%
LAK/USD	8,011.90	-0.3	-0.0%
KHR/USD	4,061.90	-0.2	-0.0%
MMK/USD	871.00	1.0	0.1%
VND/THB	668.11	1.0	0.2%
LAK/THB	256.68	0.5	0.2%
KHR/THB	668.11	1.0	0.2%
MMK/THB	27.90	0.1	0.3%

Commodities Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,709.81	17.36	1.0%
Silver	32.87	0.73	2.3%
Copper	3.52	-0.01	-0.4%
WTI	95.53	0.17	0.2%
Brent	113.49	0.40	0.4%
BDI	675.00	-9.00	-1.3%

World, ASEAN, SET

Relative Performance



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Draghi Says Officials Agree on ECB Unlimited Bond-Buying

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said policy makers agreed to an unlimited bond- purchase program to regain control of interest rates in the euro area and fight speculation of a currency breakup. The program “will enable us to address severe distortions in government bond markets which originate from, in particular, unfounded fears on the part of investors of the reversibility of the euro,” Draghi said at a press conference in Frankfurt after the ECB held its benchmark rate at a record low of 0.75 percent. “Under appropriate conditions, we will have a fully effective backstop to avoid destructive scenarios with potentially severe challenges for price stability in the euro area.” Draghi has staked his credibility on the bond plan, which is the most ambitious yet in the central bank’s fight to wrest back control of rates in a fragmented economy and save the euro after nearly three years of turmoil. Now it’s up to governments in Spain and Italy to trigger ECB bond purchases by requesting aid from Europe’s rescue fund and signing up to conditions. [Bloomberg]

Jobless Claims in U.S. Decrease to Lowest Level in a Month

Fewer Americans than forecast filed applications for unemployment benefits last week, easing concern the labor market may weaken in the second half. Jobless claims decreased by 12,000 to 365,000 in the week ended Sept. 1, the fewest in a month, the Labor Department reported yesterday in Washington. The median estimate of 48 economists surveyed by Bloomberg called for a drop to 370,000. Companies added more workers than forecast in August, another report showed. Employment increased by 201,000, the biggest gain in five months, according to figures from Roseland, New Jersey-based ADP Employer Services. The median forecast of 41 economists surveyed by Bloomberg called for an advance of 140,000. [Bloomberg]

China Approves Plan to Build New Roads to Boost Economy

China approved plans to build 2,018 kilometers (1,254 miles) of roads, its second major construction project announced this week, as the government boosts spending on infrastructure to help revive economic growth. The projects include highways in Zhejiang and Xinjiang provinces, according to statements on the National Development & Reform Commission’s website. The approvals were given during June-August period. The agency also cleared plans for nine sewage treatment, two waterway and five port and warehouse projects, without disclosing the required investments. The announcements came a day after the NDRC, the country’s top economic planner, backed plans for subway projects in 18 cities and after an increase in the rail-construction budget as the government tackles growth that has eased to the slowest pace in three years. The move will help accelerate infrastructure investment growth to more than 20 percent year-on-year from 15 percent, according to HSBC Holdings Plc. [Bloomberg]

CORPORATE NEWS

Stocks Gain, Treasuries Fall on ECB Bond Plan, U.S. Data

The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (SPX) jumped above its best closing level since January 2008, oil rallied and Treasuries fell as the European Central Bank announced a bond-buying plan and reports fueled optimism in the U.S. economy. Spanish and Italian debt surged. The S&P 500 climbed 1.9 percent to 1,429.43 at 11:43 a.m. and the Stoxx Europe 600 Index surged 2.3 percent, the biggest advances in a month for both. The euro increased 0.2 percent to \$1.2629, while Italy’s 10-year yields fell 22 basis points and the rate on similar-maturity Spanish debt lost 38 basis points, while Ten-year U.S. yields added seven basis points to 1.67 percent. Oil jumped 1.7 percent, helping lead commodities higher, and gold climbed to the highest price since March. [Bloomberg]

JPMorgan Said to Face Escalating Senate Probe Into CIO’s Losses

JPMorgan Chase & Co.’s (JPM) wrong-way bets on derivatives are the focus of an escalating probe by a U.S. Senate panel led by Carl Levin that has grilled executives from banks including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and HSBC Holdings Plc. JPMorgan, the US’s largest bank by assets, has lost more than \$22 billion in shareholder value since Bloomberg News first reported on April 5 that it amassed a large and illiquid position in credit derivatives in the unit’s London office. The bank lost \$5.8 billion on the trades during the first six months of this year and has said it could lose as much as \$7.5 billion total while closing out the position. [Bloomberg]

Apple TV No iPhone as Talks Bog Down With Media Companies

Apple Inc. (AAPL) engineers have been working since 2005 to reinvent TV viewing. Designing the gadget may prove easy compared with convincing media and cable companies to loosen their grip on the television industry. This battle is nothing like Apple’s previous forays into the music and mobile phone spheres, when the maker of iPods and iPhones negotiated with weakened record labels and a fractured wireless industry. Now the stakes are even higher and the competition tougher. Apple is vying with the likes of Google Inc. (GOOG), Microsoft Corp. (MSFT) and Amazon.com Inc. (AMZN) to make TVs the digital hub of people’s lives in an industry projected to reach \$200 billion worldwide by 2017. Whoever wins must first strike deals with media companies or cable providers who have little incentive to cede valuable revenue streams. The result: Apple won’t be releasing a new TV product this year, as analysts had predicted, said a person familiar with the company’s plans. [Bloomberg]