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Equity Indices		18-Sep
Index	Previous Cls	%Change
DJIA	13,553.10	-0.30%
S&P 500	1,461.19	-0.31%
NASDAQ	3,178.67	-0.17%
EURO Stoxx 50	2,583.57	-0.42%
FTSE 100	5,893.52	-0.37%
Nikkei 225	9,123.77	-0.39%
VXX	9.07	-1.20%

Forex Rates		18-Sep
	Previous Cls	%Chg * Hi-Lo 10am
EURUSD	1.3116	-0.08% 1.3120-082
GBPUSD	1.6246	0.20% 1.6257-34
USDJPY	78.68	0.38% 78.73-52
USDCHF	0.9275	0.03% 0.9283-61
AUDUSD	1.0473	-0.75% 1.0485-38
USDCAD	0.9746	0.43% 0.9752-33
NZDUSD	0.8259	-0.19% 0.8283-32

*% Chg is calculated from closing before last

Regional Markets		18-Sep
Index	Previous Cls	Chg in Pts
KSA	7,149.42	-0.09%
Dubai	1,589.18	-0.44%
Abu Dhabi	2,618.02	-0.32%
Kuwait	5,798.79	-0.02%
Bahrain	1,076.07	0.14%
Muscat	5,622.24	-0.05%
Qatar Exch	8,616.12	0.19%

Beirut Stock Exchange		18-Sep
Listed Shares [USD]	Prev Cls	% Change
Solidere A	12.80	-0.31%
Solidere B	12.80	-0.31%
Bank Audi	5.50	0.00%
Bank of Beirut	19.00	0.00%
BLOM Bank	7.40	0.00%
Byblos Bank	1.49	-0.67%
Holcim Liban	15.31	0.00%

Key Economic Data						18-Sep
Event	Currency	Time [LB]	Forecast	Previous	Impact	
CPI y/y	GBP	11:30	2.50%	2.60%	HIGH	
RPI y/y	GBP	11:30	3.10%	3.20%	MEDIUM	
CORE CPI y/y	GBP	11:30	2.20%	2.30%	LOW	
HPI y/y	GBP	11:30	2.20%	2.30%	LOW	
GERMAN ZEW ECONOMIC SENTIMENT	EUR	12:00	-19.2	-25.5	HIGH	
ZEW ECONOMIC SENTIMENT	EUR	12:00	-16.3	-21.2	MEDIUM	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	USD	15:30	-126B	-137B	MEDIUM	
TIC LONG-TERM PURCHASES	USD	16:00	37.3B	9.3B	MEDIUM	
NAHB HOUSING MARKET INDEX	USD	17:00	38	37	LOW	
FOMC MEMBER DUDLEY SPEAKS	USD	18:30	-	-	LOW	
FOMC MEMBER DUDLEY SPEAKS	USD	23:30	-	-	LOW	

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Critical Key Points for Future Contracts					18-Sep
Contract	Prv Cls/Trend	Swing Point	Resistance	Support	TRP
DEC GBP	16237 - up	-	16298+/-, 165+	161, 16033-14, 15894	158.94
DEC CAD	10234 - up	-	10279, 10303, 10340-59	10202, 10176-53	101.53
DEC EUR	13123 - up	-	13149, 13300	13033, 12999, 12928	126.43
DEC JPY	12711 - sdwys/down	12638	12782-88, 12811, 12862	12688-80, 12615-	128.62
DEC CHF	10798 - up	-	10815, 10926, 10980+	10716, 10666, 10568	105.68
DEC AUD	10392 - up	-	10421, 10499-10537, 10578	10361, 10300-10294	102.52
DEC USD	79115 - down	7812-	7962, 8000-80075, 8059	7812-	81.115
DEC T-BONDS	14518 - down	14227	14525-30, 14614, 14710	14417-15, 14318, 14227	149.02
DEC MINI S&P	1454 - up	1493	1465+/-, 147550, 1493	14225, 143725, 1430	1418.25
DEC MINI DJ	13470 - up	13717	13585, 13680-13725	13400-13394, 13313, 13222	131.51
DEC MINI NASDAQ	284625 - up	-	285500, 290000+/-	281650, 279000-278325	2783.25
DEC COPPER	37590 - up	39195	38015, 383, 38645, 395+	37470, 373-36735	367.35
DEC GOLD	176470 - up	1790+	177010, 178710, 1790+	1759, 1743	1707.10
DEC SILVER	34275 - up	3635	3490-35005, 3525, 35905	3400+/-, 3345	3206.00
NOV CRUDE OIL	9685 - sdwys/up	103	9841, 9945-81, 103	9567-9498, 9308	95.67

*TRP: Trend Reversal Point

Markets Summary

18-Sep

Asian stocks fell as rising tensions between Japan and China pushed down shares of Tokyo-listed companies from Honda Motor Co. to Fast Retailing Co. [the 2 countries' worst diplomatic crisis since 2005 is putting at risk a trade relationship that's tripled in the past decade to more than \$340 billion] amid signs of slowing growth in the U.S. and a worsening European debt crisis; the MSCI Asia Pacific Index lost 0.1% to 123.20 as of 5 pm in Tokyo, with almost 5 stocks falling for every 4 that rose; gains among utilities limited losses on Japan's Nikkei 255 Stock Average as equity markets reopened today after a public holiday.

--"There is concern that anti-Japanese protests may reduce investment into China in the mid- and long-term," said Koji Toda, chief fund manager at Resona Bank Ltd. in Tokyo, which oversees about 15 trillion yen (\$191 billion). "The situation is uncertain and we don't know how long it will last."

European stock futures fell, Asian shares slid for a second day and the euro weakened on concern Spain will seek financial aid and as tension between China and Japan escalated; Euro Stoxx 50 Index futures lost 0.6% at 7:30 a.m. in London, while those on the S&P's 500 Index were little changed; ECB Governing Council member Luc Coene said rising bond yields may force Spain into seeking assistance; the nation plans to sell as much as EUR 4.5 billion of bills today; the Stoxx Europe 600 Index slipped 0.3% yesterday, paring its advance this year to 12.5%.

--"There are still a number of areas of concern," Tim Schroeders, who helps manage about \$1 billion at Pengana Capital Ltd. in Melbourne, said in a telephone interview. "Investors will become increasingly nervous if a policy response doesn't materialize in China. There are still tensions between European partners in terms of what shape and form the ultimate rescue takes. The devil lies in the detail."

Treasuries gained for a second day on concern the U.S. economy will struggle to expand even as the Fed works to spur growth; yields will stay "ultra low," ING Investment Management Co. said in a report; while borrowing costs rose after the Fed announced its stimulus plan on Sept. 13, the market isn't about to experience a permanent shift to higher rates, a report by Nomura Securities International Inc. said; a New York factory gauge dropped yesterday, underscoring the Fed's concern that growth isn't strong enough to lead to improvement in the labor market; the rate has risen from the record low of 1.38% on July 25, and it compares with the average of 3.72% for the past decade; Germany's 10-year bund yield dropped one basis point to 1.66%.

--"The economy is still a long way from recovery," said Kevin Yang, head of bond investment in Taipei at Hontai Life Insurance Co., which has \$30 billion in assets. "That is supporting Treasuries today."

Oil extended its decline after the biggest drop in 2 months on speculation that a slowing U.S. economy may curb fuel demand; futures fell as much as 0.6% in New York, adding to yesterday's 2.4% drop, the most in 2 months; crude tumbled more than \$3 in less than a minute in the previous session as October options were about to expire; the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's general economic index, known as the Empire State Index, fell to a 3-year low; an Energy Department report tomorrow may show crude stockpiles rose a second week, according to a Bloomberg News survey of analysts.

--"The overnight falls have introduced some concerns about long positions," or bets that prices will rise, said Michael McCarthy, a chief market strategist at CMC Markets in Sydney.

Gold prices are poised to reach new highs in the next year amid global economic uncertainty and a lack of new supply, the biggest producers said; gold may exceed \$2,000 an ounce within 12 months, Barrick Gold Corp CEO Jamie Sokalsky and Chuck Jeannes, CEO of Goldcorp Inc, said this week in Denver where they were attending the Gold Forum; a gold price of \$2,000 is "not unreasonable," Newmont Mining CEO Richard O'Brien said in a presentation at the conference.

--"The fundamentals that are backstopping a higher gold price are there," Sokalsky, who heads the world's largest producer, said Sept. 10. "I'm optimistic that, with the uncertainty throughout the world and the macroeconomic environment and some of the fundamental supply and demand

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Equity Highlights

HIGHLIGHTED EARNINGS RELEASES				
Company	Symbol	Period	EPS est	Prev Actual
FedEx Corp	FDX	Q1 2013	\$1.40	\$1.46
Aarhus Elite A/S	ELITE B.CO	Q4 2011/12	n/a	n/a
Axia NetMedia Corp	AXX.TO	Q4 2012	n/a	n/a
Berjaya Sports Toto Bhd	BJTOTO.KL	Q1 2013	n/a	n/a
Chinaedu Corp	CEDU	Q2 2012	n/a	\$0.05
CKE Restaurants Inc	n/a	Q2 2013	n/a	n/a

HIGHLIGHTED DIVIDENDS [Ex-Date Today]				
Company	Symbol	Amount	Payable	Declaration
Safeway Inc	SWY	\$0.175	11-Oct	23-Aug
International Game Technology	IGT	\$0.060	5-Oct	22-Aug
Xcel Energy Inc	XEL	\$0.270	20-Oct	22-Aug
Tiffany & Co	TIF	\$0.320	10-Oct	16-Aug
Total System Services Inc	TSS	\$0.100	1-Oct	4-Sep
Avago Technologies Ltd	AVGO	\$0.160	1-Oct	30-Aug

Equity News

18-Sep

- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** The US Defense Department is asking for more details to be able to assess the security implications of a possible merger of BAE Systems - British arms maker and EADS - Airbus maker, US Air Force Secretary Michael Donley said.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Dole Food Company Inc will sell two businesses to Itochu Corp for USD 1.7 billion in cash - a deal that will help the world's largest fruit and vegetable producer pay down debt and expand Itochu's food presence in new markets.
- ✓ **Reuters:** U.S. bondholders who have been battling Elpida Memory Inc's planned sale to Micron Technology Inc revealed on Monday the bankrupt Japanese chipmaker had carried out "unauthorized" dealings involving its U.S. assets.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Fortescue Metals Group, one-third owned by billionaire founder Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest, has lined up USD 4.5 billion in debt and is in talks to sell stakes in some of its assets, as the world's No.4 iron ore miner moves swiftly to shore up funding to cope with a slump in prices.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Time Warner Cable Inc has put a process in motion to sell its stake in wireless service provider Clearwire Corp, according to a regulatory filing.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Google Inc said it bought Instagram rival Nik Software, which makes award-winning photo editing application Snapseed, for an undisclosed amount.