



Global Market Review

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Equity Indices		7-Sep
Index	Previous Cls	%Change
DJIA	13,292.00	1.87%
S&P 500	1,432.12	2.04%
NASDAQ	3,135.81	2.17%
EURO Stoxx 50	2,524.95	3.40%
FTSE 100	5,777.34	2.11%
Nikkei 225	8,871.65	2.20%
VXX	9.98	-10.25%

Forex Rates		7-Sep
	Previous Cls	%Chg * Hi-Lo 10am
EURUSD	1.2628	0.23% 1.2645-27
GBPUSD	1.5931	0.20% 1.5941-24
USDJPY	78.85	0.61% 78.968-86
USDCHF	0.9534	-0.17% 0.9550-+35
AUDUSD	1.0280	0.88% 1.0333-277
USDCAD	0.9825	-0.78% 0.9834-09
NZDUSD	0.8015	0.98% 0.8037-04

*% Chg is calculated from closing before last

Regional Markets		7-Sep
Index [closed]	Previous Cls	Chg in Pts
KSA	7,049.51	0.00%
Dubai	1,555.58	0.35%
Abu Dhabi	2,562.67	0.25%
Kuwait	5,907.57	-0.04%
Bahrain	1,073.37	0.08%
Muscat	5,561.23	0.46%
Qatar Exch	8,467.20	0.20%

Beirut Stock Exchange		7-Sep
Listed Shares [USD]	Prev Cls	% Change
Solidere A	12.64	-0.16%
Solidere B	12.51	-1.18%
Bank Audi	5.50	0.00%
Bank of Beirut	19.00	0.00%
BLOM Bank	7.40	0.00%
Byblos Bank	1.50	0.00%
Holcim Liban	15.36	0.00%

Key Economic Data						7-Sep
Event	Currency	Time [LB]	Forecast	Previous	Impact	
FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES	CHF	10:00	-	408.6B	HIGH	
MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION m/m	GBP	11:30	2.10%	-2.90%	HIGH	
PPI INPUT m/m	GBP	11:30	1.60%	1.30%	HIGH	
CONSUMER INFLATION EXPECTATIONS	GBP	11:30	-	3.70%	MEDIUM	
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION m/m	GBP	11:30	1.60%	-2.50%	LOW	
PPI OUTPUT m/m	GBP	13:00	0.20%	0.00%	LOW	
GERMAN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION m/m	EUR	15:30	0.10%	-0.90%	MEDIUM	
BUILDING PERMITS m/m	CAD	15:30	-1.50%	-2.50%	HIGH	
EMPLOYMENT CHANGE	CAD	15:30	9.9K	-30.4K	HIGH	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	CAD	15:30	7.30%	7.30%	HIGH	
LABOR PRODUCTIVITY q/q	CAD	15:30	0.00%	0.10%	MEDIUM	
NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT CHANGE	USD	15:30	123K	163K	HIGH	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	USD	15:30	8.30%	8.30%	HIGH	
AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS m/m	USD	15:30	0.20%	0.10%	MEDIUM	
IVEY PMI	CAD	17:00	61.2	62.8	HIGH	
NIESR GDP ESTIMATE	USD	17:00	-	-0.20%	MEDIUM	
BOC GOV CARNEY SPEAKS	CAD	18:40	-	-	MEDIUM	

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Critical Key Points for Future Contracts					7-Sep
Contract	Prv Cls/Trend	Swing Point	Resistance	Support	TRP
SEP GBP	15935 - up	16011	15977, 16000+	15840, 15767-52, 15652	156.52
SEP CAD	10170 - sdwys/up	10266	10192, 10266+	10131, 10090, 100	100.00
SEP EUR	12634 - sdwys/up	12670+	12670-12750	12558, 12509-03, 12423	124.23
SEP JPY	12677 - sdwys	-	12708-14, 12739	12647, 12611-02	126.47
SEP CHF	10488 - sdwys/up	10620	10522, 10625	10423-19, 104, 10299-70	102.70
SEP AUD	10274 - sdwys/down	-	10301, 10417	10239, 10165, 10040-	104.17
SEP USD	8110 - down	-	8157-675, 81985, 82805	8106-8090, 8030-	82.805
DEC T-BONDS	14913 - sdwys/up	15310+	15001-03, 15014-16, 15027	14830, 14810-09, 14802-00	148.02
SEP MINI S&P	1431 - up	1444	1445+/-, 1460+/-	1418-141675, 1409	1409.00
SEP MINI DJ	13275 - up	13432	13308, 13425-13450	13195, 13160, 13090	130.90
SEP MINI NASDAQ	282550 - up	285300	285500, 290500	280450, 279000, 275700	2710.25
DEC COPPER	35165 - sdwys/up	35625+	355-35625, 361-36305	348-34785, 34525, 33920	339.20
DEC GOLD	170350 - up	1720	171320+, 1720+/-	169970, 168960, 167370	1673.70
DEC SILVER	32735 - up	3303	3300-3310, 3400	3224, 3200, 30435	3043.50
OCT CRUDE OIL	9463 - sdwys/up	-	9652, 9730-71, 9784	9441-29, 9286	91.39

*TRP: Trend Reversal Point

Markets Summary

7-Sep

Asian stocks rose, with the regional benchmark index headed for its biggest gain in over 2 months, after the ECB announced an unlimited bond-buying program and China boosted stimulus measures; the MSCI Asia Pacific Index rose 1.9% to 118.08 as of 1:51 p.m. in Tokyo, headed for its biggest gain since June 29; about 6 stocks advanced for each that fell on the gauge, which has risen 0.3% this week; the MSCI Asia Pacific Index fell 1.1% this quarter through yesterday as signs of a global economic slowdown outweighed expectations for further stimulus measures; the benchmark traded at 12.1x estimated earnings, compared with 13.8x for the S&P's 500 Index and 11.9x for the Stoxx Europe 600 Index.

--*The bond plan "takes another European crisis episode off the table for at least the rest of this year," said Andrew Pease, chief investment strategist at Russell Investment Group in Sydney, which manages about \$150 billion. "It does minimize the tail risk in Europe. There's no doubt about it."*

European equity futures rose on speculation China will take more steps to boost its economy and as U.S. reports eased concern over today's payrolls data; futures on the Euro Stoxx 50 Index added 0.4% at 7:10 a.m. in London, while contracts on the S&P's 500 Index were little changed after the U.S. gauge reached the highest level since January 2008 yesterday.

--*"China's announcement on spending money on infrastructure to kick start the economy is boosting sentiment," A.S. Thiyaga Rajan, a senior managing director at Aquarius Investment Advisors Pte., said in Singapore. U.S. employment data may "give a further leg up to markets."*

The USD and the JPY remained lower after dropping yesterday against most major peers as the ECB's announcement of a new bond-buying plan damped demand for haven assets and boosted equities; the USD held declines against higher-yielding currencies before the U.S. government releases its monthly jobs report; the EUR traded near a 2-month high after ECB President Mario Draghi said policy makers agreed to the unlimited purchase of government debt to reduce interest rates for struggling nations and help prevent a break-up of the European currency bloc.

--*"The markets turned risk-on after Draghi delivered what was expected," said Marito Ueda, senior managing director in Tokyo at FX Prime Corp., a currency-margin company. "The dollar and yen are being sold."*

Treasuries were set for the first weekly drop in three after European officials unveiled plans to buy bonds to curb the euro region's debt crisis, spurring a global stock rally and sapping demand for safer assets.

--*"We expect a gain in Treasury yields," said Yoshinori Shigemi, a strategist at RBS Securities Japan Ltd. in Tokyo, a unit of Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc. In the wake of the ECB's action "we see a higher chance that the risk-on environment will continue."*

Oil fell from the highest close in almost a week as investors speculated prices may have risen too far before a report forecast to show jobs growth slowed last month in the U.S., the world's biggest crude consumer.

--*"Oil has now arrived at a situation where prices are probably fairly well priced," said Ric Spooner, a chief market analyst at CMC Markets in Sydney. "It doesn't seem likely that we're going to see a situation where we will see significant growth in oil demand in coming months."*

Source: Bloomberg News

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Equity Highlights

HIGHLIGHTED EARNINGS RELEASES				
Company	Symbol	Period	EPS est	Prev Actual
Kroger Co	KR	Q2 2012	\$0.49	\$0.41
Brady Corp	BRC	Q4 2012	\$0.52	\$0.58
ALCO Stores Inc	ALCS	Q2 2013	n/a	n/a
Chagala Group Ltd	CHGG.L	INTERIM 2012	n/a	n/a
Comverse Technology Inc	CMVT	Q2 2012	\$0.08	\$0.11
Full Speed Inc	2159.T	Q1 2013	n/a	n/a

HIGHLIGHTED DIVIDENDS					
Company	Amount	Ex-Date	Payable	Record	Declaration
Bes Buy Co Inc	\$0.170	7-Sep	2-Oct	11-Sep	21-Jun
CenturyLink Inc	\$0.725	7-Sep	21-Sep	11-Sep	21-Aug
Coach Inc	\$0.030	7-Sep	15-Oct	10-Sep	21-Aug
First Pacific Co Ltd	\$0.052	7-Sep	1-Oct	11-Sep	29-Aug
Lend Lease Corporation Ltd	\$0.226	7-Sep	9-Oct	11-Sep	30-Aug
Virgin Media Inc	\$0.040	7-Sep	21-Sep	11-Sep	21-Aug

Equity News

7-Sep

- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** Embattled French carmaker and Europe's No2 automaker by volume, PSA Peugeot-Citroen, will be dropped from the CAC 40 and replaced by Solvay; Bull, Ciments Francais and Derichebourg are being removed from the SBF120, to be replaced by Nicox, Medica and Vilmorin & Cie; changes will be effective from 24 Sep; the demotion from the index means the group will be dropped from the radar screens of exchange-traded funds and index trackers, translating into a fall in liquidity of the stock.
- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** Xstrata shareholders are due to vote on the merger of equals with Glencore; Qatar, which holds 11.6%, has confirmed it will vote against the terms, and owns almost enough to block the deal given that Glencore is barred from voting.
- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** Following EDF's mandatory public offer for Edison's shares, EDF now holds a 99.484% stake; Edison will be delisted as of 11 September.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Consolidated Media Holdings Ltd agreed to back a revised AUD 2 billion takeover offer from Rupert Murdoch's News Corp, in a deal that would give News Corp a greater share of Australia's pay-TV market.
- ✓ **Reuters:** MasterCard Inc agreed on Thursday to buy Truaxis Inc, a provider of credit and debit card-linked offers through merchants and financial institutions, to help bolster its customer loyalty products.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Banks are hammering out a refinancing plan for Sharp Corp without waiting for Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd to agree to buy a stake in its struggling Japanese partner, sources at the lenders said, as talks between the Apple Inc suppliers pause.
- ✓ **Reuters:** American International Group Inc said it raised USD 2.02 billion through the sale of a partial stake in its former Asian unit AIA Group Ltd, placing the shares at a surprise premium although analysts were disappointed at the size of the sale.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Singapore sovereign wealth fund GIC and Northstar Pacific Partners, the Indonesian private equity firm backed by TPG, have bought a minority stake in PT Triputra Agro Persada, Indonesia's eighth-biggest palm oil producer, in a USD 200 million deal, a source said.