



Global Market Review

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| Equity Indices | | 19-Sep |
|----------------|--------------|---------|
| Index | Previous Cls | %Change |
| DJIA | 13,564.64 | 0.09% |
| S&P 500 | 1,459.32 | -0.13% |
| NASDAQ | 3,177.80 | -0.03% |
| EURO Stoxx 50 | 2,553.40 | -1.17% |
| FTSE 100 | 5,868.16 | -0.43% |
| Nikkei 225 | 9,232.21 | 1.19% |
| VXX | 8.86 | -2.32% |

| Forex Rates | | 19-Sep |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Previous Cls | %Chg * Hi-Lo 10am |
| EURUSD | 1.3046 | -0.53% 1.3085-34 |
| GBPUSD | 1.6242 | -0.02% 1.6265-35 |
| USDJPY | 78.80 | 0.15% 79.21-78.60 |
| USDCHF | 0.9281 | 0.06% 0.9292-57 |
| AUDUSD | 1.0451 | -0.21% 1.0474-19 |
| USDCAD | 0.9741 | -0.05% 0.9757-27 |
| NZDUSD | 0.8270 | 0.13% 0.8294-57 |

*% Chg is calculated from closing before last

| Regional Markets | | 19-Sep |
|------------------|--------------|------------|
| Index | Previous Cls | Chg in Pts |
| KSA | 7,105.52 | -0.61% |
| Dubai | 1,591.50 | 0.15% |
| Abu Dhabi | 2,611.62 | -0.56% |
| Kuwait | 5,862.62 | 0.48% |
| Bahrain | 1,075.55 | -0.05% |
| Muscat | 5,605.19 | -0.02% |
| Qatar Exch | 8,586.68 | -0.34% |

| Beirut Stock Exchange | | 19-Sep |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Listed Shares [USD] | Prev Cls | % Change |
| Solidere A | 12.80 | 0.00% |
| Solidere B | 12.75 | -0.39% |
| Bank Audi | 5.50 | 0.00% |
| Bank of Beirut | 19.00 | 0.00% |
| BLOM Bank | 7.40 | 0.00% |
| Byblos Bank | 1.49 | 0.00% |
| Holcim Liban | 15.36 | 0.33% |

| Key Economic Data | | | | | | 19-Sep |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Event | Currency | Time [LB] | Forecast | Previous | Impact | |
| BOJ PRESS CONFERENCE | JPY | TENTATIVE | - | - | HIGH | |
| MPC MEETING MINUTES | GBP | 11:30 | 0-0-9 | 0-0-9 | HIGH | |
| ZEW ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS | CHF | 12:00 | - | -33.3 | MEDIUM | |
| BUILDING PERMITS | USD | 15:30 | 0.79M | 0.81M | HIGH | |
| HOUSING STARTS | USD | 15:30 | 0.77M | 0.75M | MEDIUM | |
| EXISTING HOME SALES | USD | 17:00 | 4.57M | 4.47M | HIGH | |
| CRUDE OIL INVENTORIES | USD | 17:30 | -0.2M | 2.0M | MEDIUM | |

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| Critical Key Points for Future Contracts | | | | | | 19-Sep |
|--|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Contract | Prv Cls/Trend | Swing Point | Resistance | Support | TRP | |
| DEC GBP | 16238 - up | - | 16298+/-, 165+ | 16148, 16098-74, 16030- | 158.94 | |
| DEC CAD | 10240 - up | - | 10279, 10302, 10340-59 | 10202, 10176-53 | 101.53 | |
| DEC EUR | 13056 - up | - | 13123-13149, 13300 | 13033, 12999, 12928 | 126.43 | |
| DEC JPY | 12701 - sdwys/down | 12638 | 12782-88, 12811, 12862 | 12688-80, 12615- | 128.62 | |
| DEC CHF | 10787 - up | - | 10815, 10926, 10980+ | 10716, 10666, 10568 | 105.68 | |
| DEC AUD | 10370 - up | - | 10416, 10499-10537, 10578 | 10361-, 10300-10294 | 102.52 | |
| DEC USD | 79265 - down | 7812- | 7962, 8000-80075, 8059 | 78835, 7812- | 81.115 | |
| DEC T-BONDS | 14531 - down | 14227 | 14614-20, 14710 | 14505-00, 14415, 14318 | 149.02 | |
| DEC MINI S&P | 1453 - up | 1493 | 1465+/-, 147550, 1493 | 14225, 143725, 1430 | 1418.25 | |
| DEC MINI DJ | 13499 - up | 13717 | 13585, 13680-13725 | 13400-13394, 13313, 13222 | 131.51 | |
| DEC MINI NASDAQ | 285000 - up | - | 285500, 290000+/- | 281950, 279000-278325 | 2783.25 | |
| DEC COPPER | 37870 - up | 39195 | 38015, 383, 38645, 395+ | 37470, 373-, 36735 | 367.35 | |
| DEC GOLD | 177330 - up | 1790+ | 178710, 1790+ | 176160-1759, 1743 | 1707.10 | |
| DEC SILVER | 3472 - up | 3635 | 35005-3506, 3525, 35905 | 3400+/-, 3349 | 3210.00 | |
| NOV CRUDE OIL | 9578 - sdwys | 103 | 9841, 9945-81, 103 | 9567-9498, 9308 | 95.67 | |

*TRP: Trend Reversal Point

Markets Summary

19-Sep

Asian stocks and commodities rallied and the Japanese yen weakened after the Bank of Japan expanded its asset-purchase program, joining a move from the U.S. Federal Reserve last week to stimulate growth; the MSCI Asia Pacific Index rose 0.6% as of 1:42 p.m. in Tokyo, heading for its highest closing level since May; S&P's 500 Index futures advanced 0.4%; only 5 of 21 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News predicted the BOJ would announce further monetary stimulus today; the move came before data tomorrow that may show manufacturing in Europe was still contracting.

--"The BOJ seems to have gone above and beyond," said Soichiro Monji, chief strategist at Tokyo-based Daiwa SB Investments Ltd., which manages the equivalent of about 5 trillion yen. "I didn't expect them to move this time."

European stock futures climbed, indicating the region's equities will halt a two-day decline, after the Bank of Japan joined the Federal Reserve in opting for further asset purchases to support the economy; U.S. index futures also rallied; futures on the Euro Stoxx 50 Index, gained 0.4% to 2,573 at 7:32 a.m. in London; contracts on the U.K.'s FTSE 100 Index expiring this month increased 0.1%, while S&P's 500 Index futures expiring in December added 0.3%.

--"Equity markets are set to open higher as the BOJ joins in the quantitative-easing party," said Jonathan Sudaria, a trader at Capital Spreads in London. The BOJ has "fired up the printing presses in an effort to keep Japan's export economy from not plunging further."

Treasuries fell for the first time in 3 days as Asian stocks rose after the Bank of Japan increased the amount of money it plans to pump into the economy; Japan is following the U.S. and Europe in buying assets to tackle a slowdown in economic growth worldwide; Bill Gross, who runs the world's biggest bond fund, and Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker both said the danger for the U.S. is that efforts to engender growth will lead to faster inflation.

--"Buy stocks and sell bonds," said Kazuaki Oh'e, a debt salesman in Tokyo at CIBC World Markets Japan Inc., a unit of Canada's fifth-largest lender. "The BOJ eased, and that's good for Japan's economy. The yen is weakening, which will help exports."

Oil climbed from the lowest close in more than 2 weeks in New York amid speculation that Japan's expanded program of monetary easing may bolster fuel demand in the world's third-biggest crude user; Futures advanced as much as 0.8% after the Bank of Japan made its announcement in Tokyo.

--"It's easing of policy," said Jeremy Friesen, a commodity strategist at Societe Generale SA in Hong Kong. "All the main central banks have been easing policy. That's positive for economic growth which is positive for energy demand," he said.

Gold climbed toward the highest level in more than 6 months as central banks around the world added steps to boost economic growth, potentially debasing currencies and raising the appeal of bullion as a store of value; gold has risen 10% from July 26, when ECB President Mario Draghi said that policy makers will do whatever is needed to preserve the EUR, and last week gave details of a plan announced in August to buy the debt of member states; the U.S. Federal Reserve on Sept. 13 announced a third round of quantitative easing to boost growth, helping gold to rally to \$1,778 the next day, the highest price since Feb. 29.

--"As policy makers around the world do more to stimulate their economies, gold will benefit from investors looking for a haven," said Chen Junzhi, an investment consultant at Haitong Futures Co., a unit of China's second-largest brokerage by market value. "The uptrend is intact."

Source: Bloomberg News

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Equity Highlights

| HIGHLIGHTED EARNINGS RELEASES | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Company | Symbol | Period | EPS est | Prev Actual |
| Bed Bath & Beyond Inc | BBBY | Q2 2012 | \$1.02 | \$0.93 |
| General Mills Inc | GIS | Q1 2013 | \$0.62 | \$0.64 |
| Adobe Systems Inc | ADBE | Q3 2012 | \$0.58 | \$0.55 |
| Autozone Inc | AZO | Q4 2012 | n/a | n/a |
| Napco Security Technologies Inc | NSSC | Q4 2012 | n/a | \$0.09 |
| Oxygen Biotherapeutics Inc | OXBT | Q1 2013 | n/a | -\$0.13 |

| HIGHLIGHTED DIVIDENDS [Ex-Date Today] | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Company | Symbol | Amount | Payable | Declaration |
| Fifth Third Bancorp | FITBP | \$2.125 | 1-Oct | 11-Sep |
| Avery Dennison Corp | AVGO | \$0.313 | 23-Nov | 13-Aug |
| Coventry Health Care Inc | CVH | \$0.125 | 8-Oct | 27-Aug |
| Chubb Corp | CB | \$0.410 | 9-Oct | 6-Sep |
| Chubb Corp | CB.BA | \$0.137 | 9-Oct | 11-Sep |
| Advance Auto Parts | AAP | \$0.060 | 5-Oct | 9-Aug |

Equity News

19-Sep

- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** A court in Braunschweig announces the ruling in two cases against Porsche SE this morning; the plaintiffs in the 2 cases seek compensation for EUR 1.6 million and EUR 3.1 million of losses they suffered from investments in VW Group, mother company of Porsche.
- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** Thai billionaire Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi's ThaiBev has pledged support to Heineken's bid to take over Asia Pacific Breweries; ThaiBev and Charoen's TCC Assets Ltd will back Heineken's USD 4.5 billion bid for Fraser & Neave's 40% holding in APB after the Dutch company agreed not to make a competing offer for F&N.
- ✓ **S&P European MarketScope:** Siemens' light bulb unit, Osram, has booked a nearly EUR 100 million writedown on a company it bought last year.
- ✓ **Reuters:** BP Plc has been in talks to sell its 400,780 barrel-per-day Texas City, Texas, refinery to Marathon Petroleum Corp , according to a report posted by the Financial Times on its website on Tuesday.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Northrop Grumman and AgustaWestland, a unit of Italy's Finmeccanica SpA , said on Tuesday they were joining forces to compete for the new U.S. Air Force Combat Rescue helicopter and the U.S. Navy's new "Marine One" presidential helicopter.
- ✓ **Reuters:** The U.S. company DirecTV is considering a bid for the Brazilian phone operator GVT, Bloomberg News reported on Tuesday.
- ✓ **Reuters:** U.S. conglomerate Anschutz Co said on Tuesday it wants to sell its sports and entertainment unit, whose assets range from teams like the Los Angeles Kings hockey franchise to concert venues such as London's famous O2 arena -- in a potential multi-billion dollar sale.
- ✓ **Reuters:** Google Inc said it bought Instagram rival Nik Software, which makes award-winning photo editing application Snapseed, for an undisclosed amount.