

October 2, 2012

Stock Markets Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,318.81	7.3	0.6%
Dow	13,515.11	0.0	0.6%
Nasdaq	3,113.53	-2.7	-0.1%
S&P 500	1,444.49	3.8	0.5%
Euro Stoxx	2,564.02	14.0	0.5%
FTSE 100	5,820.45	78.4	1.4%
DAX	7,326.73	110.6	1.5%
CAC	3,434.98	80.2	2.4%
ASX 200	4,396.00	-19.0	-0.4%
Nikkei	8,796.51	-73.6	-0.8%
Shanghai	2,086.17	29.8	1.5%
Hang Seng	20,840.38	78.1	0.4%
H Shares	9,831.62	62.9	0.6%
	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE ASEAN	588.64	-2.3	-0.4%
Singapore	3,057.86	-2.5	-0.1%
Thailand	1,299.71	0.9	0.1%
Malaysia	1,643.31	6.6	0.4%
Indonesia	4,236.29	-26.3	-0.6%
Philippines	5,308.52	-37.6	-0.7%
Vietnam	386.55	-6.0	-1.5%
Lao PDR	1,039.81	-9.2	-0.9%
Cambodia	666.67	0.0	0.0%

Currencies Rap

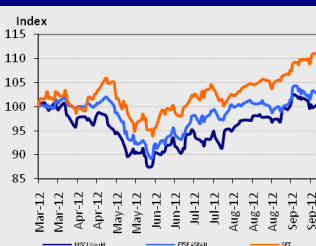
	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	79.82	-0.1	-0.1%
USD/EUR	1.29	0.0	0.3%
JPY/USD	77.96	0.0	0.0%
THB/USD	30.79	-0.0	-0.1%
VND/USD	20,881.00	-4.0	-0.0%
LAK/USD	8,056.55	67.2	0.8%
KHR/USD	4,078.35	33.9	0.8%
MMK/USD	865.25	6.5	0.8%
VND/THB	678.44	0.3	0.0%
LAK/THB	261.75	2.4	0.9%
KHR/THB	678.44	0.3	0.0%
MMK/THB	28.11	0.2	0.8%

Commodities Rap

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,768.45	-3.80	-0.2%
Silver	34.36	-0.13	-0.4%
Copper	378.55	2.75	0.7%
WTI	92.48	0.29	0.3%
Brent	112.19	-0.20	-0.2%
BDI	777.00	11.00	1.4%

World, ASEAN, SET

Relative Performance



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MACRO NEWS

Global Factory Weakness Spreads as Debt Crisis Persists

Manufacturing from Europe to China contracted in September as the euro region's fiscal crisis eroded investor confidence and clouded global growth prospects. A gauge of manufacturing in the 17-nation euro region was at 46.1, above an initial estimate of 46 on Sept. 20, Markit Economics in London said today. A reading below 50 indicates contraction. A Chinese factory index was at 49.8 for September, a statistics bureau report showed. In the U.S., manufacturing unexpectedly returned to growth last month. [Bloomberg]

Manufacturing in U.S. Expands Unexpectedly as Orders Rise

The Institute for Supply Management's factory index rose to 51.5 last month from 49.6 in August, the Tempe, Arizona-based group said. Economists in a Bloomberg survey projected a September reading of 49.7, according to the median forecast. Measures above 50 represent expansion. Stocks extended gains after the figures showed American factories are holding up in the face of a global economic slowdown that's weakened manufacturing from Asia to Europe. [Bloomberg]

Bernanke Spurns Slump Prospect as He Defends Bond Buying

Chairman Ben S. Bernanke defended the Federal Reserve's unprecedented bond buying in his first comments since the Fed renewed the purchases last month, saying the program will spur growth, cut unemployment, help savers and support the dollar. "We expect the economy to continue to grow," Bernanke said to the Economic Club of Indiana. "Our concern is not really a recession. Our concern is that growth will continue but at a pace that's insufficient to put people back to work." [Bloomberg]

Greek Budget Predicts Economy Will Shrink for Sixth Year

Greece's economy will contract for a sixth year in 2013 as the government prepares further cuts to pensions, wages and social benefits to meet the terms of its bailout packages. Gross domestic product will shrink 3.8 percent next year after contracting 6.5 percent in 2012, according to the 2013 draft budget, e-mailed by the Finance Ministry in Athens and submitted to parliament. This compares with a prediction in Greece's March rescue agreement with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund that the economy would contract 4.8 percent this year before stabilizing in 2013. [Bloomberg]

CORPORATE NEWS

Intel Software Snag Said to Hamper Windows Apple Response

Intel Corp. (INTC)'s delayed delivery of software that conserves computer battery life is holding up development of some tablets running the latest version of Microsoft Corp. (MSFT)'s Windows operating system, a person with knowledge of the matter said. Microsoft hasn't yet approved any tablets featuring an Intel processor code-named Clover Trail because the chipmaker hasn't produced necessary power-management software, said the person, who asked not to be named since the process is private. The delay, following remarks by Intel Chief Executive Officer Paul Otellini, who told employees in Taiwan that Windows 8 needs improvement, underscores how the Wintel alliance that has dominated the personal computer industry for three decades is struggling to respond to the threat of Apple Inc. (AAPL)'s iPad. [Bloomberg]

GE Capital Hires Betz as German LBO Finance Head in Growth Push

General Electric Co. (GE)'s lending arm hired Ralph Betz from Bank of Ireland Plc to head leveraged finance in Germany as the company seeks to take market share from rivals hamstrung by the sovereign debt crisis. GE Capital's European leveraged-finance unit is pushing to expand by arranging more leveraged financing for mid-sized companies and buying assets from other banks, according to Paul Scott, chief investment officer and head of sponsor coverage for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. GE Capital has a 1.2 percent market share in arranging European buyout loans this year, compared with 0.8 percent in 2011, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. [Bloomberg]

3M to Buy Ceradyne for \$860 Million in New CEO's Largest Deal

3M Co. (MMM), the manufacturer whose new chief executive officer has said he is considering larger deals than in the past, agreed to buy Ceradyne Inc. (CRDN) for \$860 million to expand its energy unit. 3M expects to complete the deal this quarter, according to a statement. The board of Ceradyne, which makes technical ceramics used in industries from automotive to solar and defense, has recommended shareholders accept the \$35-a-share offer, which is 43 percent higher than the closing price on Sept. 28. [Bloomberg]