

Thursday June 28, 2012

Stock Markets Rap (as of June 27)

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,202	+11	+0.9
Dow	12,627	+92	+0.7
Nasdaq	2,875	+21	+0.7
S&P 500	1,332	+12	+0.9
Euro Stoxx	2,166	+38	+1.8
FTSE 100	5,524	+77	+1.4
DAX	6,229	+92	+1.5
CAC	3,063	+50	+1.7
ASX 200	4,043	+30	+0.7
Nikkei	8,730	+67	+0.8
Shanghai	2,217	-5	-0.2
Hang Seng	19,177	+195	+1.0
H Shares	9,461	+63	+0.7

	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE ASEAN	540	+6	+1.1
Singapore	2,842	+36	+1.3
Thailand	1,166	+15	+1.3
Malaysia	1,602	+8	+0.5
Indonesia	3,935	+53	+1.4
Philippines	5,258	+64	+1.2
Vietnam	418	-1	-0.3
Lao PDR	981	-5	-0.5
Cambodia	688	-11	-1.5

Currencies Rap (as of June 27)

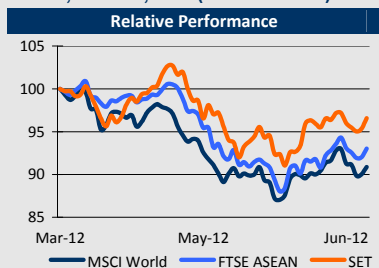
	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	82.62	+0.25	+0.30
USD/EUR	1.2494	+0.00	+0.02
JPY/USD	79.62	+0.22	+0.28
THB/USD	31.88	+0.06	+0.19
VND/USD	20,890	-35.00	-0.17
LAK/USD	8,013.50	+3.50	+0.04
KHR/USD	4,065.00	-31.15	-0.76
MMK/USD	860.04	+4.24	+0.50
VND/THB	655.30	-2.51	-0.38
LAK/THB	251.38	-0.43	-0.17
KHR/THB	128.00	0.00	0.00
MMK/THB	26.98	+0.08	+0.28

Commodities Rap (as of June 27)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,578.40	+3.50	+0.22
Silver	27.00	-0.10	-0.38
Copper	335.65	+3.60	+1.08
WTI	80.21	+0.85	+1.07
Brent	93.50	+0.48	+0.52
BDI	988	+7	+0.71

Source: Bloomberg

World, ASEAN, SET (as of June 27)



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MACRO NEWS

US Durables Orders, Pending Home Sales Post Gains in May

Orders for durable goods posted their first gain in 3 months in May and activity in the housing market matched the highest level of the year, suggesting that two previously sputtering sectors are stabilizing. Manufacturers' orders for durable goods grew by 1.1% to a seasonally adjusted \$217.15 billion, the Commerce Department said. The improvement topped economists forecast for a 0.4% increase. Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said its seasonally adjusted index for pending sales of existing homes increased 5.9% on a monthly basis to 101.1. The results equaled March's reading, which was the highest since April 2010, when buyers were scrambling to qualify for federal tax credits. A reading of 100 is equal to the average level of activity in 2001. May's monthly gain topped economists' expectation for a 2.3% improvement from April's figures. [\[Dow Jones Newswires\]](#)

Italy 6-Month Yields Highest Since December in Auction

Italy's six-month borrowing costs rose to 2.957% at auction on Wednesday, their highest since December, piling pressure on the government as it pushes for concrete steps to ease market tensions at a European Union summit later this week. A month ago Italy paid 2.1% to sell six-month paper. Wednesday's 9-billion-euro (\$11 billion) bill sale comes ahead of a more challenging offer of five- and 10-year debt on Thursday, for up to 5.5 billion euros (\$6.9 billion). The bill sale was covered 1.6 times, in line with a month ago. On Tuesday Spain paid 3.24% to sell six-month bills. Italy saw its two-year borrowing costs rise to 4.71%, also a six-month high, at a sale of zero-coupon paper on Tuesday. [\[CNBC\]](#)

China Banking Sector Sees Rise in Bad Loans

Wenzhou has witnessed a worrying resurgence of NPLs, which some fear could become a nationwide problem. By late 2011, the NPL ratio for the entire banking industry stood at less than 1%, and while there was general agreement the figure could rise. By April, the amount and rate of NPLs at the province's state-owned banks had grown, several sources in banking industry said. Leading the uptick was China Construction Bank's provincial branch. The bank saw its NPL ratio rise to 2% and the total amount of outstanding NPLs reached 10 billion yuan, an official from the bank said. The NPL ratio of China Guangfa Bank in Zhejiang rose to 2.89%, up by more than 1% from the end of last year, the banking regulator said. In general, the NPL ratio in the Zhejiang banking industry had risen by at least 0.5% by May from 0.93% early in the year. Bad loans resulting from business owners fleeing accounted for nearly 40% of NPLs locally, a Wenzhou Banking Regulatory Bureau official said. [\[Caixin Online\]](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

Google [GOOG:US] - Google Unveils Nexus Tablet, Stepping Up Apple Challenge

Google Inc. stepped up its challenge to Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. in the \$78.7 billion tablet market by unveiling a handheld computer called Nexus 7 that features a 7-inch screen and carries a \$199 price tag. The tablet will feature the latest version of the Android operating system, called Jelly Bean, the company said at its Google I/O developers conference Wednesday. Google also showed a spherical \$299 home-entertainment device called Nexus Q, which lets users stream music and video. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

Apple [AAPL:US] - Apple Said to Prepare iTunes Changes to Improve Sharing

Apple Inc. plans an overhaul of iTunes that would mark one of the largest changes to the world's biggest music store since its 2003 debut, according to people with direct knowledge of the matter. Apple will unveil the changes by year's end, said the people. The company will more closely integrate its iCloud file-storage service with iTunes so users can more seamlessly access and manage their music, videos and downloaded software apps across different Apple gadgets, the people said. Apple also plans more features for sharing music, the people said. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

Sands China [1928:HK] - Macau Says It Hasn't Received Notice of China Visa Tightening

Macau's tourism office said it hasn't received any notice of China tightening visa rules a day after Hong Kong-traded casinos dropped on speculation of restrictions on tourists from the mainland. Casino operators including Galaxy Entertainment and Sands China fell yesterday following a Macau Daily report that growth in the number of mainland visitors may have slowed as the Guangdong local government could be tightening rules on issuing visas. "We have not received any notice on China tightening visa issuance to visitors traveling to Macau," Gigi Chiu, spokeswoman for the Macau Government Tourist Office said by e-mail. Chinese nationals need visas to go to Hong Kong and Macau, which are special administrative regions. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

McDonald's [MCD:US] - McDonald's outgoing CEO 'very concerned' on Europe

McDonald's Corp.'s outgoing chief executive, Jim Skinner, says that austerity measures in Southern Europe remain a major issue for the fast-food giant's business there. Still, Mr. Skinner is confident the management team taking the helm when he steps down Saturday can battle through the economic turmoil just as he did in the U.S. a few years ago. He said his successor, current Chief Operating Officer Don Thompson, is already working on attracting the cost-conscious consumers. [\[MarketWatch\]](#)

Citigroup [C:US], JPMorgan [JPM:US] - Biggest U.S. Banks Curb Loans as Regional Firms Fill Gap

Total loans at the four largest U.S. banks -- JPMorgan, Bank of America, Citigroup and Wells Fargo -- fell 4.9% to \$3.04 trillion in the first quarter from the same period in 2010, according Bloomberg. Lending by the 17 smallest of the 24 firms in the KBW Bank Index (BKX) increased 9.8% to \$1.27 trillion. The big banks are trimming assets to satisfy stricter capital rules and regulatory demands to dispose of risky loans, while regional lenders are picking up customers. Total loans at Citigroup fell 10% to \$648 billion in the two-year period, while those at Bank of America declined 7.6% to \$902.3 billion. At Wells Fargo, loans decreased 1.9% to \$766.5 billion. JPMorgan was the only one of the big banks to show an increase, of 1%. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)