

Thursday May 31, 2012

Stock Markets Rap (as of May 30)

	Close	Chg	(%)
MSCI World	1,181	-20	-1.7
Dow	12,420	-161	-1.3
Nasdaq	2,837	-34	-1.2
S&P 500	1,313	-19	-1.4
Euro Stoxx	2,116	-44	-2.0
FTSE 100	5,297	-94	-1.7
DAX	6,281	-116	-1.8
CAC	3,016	-69	-2.2
ASX 200	4,094	-20	-0.5
Nikkei	8,633	-24	-0.3
Shanghai	2,385	-5	-0.2
Hang Seng	18,690	-365	-1.9
H Shares	9,691	-168	-1.7

	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE ASEAN	530	-3	-0.5
Singapore	2,784	-18	-0.6
Thailand	1,139	-15	-1.3
Malaysia	1,575	+10	+0.6
Indonesia	3,918	-1	-0.0
Philippines	5,018	-5	-0.1
Vietnam	435	+4	+0.9
Lao PDR	1,004	+6	+0.6
Cambodia	780	-5	-0.7

Currencies Rap (as of May 30)

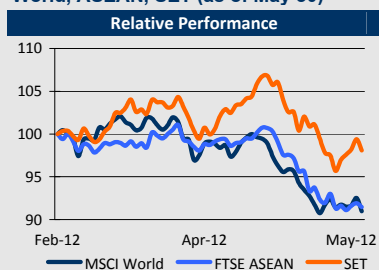
	Last	Chg	(%)
DX	83.02	+0.54	+0.65
USD/EUR	1.2406	-0.01	-0.62
JPY/USD	78.99	-0.45	-0.57
THB/USD	31.84	+0.08	+0.25
VND/USD	20,875	+25.00	+0.12
LAK/USD	8,031.50	+6.00	+0.07
KHR/USD	4,083.95	+2.00	+0.05
MMK/USD	839.18	-1.77	-0.21
VND/THB	655.41	-1.14	-0.17
LAK/THB	252.29	-0.66	-0.26
KHR/THB	128.00	0.00	0.00
MMK/THB	26.36	-0.13	-0.51

Commodities Rap (as of May 30)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,565.70	+14.70	+0.95
Silver	27.98	+0.19	+0.69
Copper	339.00	-7.20	-2.08
WTI	87.82	-2.94	-3.24
Brent	103.47	-3.21	-3.01
BDI	950	-36	-3.65

Source: Bloomberg

World, ASEAN, SET (as of May 30)



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EU Calls for Euro Zone Banking Union, Direct Bank Recapitalisations

The euro zone should move to a banking union and consider directly recapitalising banks from its permanent bailout fund, the European Commission said on Wednesday in annual economic recommendations that shone a critical light on Spain. The call, in documents outlining the economic strategy for the euro zone, would appear to directly address market concerns about problems in the Spanish banking sector and the cost to the Spanish government of rescuing its banks - a factor that has driven Spain's borrowing costs to near unsustainable levels. European stock markets pared losses and the euro jumped on the back of the recommendations. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Italy, Spain Bonds Slump as Crisis Punctures Demand; Bunds Jump

Italy's bond yields surged to a four-month high as the nation missed its maximum target for sales of five- and 10-year securities, stoking concern that Europe's financial woes are denting investor appetite for the debt. Germany's two-year yield reached zero for the first time. Five-, 10- and 30-year German bond yields fell to records as economic confidence in the euro area declined more than analysts forecast in May to the lowest in 2 1/2 years. Spanish bonds slumped, driving five-year yields to more than 6% for the first time since November, after Bank of Spain Governor Miguel Angel Fernandez Ordonez quit before his term expired amid criticism over the nationalization of Bankia group. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

US Pending Home Sales Post Surprise Fall in April

Contracts to purchase previously owned U.S. homes unexpectedly fell in April to a four-month low, undermining some of the recent optimism that the housing sector was touching bottom. The National Association of Realtors said on Wednesday its Pending Home Sales Index, based on contracts signed last month, fell 5.5% to 95.5, its lowest level since December, after a downwardly revised 3.8% increase in March. The series still remained sharply higher from a year earlier, and economists said the data did not change the view that the U.S. economy remains in recovery mode. [\[Reuters\]](#)

China Has No Plan for Large Stimulus to Counter Slowdown

China has no plan to introduce stimulus measures to support growth on the scale unleashed during the depths of the global credit crisis in 2008, according to the nation's state-run Xinhua News Agency. "The Chinese government's intention is very clear: It will not roll out another massive stimulus plan to seek high economic growth," Xinhua said yesterday. "Current efforts for stabilizing growth will not repeat the old way of three years ago." In 2008, policy makers unveiled a fiscal stimulus of 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion at the time). China stocks fell as the report damped speculation of government policy action spurred by Premier Wen Jiabao's call last week for a greater focus on growth. Pumping in government money to achieve growth targets is "not sustainable" and China will instead focus on encouraging private investments in railways, infrastructure, energy, telecommunications, health care and education, the story said. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

Oil Closes Below \$88 for First Time Since October

Crude-oil futures dropped Wednesday to mark their lowest close since October as the U.S. dollar strengthened and as concerns over Spain and scaled-back expectations for Chinese economic stimulus dulled the prospects for oil demand. The July contract for light, sweet crude-oil futures CLN2 -0.32% fell \$2.94, or 3.2%, to settle at \$87.82 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after touching a low of \$87.49. It was the lowest settlement price for a most-active futures contract since October, according to FactSet Research. Month to date, futures prices have lost 16%. [\[MarketWatch\]](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

Apple [AAPL:US] - Apple CEO Says TV Is 'Intense Focus,' Sees Closer Facebook Ties

Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook said that television is an area of "intense focus" for the company as it seeks to add products that can build on the success of Macs, iPhones and iPads. "This is an area of intense focus for us," Cook said of TV in an on-stage interview yesterday. "We're going to keep pulling this string and see where it takes us." Cook said that Apple has "great appreciation" for Facebook Inc., the largest social-networking service. "The relationship is very solid," he said. "We have great respect for them. I think we can do more with them. Stay tuned on this one." [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

China Mobile [941:HK] - China Regulator Approves Apple Device, Suggesting New iPad Closer To China Launch

An Apple Inc. device compatible with China Unicom Corp.'s mobile network has received a network access license, a regulatory website showed, suggesting Apple is a step closer to being able to sell its new iPad in China. The language used by the regulator suggests the device is the new iPad. Vendors often begin selling new devices within weeks of network access licenses being granted. [\[WSJ\]](#)

Exxon Mobil [XOM:US] - Exxon Shareholders Reject Separating Chairman, CEO Roles

Exxon Mobil Corp. shareholders again rejected a proposal to split the chairman and chief executive officer roles amid increasing investor scrutiny of board accountability in the energy industry. This was the 11th consecutive year in which the shareholder resolution failed. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

JPMorgan [JPM:US] - JPMorgan Employee Said to be Linked to Insider Trading

A JPMorgan Chase & Co. employee in Japan was found to have leaked insider information connected to Nippon Sheet Glass Co.'s 2010 share sale, according to two people with knowledge of the situation. Asuka Asset Management Co. was told about the non-public information from one of the lead underwriters for Nippon Sheet's equity offering, Japan's Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission said yesterday. Daiwa Securities Group Inc., Japan's second-largest brokerage, and New York-based JPMorgan were the two joint global coordinators on the deal. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

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