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NEWS UPDATE

Stock Markets Rap (as of Nov 28)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Dow	11,523	+291	+2.6
Nasdaq	2,527	+86	+3.5
S&P 500	1,193	+34	+2.9
Global Dow	1,750	+60	+3.6
VIX	32.13	-2.34	-6.8

	Close	Chg	(%)
FTSE 100	5,313	+148	+2.9
DAX	5,745	+252	+4.6
CAC	3,013	+156	+5.5

	Close	Chg	(%)
ASX 200	4,058	+74	+1.9
Nikkei	8,287	+127	+1.6
Shanghai	2,383	+3	+0.1
HSI	18,038	+348	+2.0
H Shares	9,610	+214	+2.3
FTSE STI	2,694	+51	+1.9
SET	984	+17	+1.8
LSX	918	-13	-1.4
Vietnam	383	-0	-0.0

Currencies Rap (as of Nov 28)

	Last	Chg	(%)
DXY	79.20	-0.49	-0.61
THB/USD	31.30	-0.10	-0.32
THB/LAK	256.31	+0.90	+0.35
LAK/USD	8,042.00	+19.50	+0.24
USD/EUR	1.3382	+0.01	+1.08
JPY/USD	77.67	-0.06	-0.08

Commodities Rap (as of Nov 28)

	Close	Chg	(%)
Gold	1,714.50	+26.00	+1.54
Silver	32.24	+1.15	+3.70
WTI	98.21	+1.44	+1.49
Brent	109.00	+2.60	+2.44
BDI	1,809	+2	+0.11

Source: Bloomberg, BCEL

Eurogroup Set to Fix EFSF Leveraging Rules, Deal with Greek Aid

Euro zone finance ministers are to agree on Tuesday on details of leveraging their EFSF bailout fund so it can help Italy or Spain should they need aid, and are likely to approve the next tranche of emergency loans for Greece and Ireland. The EFSF guidelines will clear the way for the 440 billion euro facility to attract cash from private and public investors to its funds. The European Central Bank, which is now buying bonds of Spain and Italy on the market to prevent borrowing costs for the 2 countries to get out of control, has been urging euro zone ministers to finalise the technical work on the EFSF quickly. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Fitch Revises US Rating Outlook to Negative

Fitch Ratings on Monday revised to negative the outlook on the United States' AAA credit rating after a Congress committee failed last week to agree on at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit-reduction measures. "The negative outlook reflects Fitch's declining confidence that timely fiscal measures necessary to place U.S. public finances on a sustainable path and secure the U.S. AAA sovereign rating will be forthcoming," the ratings agency said in a statement. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Moody's Says All Euro-Region Sovereign Ratings Threatened by Debt Crisis

"Rapid escalation" of Europe's debt and banking crisis is threatening all of the region's sovereign ratings. Credit risks will continue to rise without measures to stabilize markets in the short term, Moody's said in a statement. Investors are shunning riskier countries' bonds as Italy, which has a bigger debt load than Spain, Greece, Ireland and Portugal combined, struggles to ward off contagion from a debt crisis that started in Greece 2 years ago. Hungary lost its investment-grade rating at Moody's last week. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

S&P May cut France Rating Outlook to Negative: report

Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's could change the outlook for France's triple-A rating to negative within the next 10 days, a French newspaper reported on Monday, citing several sources. La Tribune said on its Web site that S&P had planned to make the announcement last Friday but postponed it for unknown reasons. France's ratings outlook is currently stable but there have been rumors for months of a possible downgrade by one or more of the ratings agencies. [\[Reuters\]](#)

IMF Says No Talks Under Way with Italy on Financing Program

IMF said it isn't discussing a rescue package with Italy and Japan said no such talks have occurred within the Group of Seven, amid concern that Italy will struggle to bring down borrowing costs. The Fund isn't in discussions with Italian authorities on a program for IMF financing, a spokesperson for the fund said Monday. Italy's La Stampa newspaper reported that the IMF may be preparing a loan of as much as 600 billion euros (\$798 billion) to support Italian efforts to restore investor confidence. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

U.S. October Home Sales Rise 1.3 Percent but Prices Fall

Sales of new homes rose in October and the supply of homes on the market fell to its lowest level since April of last year, showing some healing in the battered housing sector. The Commerce Department on Monday said sales of new single-family homes edged up 1.3% to a seasonally adjusted 307,000-unit annual rate, which was the fastest pace in five months yet still below analysts' expectations. The supply of new homes on the market would last 6.3 months at October's sales pace, down from 6.4 months in September. The data fueled hopes the housing market could at least be bottoming out. [\[Reuters\]](#)

Japan's Jobless Rate Rose for the First Time in Three Months

The unemployment rate increased to 4.5% in October, the statistics bureau said Monday. The median estimate was 4.2%. Payrolls were unchanged. Government reports have pointed to slower growth with exports sliding and industrial output declining. Bank of Japan signaled the central bank is ready to bolster stimulus to protect the world's third- largest economy from Europe's deepening debt crisis. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

Thailand's Industrial Output Slumps as Floods Shut Factories

Thailand's industrial output slumped by the most in more than a decade in October as the nation's worst flooding in almost 70 years shut thousands of factories and halted manufacturing. The industrial production index fell 35.8% from a year earlier, after a revised 0.3% contraction in September, the Office of Industrial Economics said. The median estimate was for a 15% decline. [\[Bloomberg\]](#)

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