

# International Figures of the Week

## Stocks

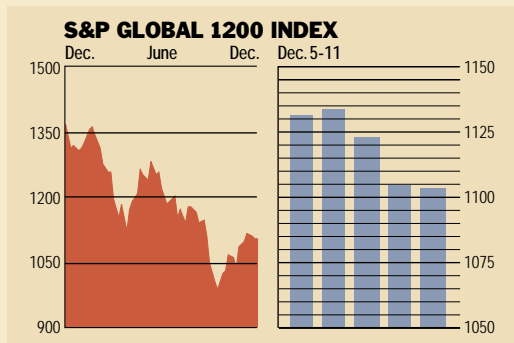
The Global 1200 started strong, but poor economic news caused stocks to retreat for the remainder of the week ended Dec. 11.

The S&P 500 hit a fifteen week high on Dec. 5. Poor November employment data, and a wave of profit taking quickly pushed equities lower. Even an eleventh cut in interest rates by the Fed couldn't help. Utilities and energy continued to suffer: Calpine, Halliburton, and Dynegy all posted double-digit declines. One bright spot was tech, with Network Appliances leading the pack, gaining 27% for the week.

European tech firms had a roller coaster week, finally finishing up 6.2%. More positive news by Nokia helped Alcatel, Ericsson, and Siemens.

The Topix 150 sunk on word that Japan fell into its third recession in eight years. In addition, the bankruptcy filing of construction firm Aoki caused banks to tumble further.

Data: Standard & Poor's



	Dec. 11	Week	4 Weeks	Year
Consumer Discretionary	1160.4	0.0	2.8	-9.0
Consumer Staples	995.0	-2.9	-3.0	-12.5
Energy	1069.3	-2.2	-7.1	-14.5
Financials	1106.1	1.1	0.2	-16.6
Health Care	1360.7	-2.9	-1.1	-14.0
Industrials	1093.2	0.3	1.6	-16.5
Information Technology	1453.0	3.0	6.7	-25.2
Materials	987.8	0.5	5.0	-4.2
Telecommunications	981.0	-0.1	0.9	-24.7
Utilities	889.1	-3.5	-9.6	-27.6

Company	4-week %	Company	52-week %
Marconi (U.K.)	41.2	Samsung Elect. (S. Korea)	47.7
Samsung Elect. (S. Korea)	29.3	Dell Computer (U.S.)	33.9
Canon (Japan)	26.8	IBM (U.S.)	29.4
Siemens (Ger.)	25.0	Honda Motor (Japan)	24.5
Sony (Japan)	21.7	Bridgestone (Japan)	16.7
Ericsson (Sweden)	18.5	Philip Morris (U.S.)	16.2

## GLOBAL INDEXES

(U.S. Dollars)	Dec. 11	Week	4 Weeks	Year
S&P Global 1200	1102.6	-0.2	0.5	-17.0
S&P 500 (US)	1136.8	-0.7	-0.2	-13.9
S&P Europe 350	998.3	0.8	0.6	-22.5
S&P/TOPIX 150 (Japan)	918.8	-2.0	-1.8	-28.6
S&P Asia Pacific 100	1099.0	3.8	10.6	-5.4
S&P/TSE 60 (Canada)	1047.6	0.5	3.4	-21.5
S&P Latin America 40	963.7	3.5	7.5	-3.7

## S&P EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

Best performing countries		Worst performing countries	
Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %	Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %
Sri Lanka...53.1	Zimbabwe...91.0	Slovakia...-15.0	Egypt...-45.5
Pakistan...42.8	Korea...28.0	Colombia...-10.6	Argentina...-44.4
Turkey...37.4	Jordan...25.3	South Africa...-8.9	Turkey...-35.8
Taiwan...29.2	Russia...23.6	Zimbabwe...-5.0	Greece...-29.9
Korea...17.8	Slovakia...19.2	Venezuela...-4.4	Philippines...-28.5

U.S. Dollars

## STOCK INDEXES

LOCAL CURRENCIES	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Index	Currency
Australia / S&P ASX 200	3359.6	3324.4	1.4	-4.8
Brazil / Bovespa	13348.1	13146.6	-10.5	-17.3
Britain / FTSE100	5160.8	5212.1	-19.2	-0.7
Canada / S&P TSE 60	435.9	433.0	-21.0	-2.9
Europe / S&P Europe 350	1250.9	1238.0	-21.7	1.5
France / CAC 40	4551.9	4529.2	-24.7	1.6
Germany / Xetra DAX	5146.5	5014.0	-23.6	1.5
Hong Kong / Hang Seng	11693.1	11427.3	-23.7	0.0
Italy / MIB 30	32394.0	31830.0	-29.4	1.8
Japan / Nikkei 225	10473.9	10452.7	-30.7	-11.5
Mexico / IPC 35	6150.3	5931.4	5.5	3.7
South Korea / Composite	670.1	649.9	19.6	-6.2
Spain / IBEX 35	8636.7	8514.6	-11.5	1.8

Data: Standard and Poor's

## Economic Indicators

### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Country	Month	Monthly % chg.*		% chg., latest from yr. ago
		Latest	Prior	
Britain	Oct.	-1.1	-1.2	-4.1
Canada	Sept.	-2.1	-0.2	-5.7
France	Sept.	-0.9	0.0	0.8
Germany	Oct.	-2.8	-1.7	-4.0
Italy	Sept.	-0.9	0.7	-2.0
Japan	Oct.	-0.3	-2.9	-13.1
U.S.	Oct.	-1.2	-0.9	-6.4

\*Seasonally adjusted

Data: DRI-WEFA

### TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Dec. 11	Weekly %	Yearly %
Britain	105.6	1.1	-0.5
Canada	76.8	-0.3	-2.4
France	100.5	0.0	1.3
Germany	98.1	0.0	1.7
Italy	72.2	0.0	1.2
Japan	136.3	-1.6	-11.8
U.S.	121.7	0.4	4.4

Indexes, 1990=100

Data: J.P. Morgan Chase

## Country Focus / France

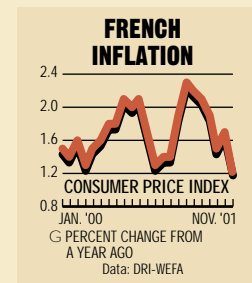
French consumer prices in November posted a surprising 0.3% decline from October, cutting the yearly inflation rate to 1.3%, the lowest in two years. Economists had expected the 1.6% drop in energy prices to keep the overall index of prices steady in the month, but they had not expected widespread price drops in the cost of clothing, telecom, health services, and drugs.

Broadly subdued inflation partly reflects the global economic slowdown. Growth in the second and third quarters, with real gross domestic product rising a scant 0.1% in each period. France has fared better than

the euro zone generally, with growth of 0.9% and 1.9%, respectively, in the same two quarters. But unemployment has been rising since June.

In addition, retailers appear to be exercising pricing restraint ahead of the introduction of euro currency on Jan. 1, 2002. Fully circulating notes and coins are expected to increase price competitiveness for similar items throughout the 12-nation area.

The French inflation performance suggests that the European Central Bank will have new leeway to cut its benchmark interest rate next year, from 3.25% currently, perhaps to as low as 2%.



## Interest Rates

### BENCHMARK BOND YIELDS (10-YEAR GOVERNMENT\*)

	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Year ago		Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Year ago
Australia	5.83	5.50	5.60	Italy	5.08	4.81	5.34
Britain	4.90	4.62	4.94	Japan	1.35	1.39	1.64
Canada	5.43	5.14	5.45	South Korea (3-Year)	6.13	5.72	6.84
France	4.89	4.61	5.10	Spain	5.03	4.77	5.26
Germany	4.79	4.49	4.97	United States	5.06	4.66	5.35
Hong Kong	6.32	5.92	6.68				

\*Average of Bid/Ask

Data: Standard & Poor's, DRI-WEFA

### CENTRAL BANK POLICY

	Policy rate*		Last action	
	Dec. 11	Year ago	Date	Type
U.S. Federal Reserve	1.75	6.50	12/11	-0.25
European Central Bank	3.25	4.75	11/8	-0.50
Bank of Japan	0.00	0.25	3/19	-0.15
Bank of England	4.00	6.00	11/8	-0.50
Bank of Canada	2.25	5.75	11/27	-0.50

\*Target overnight rate