

# International Figures of the Week

## Stocks

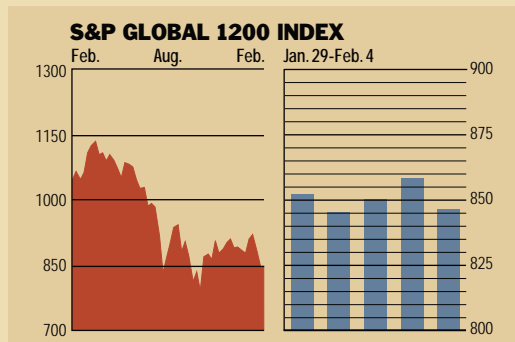
The Standard & Poor's Global 1200 built up a small gain during the week ended Feb. 4, only to give it all away during the final session.

Upbeat manufacturing data and positive earnings from Kellogg, Disney, and Manor Care helped U.S. stocks earlier in the week. But the S&P 500 fell 1.4% on Feb. 4. War jitters were partly to blame, as was news from AIG that higher loan loss reserves would cut fourth-quarter earnings by \$1.8 billion.

In Europe, Ericsson and Alcatel dropped 22.7% and 8%, respectively, following negative earnings figures. Germany's RAG received the go-ahead to buy Degussa, raising share prices of the chemical maker by 6.4% for the week.

Strong subscriber spending figures pushed Japan's NTT DoCoMo up 2.6% on the final day. Fujisawa Pharmaceutical fell 6% as U.S. officials asked for more data on an antifungal drug, delaying approval.

Data: Standard & Poor's



	Feb. 4	Week	4 Weeks	Year
Consumer Discretionary	883.8	-1.0	-6.8	-21.0
Consumer Staples	939.2	-0.1	-5.9	-9.3
Energy	999.5	5.3	-3.3	-8.7
Financials	876.0	-0.7	-7.7	-15.6
Health Care	1081.1	0.9	-5.1	-18.4
Industrials	803.2	-0.5	-7.4	-21.8
Information Technology	840.3	-3.3	-11.1	-35.4
Materials	883.4	0.0	-6.9	-10.5
Telecommunications	675.4	0.2	-9.4	-18.3
Utilities	721.6	-0.1	-4.0	-17.7

Company	4-week %	Company	52-week %
Alcatel (France)	26.8	AT&T (U.S.)	14.1
France Telecom (France)	21.1	3M (U.S.)	13.3
Hitachi (Japan)	8.8	Procter & Gamble (U.S.)	4.0
Nortel Networks (Canada)	7.4	Canon (Japan)	1.2
EMC (U.S.)	4.3	Dow Chemical (U.S.)	-0.5
Mitsub. Tokyo Fin. (Japan)	4.3	Repsol YPF (Spain)	-1.3

	Feb. 4	Week	4 Weeks	Year
S&P Global 1200	846.6	-0.2	-7.1	-19.2
S&P 500 (US)	848.2	-1.2	-8.1	-22.2
S&P Europe 350	770.7	2.2	-7.2	-18.1
S&P/TOPIX 150 (Japan)	791.7	-1.0	-2.6	-1.4
S&P Asia Pacific 100	998.0	-1.0	-3.4	-11.2
S&P/TSX 60 (Canada)	941.4	0.3	-1.5	-7.4
S&P Latin America 40	702.2	2.2	-10.0	-29.5

Best performing countries		Worst performing countries	
Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %	Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %
Turkey.....13.8	Zimbabwe...50.7	Brazil.....-10.7	Brazil.....-31.5
Morocco.....7.0	Czech Rep...43.2	Mexico.....-10.4	Philippines-30.7
Peru.....6.5	South Africa 37.9	Poland.....-8.3	Turkey.....-29.1
Malaysia.....6.2	Peru.....29.2	Korea.....-7.5	Mexico.....-27.2
Taiwan.....5.7	Slovakia.....28.4	Israel.....-6.2	Israel.....-23.5

	Feb. 4	Jan. 28	Index	chg. year ago
Australia / S&P ASX 200	2946.6	2964.4	-14.6	16.2
Brazil / Bovespa	10577.2	10516.8	-17.0	-32.2
Britain / FTSE100	3590.1	3490.0	-29.5	16.6
Canada / S&P TSX 60	369.0	370.9	-14.0	5.5
Europe / S&P Europe 350	787.3	775.2	-34.9	25.6
France / CAC 40	2863.5	2800.1	-33.5	1.8
Germany / Xetra DAX	2633.0	2671.4	-46.7	1.8
Hong Kong / Hang Seng	9252.7	9325.6	-12.8	0.0
Italy / MIB 30	22500.0	22231.0	-27.3	1.8
Japan / Nikkei 225	8484.9	8525.4	-10.5	11.9
Mexico / IPC 35	5968.5	5919.7	-13.1	-16.7
South Korea / Composite	603.8	600.6	-18.4	11.6
Spain / IBEX 35	5872.9	5955.4	-25.2	1.8

Data: Standard and Poor's

## Economic Indicators

Country	Month	Latest	% Prior	% Year ago
Britain*	Nov.	5.2	5.2	5.1
Canada	Dec.	7.5	7.5	8.0
France	Dec.	9.1	9.0	8.8
Germany	Jan.	10.3	10.1	9.6
Italy**	Oct.	8.9	9.0	9.3
Japan	Dec.	5.5	5.3	5.5
U.S.	Dec.	6.0	6.0	5.8

\*3 Month Average \*\*Quarterly Data: Global Insight Inc., Bloomberg

Country	Feb. 4	Weekly %	Yearly %
Britain	103.7	0.2	-2.6
Canada	77.5	1.4	1.3
France	104.4	0.2	4.1
Germany	102.1	0.1	4.3
Italy	74.5	0.0	3.5
Japan	131.3	-1.1	1.1
U.S.	109.3	-0.4	-12.9

Indexes, 1990=100

Data: J.P. Morgan Chase

## Country Focus / France

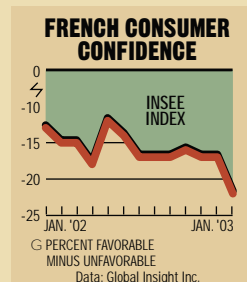
French consumers kept spending even in the face of weak economic growth last year. But their resolve may be fading as they face strong headwinds in the first half of 2003.

January consumer sentiment hit its lowest level since 1998, sinking to -22, after stabilizing near -17 over the last half of 2002. A steep drop in the past standard of living component was the largest drag, but consumers' assessment of future financial conditions and standard of living also eroded. Although not included in the headline index, sentiment about unemployment markedly worsened.

The labor market won't improve anytime

soon. The unemployment rate rose to 9.1% in December, as the ranks of unemployed grew by another 9,000, following an increase of 17,000 in November. And the latest survey of manufacturers show more job cuts are likely. Indeed, the government sees the unemployment rate hitting 9.3% by June.

Making matters cloudier are the government's budget deficit problems and Iraq. Just how much these curb actual spending is unclear, although November retail sales did fall 1%. If spending continues to weaken, real gross domestic product will miss the government forecast of 2% growth at an annual rate for the first half of 2003.



Data: Global Insight Inc.

## Interest Rates

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

	Feb. 4	Jan. 28	Year ago		Feb. 4	Jan. 28	Year ago
Australia	5.15	5.21	5.87	Italy	4.21	4.24	5.10
Britain	4.23	4.24	4.79	Japan	0.85	0.79	1.53
Canada	5.03	4.96	5.30	South Korea (3-Year)	4.76	4.81	5.92
France	4.06	4.09	4.88	Spain	4.06	4.09	4.99
Germany	4.01	4.05	4.81	United States	3.93	3.97	4.89
Hong Kong	4.49	4.46	5.84				

\*Average of Bid/Ask Data: Standard & Poor's, Global Insight Inc.

### CENTRAL BANK POLICY

	Policy rate*		Last action	
	Feb. 4	Year ago	Date	Type
U.S. Federal Reserve	1.25	1.75	11/6/02	-0.50
European Central Bank	2.75	3.25	12/5/02	-0.50
Bank of Japan	0.00	0.00	3/19/01	-0.15
Bank of England	4.00	4.00	11/8/01	-0.50
Bank of Canada	2.75	2.00	7/16/02	0.25

\*Target overnight rate