

## STOCKS



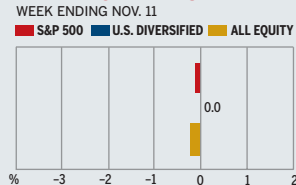
### COMMENTARY

After drifting lower most of the week, stocks rallied on Nov. 12 on good earnings news from Computer Sciences and signs the economy is generating jobs. Investors are looking past the quarter to the shopping season and to signals from Europe and Japan that their recoveries are gathering steam. The Dow, the S&P 500, and NASDAQ all ended near their year highs.

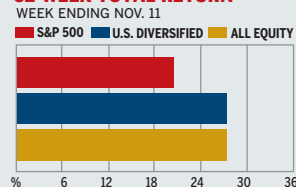
Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS

### 4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



### 52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Standard & Poor's

## U.S. MARKETS

	NOV. 12	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1058.5	0.6	20.3	19.9
Dow Jones Industrials	9848.8	0.3	18.1	17.4
NASDAQ Composite	1973.1	0.7	47.7	46.2
S&P MidCap 400	561.6	1.1	30.7	34.0
S&P SmallCap 600	262.3	0.3	33.4	36.8
Wilshire 5000	10,327.0	0.6	23.8	23.9

## SECTORS

	NOV. 12	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	600.9	0.7	10.8	7.7
BW Info Tech 100**	336.5	0.6	17.9	16.0
S&P/BARRA Growth	534.7	0.9	19.1	16.7
S&P/BARRA Value	520.1	0.4	21.5	23.3
S&P Energy	196.1	0.4	7.1	10.1
S&P Financials	365.2	-0.1	23.0	22.5
S&P REIT	112.1	1.5	23.4	25.8
S&P Transportation	200.3	1.1	17.8	18.2
S&P Utilities	110.5	-1.0	13.0	25.9
GSTI Internet	142.2	-1.7	90.4	84.5
PSE Technology	682.2	0.9	48.8	49.1

\*Mar. 19, 1999=1000 \*\*Feb. 7, 2000=1000

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Semiconductor Equip.	18.9	174.9
Casinos	15.6	148.7
IT Consulting	15.5	143.8
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	14.7	110.0
Semiconductors	14.5	101.7
Internet Software	14.9	174.9
Computer Retailers	14.8	148.7
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	14.3	143.8
Comptr. Stge. & Perphs.	11.0	110.0
Homebuilding	10.1	101.7

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

Category	4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN %	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN %
<b>LEADERS</b>		
Precious Metals	6.4	58.5
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan	1.8	55.6
Mid-cap Value	0.9	54.8
Small-cap Value	0.8	47.1
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		
Japan	-7.1	15.1
Health	-3.9	16.1
Diversified Pacific/Asia	-2.6	18.7
Natural Resources	-1.6	19.8
Precious Metals	58.5	
Latin America	55.6	
Technology	54.8	
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	47.1	
Domestic Hybrid	15.1	
Health	16.1	
Large-cap Blend	18.7	
Miscellaneous	19.8	

## EQUITY FUNDS

Fund	4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN %	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN %
<b>LEADERS</b>		
U.S. Gl. Wid. Pr. Minls.	14.9	161.6
Eaton Vce. Grtr. India A	14.1	133.8
PFds. Smicdr. Ultsr. Inv.	13.2	127.2
Scudder Gd. & Pr. Mts. S	10.7	127.1
<b>LAGGARDS</b>		
ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	-15.3	-59.8
PFds. Biotch. Uscr. Inv.	-12.7	-59.6
Rydex Large Cap Japan	-12.2	-59.4
J.P. Morgan Flem. Jap. A	-11.8	-36.9
Apex Mid Cap Growth	161.6	
ProFds. Intnet. Ultsr. Inv.	133.8	
PFds. Smicdr. Ultsr. Inv.	127.2	
Jacob Internet	127.1	
Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-59.8	
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-59.6	
Frontier Equity	-59.4	
ProFunds UltraBear Inv.	-36.9	

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	NOV. 12	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1051.7	2.4	24.5	25.8
London (FT-SE 100)	4371.2	1.6	10.9	7.0
Paris (CAC 40)	3411.1	0.5	11.3	11.3
Frankfurt (DAX)	3748.3	0.8	29.6	20.3
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	10,226.2	-5.6	19.2	21.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	11,971.5	-3.8	28.4	24.5
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	7797.3	-0.9	17.9	23.2
Mexico City (IPC)	8539.3	3.7	39.4	45.6

## FUNDAMENTALS

	NOV. 11	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.63%	1.62%	1.78%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	26.8	27.3	28.8
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	17.6	17.7	16.0
First Call Earnings Revision*	-0.06%	0.02%	-2.43%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	NOV. 11	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	953.2	948.6	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	83.0%	84.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.71	0.67	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	6.36	5.87	Negative

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

Group	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Constr. & Engineering	-9.3	-25.9
Food Chains	-9.0	-9.1
Biotechnology	-8.9	-7.5
Internet Retailers	-8.3	-6.4
Oil & Gas Equipment	-6.7	-6.3
Photographic Products	-25.9	
Intgrd. Telecomms. Svcs.	-9.1	
Trading Cos. & Distribs.	-7.5	
Health-Care Distributors	-6.4	
Pharmaceuticals	-6.3	

## INTEREST RATES

### KEY RATES

	NOV. 12	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	0.68%	0.62%	1.28%
90-Day Treasury Bills	0.94	0.95	1.20
2-Year Treasury Notes	2.02	1.93	1.73
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.40	4.35	3.84
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.21	5.18	4.79
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.95	5.91	5.93

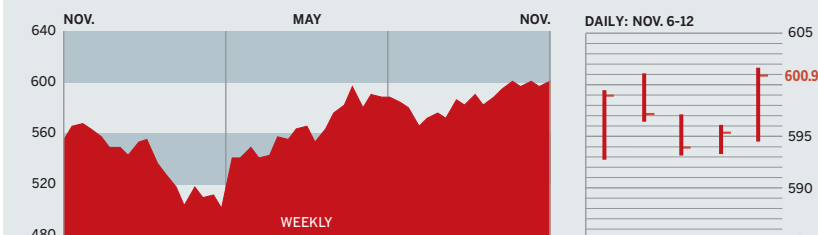
†BanxQuote, Inc.

## BLOOMBERG MUNI YIELD EQUIVALENTS

Taxable equivalent yields on AAA-rated, tax-exempt municipal bonds, assuming a 30% federal tax rate.

	10-YR. BOND	30-YR. BOND
General Obligations	3.87%	4.77%
Taxable Equivalent	5.53	6.81
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.91	5.01
Taxable Equivalent	5.59	7.16

## THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



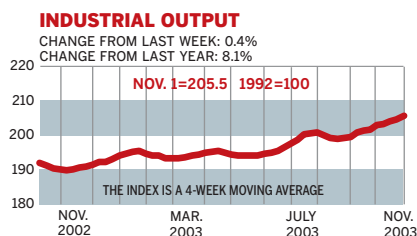
Cigarette-maker Altria Group, which rose a strong 7.0%, helped light a fire under the BW 50, which added 0.7% for the week ending Nov. 12. Also fueling the rise were strong moves from First Data, up 5.4%, and drug-distributor AmerisourceBergen, 5.0%, benefiting from positive analyst reports. But eBay fell 3.2% as investors curbed their enthusiasm for the online auctioneer.

## COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/03
1	Forest Laboratories	0.1	-0.3	26	U.S. Bancorp	2.6	32.0
2	WellPoint Health Networks	-1.5	28.5	27	H&R Block	1.6	21.2
3	UnitedHealth Group	-0.7	19.8	28	Sysco	3.2	28.5
4	Johnson & Johnson	0.7	-5.6	29	Procter & Gamble	-0.3	18.5
5	Progressive	0.9	45.9	30	eBay	-3.2	41.5
6	AmerisourceBergen	5.0	15.9	31	Biomet	-3.5	14.1
7	Lowe's	-0.1	49.4	32	Exelon	-2.0	27.2
8	Pfizer	2.4	8.7	33	Kohl's	-6.4	3.7
9	Dell Computer	-1.2	32.3	34	Wachovia	1.3	29.0
10	St. Jude Medical	1.2	29.2	35	3M	-0.3	25.9
11	Cardinal Health	-1.0	1.9	36	Harley-Davidson	-1.3	20.3
12	Bed Bath & Beyond	0.6	29.8	37	Walgreen	2.5	28.9
13	Washington Mutual	3.3	33.1	38	Altria Group	7.0	30.0
14	United Parcel Service	0.6	26.6	39	Mattel	0.4	-6.8
15	Microsoft	-0.5	9.6	40	AFLAC	1.0	14.7
16	Freddie Mac	-1.1	1.3	41	Abbott Laboratories	-1.1	17.4
17	Electronic Arts	2.3	94.4	42	First Data	5.4	8.2
18	International Game Technology	-5.3	66.6	43	Dominion Resources	-0.8	13.1
19	Pulte Homes	-0.3	25.9	44	Coca-Cola	0.2	17.1
20	Merck	2.0	-11.5	45	Wrigley (Wm.) Jr.	1.7	5.7
21	Medtronic	0.8	-0.7	46	Wal-Mart Stores	0.1	20.6
22	PepsiCo	1.4	25.4	47	Quest Diagnostics	2.2	29.1
23	Wells Fargo	1.9	25.1	48	General Dynamics	-0.7	40.2
24	McKesson	-1.3	8.5	49	Northrop Grumman	1.4	4.0
25	Stryker	-0.4	24.4	50	Best Buy	1.6	103.8

Data: Reuters

## BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index continued its ascent. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index climbed to 206.6, from 205.7. On a seasonally adjusted basis, rail-freight traffic was the biggest reason for the increase. More moderate gains were posted in output of steel, coal, truck assemblies, and electric-power production, while crude-oil refining posted a scant increase. Lumber and autos were lower. For the month of October, the average index level rose to 205, from 201.7 in September.

Information on each of the index components is at [www.businessweek.com](http://www.businessweek.com). BW production index Copyright 2003 by The McGraw-Hill Companies

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BUSINESS INVENTORIES** Monday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. EST » September inventories are forecast to have held steady after falling 0.4% in August. That's based on the median forecast of economists surveyed by MMS International. Inventories fell in the third quarter, drawn down by a jump in demand. Economists expect businesses to have started rebuilding inventories this quarter, which will lift industrial production.

**TREASURY BUDGET** Monday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. EST » The federal government is expected to post a \$59 billion deficit for October, the first month of fiscal year 2004, after racking up a \$374.2 billion deficit in 2003.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX** Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8:30 a.m. EST » October consumer prices for goods and services very likely rose 0.2%, after a 0.3% rise in September. Excluding food and

energy, prices probably moved up 0.2%, following a 0.1% gain.

**RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION** Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. EST » Housing starts in September likely eased to an annual rate of 1.85 million.

**LEADING INDICATORS** Thursday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. EST » The Conference Board's leading indicators index is forecast to have improved by 0.2% in October, offsetting a 0.2% fall in September.

The *BusinessWeek* production index climbed to 205.5 for the week ended Nov. 1, up 8.1% from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index improved to 206.6.

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