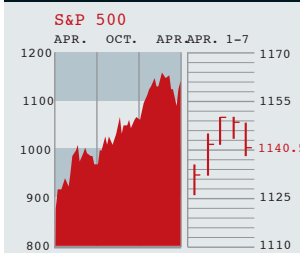


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STOCKS

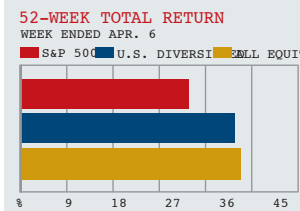
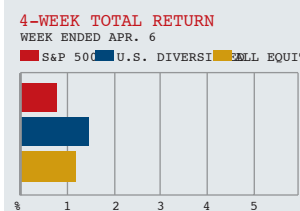


COMMENTARY

Stocks rose on the back of a good jobs report and an expanding services sector. The markets were headed toward five days of gains, but stumbled: First, Nokia warned that results will be at the low end of the range; then Alcoa missed its numbers. Investors sold off, but after the market close on Apr. 7, Yahoo announced gangbuster earnings along with a split; shares surged in after-hours trading.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

THE WEEK AHEAD

RETAIL SALES Tuesday, Apr. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT » March retail sales are forecast to have risen 0.5%, after a 0.7% jump in February. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics. Excluding vehicles, sales probably grew 0.4%, after holding steady in the prior month.

BUSINESS INVENTORIES Tuesday, Apr. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT » February inventories most

likely grew 0.2%, following a 0.1% increase in January.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX Wednesday, Apr. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT » March consumer prices for goods and services most likely rose by 0.3% for a second consecutive month. Excluding the more volatile food and energy components, prices probably rose 0.2% for a second straight period.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE Wednesday, Apr. 14, 8:30

a.m. EDT » The February foreign trade deficit is forecast to have narrowed to \$42.8 billion. In January, the deficit widened to \$43.1 billion.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION Friday, Apr. 16, 9:15 a.m. EDT » March industrial output most likely increased 0.3%, following a 0.7% surge during February. The average operating rate probably increased to 76.7%, from 76.6%.

U.S. MARKETS	APR. 7	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1140.5	1.3	2.6	29.6
Dow Jones Industrials	10,480.2	1.2	0.3	26.3
NASDAQ Composite	2050.2	2.8	2.3	47.6
S&P MidCap 400	613.7	1.7	6.5	46.9
S&P SmallCap 600	292.5	2.0	8.2	54.2
Wilshire 5000	11,185.2	1.3	3.6	34.2

SECTORS	APR. 7	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	638.1	1.7	2.6	16.8
BW Info Tech 100**	353.2	1.2	0.8	30.3
S&P/BARRA Growth	563.2	1.6	1.3	23.0
S&P/BARRA Value	573.0	1.0	3.8	36.7
S&P Energy	234.7	0.1	4.7	28.7
S&P Financials	397.9	0.5	4.8	34.5
S&P REIT	119.9	-6.6	3.6	30.3
S&P Transportation	191.9	0.7	-4.9	17.7
S&P Utilities	122.8	-0.4	3.8	29.4
GSTI Internet	153.9	5.2	6.4	73.1
PSE Technology	734.3	2.8	5.3	56.1

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

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Employment Services	16.4	129.0
Home Entertainment	11.6	127.3
Internet Software	8.9	111.5
Constr. & Farm Machinery	8.7	104.5
Managed Health Care	7.0	101.5
Divsfd. Metals & Mining		129.0
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.		127.3
Steel		111.5
Wireless Services		104.5
Internet Software		101.5

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES	4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			LEADERS	
Japan	13.0		Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	77.3
Diversified Pacific/Asia	6.2		Precious Metals	76.3
Technology	3.5		Japan	75.5
Mid-cap Growth	2.9		Latin America	73.5
LAGGARDS			LAGGARDS	
Real Estate	-4.5		Domestic Hybrid	22.8
Europe	-2.2		Miscellaneous	30.5
Financial	-1.0		Large-cap Growth	30.8
Natural Resources	-0.6		Large-cap Blend	31.1

EQUITY FUNDS	4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			LEADERS	
American Heritage	30.0		Apex Mid Cap Growth	143.7
Fidelity Japan Small Co.	20.9		Profds. Ult. Sm. Cap Inv.	142.1
Fidelity Advisor Japan B	18.1		Reynolds	139.2
The Japan S	16.3		Pacific Adv. Sm. Cap A	134.2
LAGGARDS			LAGGARDS	
Profds. RI. Est. Usr. Inv.	-9.5		ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-57.1
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-8.5		Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-56.9
Rydex Dynam. Vent. 100	-8.4		ProFunds UltraBear Inv.	-45.7
Spirit of Amrc. R. Est. A	-7.2		Rydex Dyn. Tempest 500	-45.7

GLOBAL MARKETS	APR. 7	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1197.8	1.8	1.6	45.3
London (FT-SE 100)	4468.7	1.9	-0.2	13.5
Paris (CAC 40)	3734.6	3.0	5.0	27.2
Frankfurt (DAX)	4001.2	3.7	0.9	42.4
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	12,019.6	2.6	12.6	47.8
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	12,920.1	1.9	2.7	46.7
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	8807.6	2.6	7.1	36.9
Mexico City (IPC)	10,746.6	2.2	22.2	71.7

FUNDAMENTALS	APR. 6	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.56%	1.58%	1.83%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	22.9	22.5	30.8
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	16.7	17.9	15.7
First Call Earnings Surprise*	13.89%	5.02%	8.59%

TECHNICAL INDICATORS	APR. 6	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1061.6	1058.2	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	83.0%	81.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.70	0.68	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	5.76	6.79	Negative

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Homebuilding	-10.1	-19.4
Oil & Gas Drilling	-9.0	-3.1
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	-8.6	2.3
Photographic Products	-8.3	2.5
Food Chains	-7.6	5.3
Photographic Products		-19.4
Airlines		-3.1
Pharmaceuticals		2.3
Distributors		2.5
Broadcasting		5.3

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES	APR. 7	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	0.57%	0.58%	0.82%
90-Day Treasury Bills	0.93	0.95	1.13
2-Year Treasury Notes	1.84	1.58	1.52
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.16	3.84	3.90
30-Year Treasury Bonds	5.01	4.78	4.91
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.73	5.49	5.89

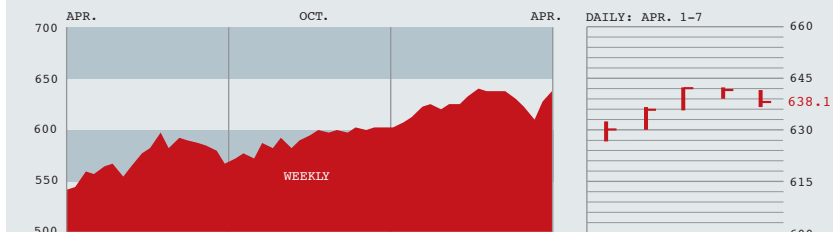
†BanxQuote, Inc.

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	3.69%	4.72%
Taxable Equivalent	5.27	6.74
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.86	4.90
Taxable Equivalent	5.51	7.00

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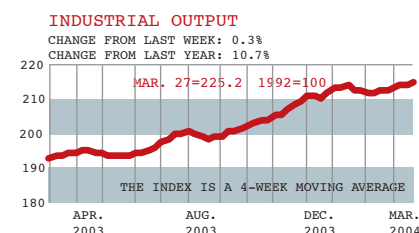


Led by AIG, the newly minted Dow Jones industrial component, and eBay, the BW50 outperformed both the Dow and S&P 500, and lagged behind the NASDAQ Composite fractionally. Lifting results, too, were Stryker and Staples, up 6.3% and 5.7%, respectively. Pulte Homes, off 7.3% on fears of rising mortgage rates, weighed down results.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/04	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/04
1 Progressive	-0.5	5.5	26 Procter & Gamble	1.5	3.8	
2 Cendant	1.9	9.5	27 Yahoo	-0.2	9.0	
3 WellPoint Health Networks	2.4	7.1	28 Apache	-2.0	2.8	
4 UnitedHealth Group	3.8	7.8	29 Sears, Roebuck	1.7	-7.0	
5 Forest Laboratories	3.7	-1.6	30 Stryker	6.3	6.0	
6 ACE	5.1	-0.3	31 Sysco	-2.2	-3.6	
7 Best Buy	1.6	-1.3	32 Dollar General	0.0	-12.3	
8 ConocoPhillips	0.3	1.6	33 Bed Bath & Beyond	-6.7	-4.4	
9 Lowe's	-3.7	-3.5	34 Quest Diagnostics	0.8	0.8	
10 Electronic Arts	-1.3	12.4	35 Nike	-1.4	4.8	
11 Pulte Homes	-7.3	-2.3	36 Devon Energy	3.2	5.7	
12 Centex	-6.9	-5.7	37 Intel	1.5	-5.4	
13 eBay	6.7	7.6	38 Johnson Controls	-4.0	-2.6	
14 ChevronTexaco	2.2	1.6	39 Staples	5.7	2.3	
15 Symantec	2.6	16.0	40 American International Group	6.9	3.0	
16 Dell	3.6	6.6	41 Ambac Financial Group	-1.5	-7.1	
17 Qualcomm	3.3	8.5	42 Express Scripts	3.0	5.2	
18 International Game Technology	1.7	16.5	43 Harley-Davidson	1.9	2.4	
19 MBNA	0.6	1.7	44 PepsiCo	1.8	5.7	
20 Marathon Oil	-2.3	-6.4	45 Burlington Resources	0.7	9.5	
21 St. Jude Medical	2.7	1.9	46 Carnival	2.4	3.6	
22 Home Depot	-2.3	0.5	47 3M	1.1	6.1	
23 Exxon Mobil	0.7	-0.6	48 Apollo Group	5.0	18.7	
24 Johnson & Johnson	1.3	-4.7	49 KB Home	-6.2	4.8	
25 Starbucks	3.6	4.9	50 Humana	0.2	-13.0	

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index showed gains practically across the board. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index jumped to 216.8, from 215.2. On a seasonally adjusted basis, steel and truck assemblies were the biggest gainers. Coal, autos, electric-power production, and rail-freight traffic all were also up moderately. Lumber output was nearly unchanged. Crude-oil refining was the only component to fall. Another decline next week is possible given a refinery fire in Houston.

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