

# International Figures of the Week

## STOCKS

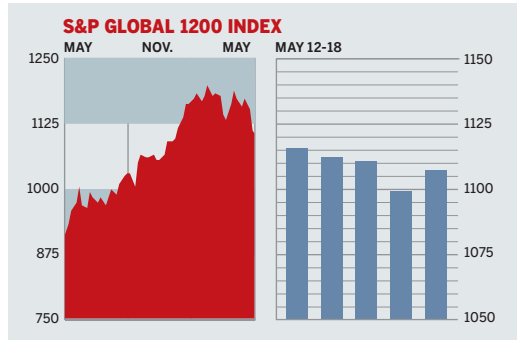
The Standard & Poor's Global 1200 inched lower in the week ended May 18.

More troubles in Iraq and higher oil prices weighed on U.S. stocks. However, strong earnings by Home Depot, Staples, and J.C. Penney led to a small rally on the final day. Delta Airlines reached an agreement with its pilots union, avoiding summer travel problems. Shares of Delta soared 12%.

In Europe, rising fuel prices grounded airline stocks, with Alitalia and British Airways each falling over 5%. German insurer MLP rose 15.1% on a big jump in first-quarter profits.

Strong first-quarter data on economic growth led to a rebound in the final session in Japan. Meanwhile, tech stocks slumped across Asia.

Data: BusinessWeek



S&P GLOBAL 1200 SECTOR PERFORMANCE	May 18	% change		
		Week	4 Weeks	Year
Consumer Discretionary	1212.7	-0.4	-5.6	25.3
Consumer Staples	1135.1	-0.5	-2.9	17.6
Energy	1309.1	-0.3	-2.5	24.2
Financials	1175.5	-0.2	-5.4	21.7
Health Care	1303.5	-0.3	-0.8	13.3
Industrials	1088.9	-0.4	-5.0	26.0
Information Technology	1177.9	-2.8	-5.8	25.5
Materials	1166.6	-0.5	-8.8	28.0
Telecommunications	812.5	-0.7	-6.1	14.1
Utilities	889.6	-0.1	-4.9	11.1

### S&P GLOBAL 100 BEST PERFORMING COMPANIES

Company	4-week %	Company	52-week %
Gillette (U.S.)	8.5	Ericsson (Sweden)	165.8
Ford Motor (U.S.)	6.6	Reuters (U.K.)	115.6
Bristol-Myers Squibb (U.S.)	5.8	Mitsub. Tokyo Fin. (Japan)	95.7
Intel (U.S.)	4.3	Tyco International (U.S.)	76.8
Johnson & Johnson (U.S.)	2.8	Alcatel (France)	63.7
Aventis (France)	2.8	Samsung Elect. (S. Korea)	54.5

## GLOBAL INDEXES

(U.S. Dollars)	May 18	% change		
		Week	4 Weeks	Year
S&P Global 1200	1106.6	-0.7	-4.6	21.0
S&P 500 (US)	1091.5	-0.4	-2.4	18.7
S&P Europe 350	1046.6	-0.1	-5.1	23.1
S&P/TOPIX 150 (Japan)	1024.9	-1.1	-14.2	36.4
S&P/ASX 50 (Australia)	4029.4	-1.2	-9.3	20.0
S&P/TSX 60 (Canada)	1255.8	-1.3	-7.6	14.7
S&P Asia 50	1516.6	-5.6	-16.9	30.0
S&P Latin America 40	1061.5	-0.9	-12.5	27.7

## S&P EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

Best-performing countries		Worst-performing countries	
Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %	Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %
Zimbabwe...34.9	Nigeria.....110.9	Turkey.....-29.8	Zimbabwe-68.8
Saudi Arabia11.9	Saudi Arabia80.5	India.....-26.3	China.....5.4
Sri Lanka.....6.7	Egypt.....69.2	Argentina..-24.5	Slovakia.....9.5
Bahrain.....6.0	Pakistan.....65.4	Korea.....-22.3	Malaysia.....24.3
Nigeria.....5.7	Russia.....59.9	Thailand.....-21.3	Brazil.....24.9

U.S. Dollars

## STOCK INDEXES

LOCAL CURRENCIES	May 18	May 11	% chg. year ago	
			Index	Currency
Australia / S&P ASX 200	3371.9	3356.6	14.9	4.4
Brazil / Bovespa	18556.3	18536.6	45.6	-3.6
Britain / FTSE100	4414.4	4454.7	11.1	7.7
Canada / S&P TSX 60	451.8	456.4	18.1	-3.0
Europe / S&P Europe 350	973.2	986.8	20.2	2.2
France / CAC 40	3569.1	3606.4	24.0	2.2
Germany / Xetra DAX	3789.2	3849.8	33.5	2.2
Hong Kong / Hang Seng	11072.4	11508.1	36.9	0.0
Italy / MIB 30	27302.0	27542.0	13.5	2.2
Japan / Nikkei 225	10711.1	10907.2	32.9	2.0
Mexico / IPC 35	9730.2	9648.1	52.3	-11.3
South Korea / Composite	742.0	791.0	23.2	1.4
Spain / IBEX 35	7724.9	7909.0	22.7	2.2

Data: Standard and Poor's

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### REAL GDP GROWTH

Country	Quarter	% chg. from		Full year 2003
		Prior qtr.*	Year ago	
Britain	Q4	3.7	2.7	2.2
Canada	Q4	3.8	1.6	1.7
France	Q1	3.1	1.7	0.5
Germany	Q1	1.8	0.7	-0.1
Italy	Q1	1.7	0.8	0.4
Japan	Q1	5.6	4.7	2.6
U.S.	Q1	4.2	4.9	3.1

\*Annual rate

Data: Global Insight Inc.

### TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES

Country	May 18	Weekly %	Yearly %
Britain	100.1	0.0	6.2
Canada	105.3	-0.4	-3.5
China	96.9	-0.2	-1.6
Euro Zone	121.9	0.9	0.3
Japan	89.6	-0.7	1.5
Mexico	80.3	0.9	-11.1
U.S.	96.1	-0.4	0.6

Indexes, 2000=100

Data: J.P. Morgan Chase

## COUNTRY FOCUS / MEXICO

Mexico's economy is on the mend, thanks in large part to the upswing in the U.S. economy. Most encouraging is evidence that domestic demand is picking up.

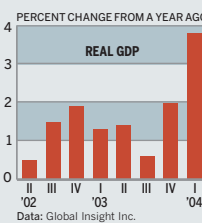
Real gross domestic product expanded by 3.8% from a year ago in the first quarter. After contracting in the prior five quarters, the factory sector grew at a yearly pace of 2.8%. The turnaround for Mexican manufacturers is strongly linked to the U.S. economy. Nearly 90% of Mexico's exports go to America, and March output at export-oriented *maquiladora* factories rose by 3.1% from a year ago.

GDP figures showed a strengthening service sector as well. Financial services grew by a yearly pace of 4.3%, and public and personal services rose for the first

time in three quarters. Plus, construction outlays picked up over the first quarter, and a separate report said capital investment jumped 4.3% from a year ago in February. The gains point toward a broadening recovery.

Just how sustainable the current pace of growth is depends largely on how the U.S. economy fares. If current trends hold, 2004 could be Mexico's best year since 2000, with 4% GDP growth possible.

### MEXICO'S ECONOMY GAINS STEAM



## INTEREST RATES

### BENCHMARK BOND YIELDS

(10-YEAR GOVERNMENT*)							
	May 18	May 11	Year ago	May 18	May 11	Year ago	
Australia	5.95	6.06	4.94	Italy	4.51	4.51	3.88
Britain	5.09	5.08	4.06	Japan	1.49	1.53	0.59
Canada	4.82	4.76	4.56	South Korea (3-Year)	4.41	4.43	4.22
France	4.35	4.35	3.81	Spain	4.35	4.35	3.82
Germany	4.29	4.28	3.74	United States	4.74	4.75	3.36
Hong Kong	4.83	4.90	3.78				

\*Average of Bid/Ask

Data: Standard & Poor's, Global Insight Inc.

### CENTRAL BANK POLICY

	Policy rate*			Last action	
	May 18	Year ago	Year ago	Date	Type
U.S. Federal Reserve	1.00	1.25	6/25/2003	-0.25	
European Central Bank	2.00	2.50	6/5/2003	-0.50	
Bank of Japan	0.00	0.00	3/19/2001	-0.15	
Bank of England	4.25	3.75	5/6/2004	0.25	
Bank of Canada	2.00	3.25	4/13/2004	-0.25	

\*Target overnight rate