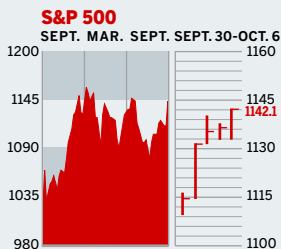


Personal Business Figures of the Week

STOCKS



COMMENTARY

Stocks were jolted after Merck took Vioxx, its multibillion-dollar drug, off the market on Sept. 30, citing health concerns. But equities soon recovered and continued to rise for the rest of the week. This market's showing was especially impressive given the relentless rise in oil prices and the rise in interest rates. Investors are betting on strong earnings from Corporate America.

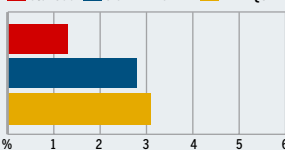
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MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED OCT. 5

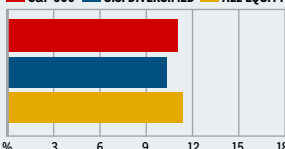
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52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED OCT. 5

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Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	OCT. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1142.1	2.4	2.7	10.4
Dow Jones Industrials	10,239.9	1.0	-2.0	6.7
NASDAQ Composite	1971.0	4.1	-1.6	4.1
S&P MidCap 400	605.9	2.9	5.2	13.7
S&P SmallCap 600	301.0	3.4	11.3	20.6
DJ Wilshire 5000	11,165.0	2.6	3.4	11.2

SECTORS

	OCT. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	664.5	2.5	6.8	11.9
BW Info Tech 100**	341.8	4.8	-2.5	2.4
S&P/BARRA Growth	551.2	2.0	-0.8	4.8
S&P/BARRA Value	586.7	2.9	6.3	16.2
S&P Energy	287.8	4.5	28.4	41.9
S&P Financials	390.2	1.6	2.7	9.8
S&P REIT	130.8	3.5	13.0	17.0
S&P Transportation	214.9	3.0	6.4	17.2
S&P Utilities	129.9	2.2	9.7	15.0
GST Internet	155.1	3.9	7.2	7.6
PSE Technology	704.6	4.1	1.0	8.8

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	OCT. 6	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1211.0	2.4	2.7	19.9
London (FT-SE 100)	4706.3	2.6	5.1	10.2
Paris (CAC 40)	3764.6	2.2	5.8	14.7
Frankfurt (DAX)	4049.7	3.3	2.1	18.9
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	11,385.4	5.6	6.6	5.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	13,271.6	1.9	5.5	13.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	8871.9	2.8	7.9	17.2
Mexico City (IPC)	11,090.9	1.0	26.1	41.9

FUNDAMENTALS

	OCT. 5	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.69%	1.74%	1.60%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	20.0	19.7	28.9
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	16.2	16.3	17.6
First Call Earnings Surprise*	2.21%	3.99%	13.77%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	OCT. 5	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1119.0	1117.7	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	64.0%	57.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.76	0.90	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	3.86	3.89	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Application Software	18.7	Steel	103.3
Internet Software	18.7	Oil & Gas Refining	78.5
Oil & Gas Refining	15.5	Internet Software	75.6
Compr. Stge. & Perphs.	15.2	Internet Retail	67.6
Photographic Products	15.0	Photographic Products	60.4

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Health-Care Distribtrs.	-9.8	Airlines	-30.2
Distillers & Vintners	-8.2	Health-Care Distribtrs.	-21.2
Food Wholesalers	-8.1	IT Consulting	-20.7
Tires & Rubber	-7.2	Semiconductors	-18.3
Soft Drinks	-6.5	Semiconductor Equip.	-15.3

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	14.0	Natural Resources	42.0
Latin America	11.3	Latin America	39.1
Natural Resources	9.1	Europe	23.9
Technology	9.0	Real Estate	23.3
LAGGARDS			
Japan	-2.1	Technology	-2.8
Financial	0.1	Large-cap Growth	4.9
Real Estate	0.3	Japan	5.5
Health	1.0	Small-cap Growth	5.9

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
U.S. Global Invrs. Gold	20.8	ProFunds Energy Ushr. Inv.	63.2
U.S. Gl. Invrs. Prec. Mnls.	20.5	State St. Rsch. Rsrchs. A	62.3
ProFds. Smicdr. Ultsr. Inv.	18.9	iShares MSCI Austria Idx.	60.6
Jacob Internet	17.1	ICON Energy	58.1
LAGGARDS			
Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	-11.1	GMO Asia III	-35.9
ProFunds UltSh. OTC Inv.	-11.0	Ameritor Investment	-33.3
ProFds. Ush. Sm. Cap Inv.	-8.9	ProFds. Smicdr. Ultsr. Inv.	-33.1
ProFds. Phmcls. Ushr. Inv.	-8.1	Thurlow Growth	-31.8

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	OCT. 6	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	1.24%	1.19%	0.62%
90-Day Treasury Bills	1.70	1.71	0.90
2-Year Treasury Notes	2.68	2.59	1.62
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.22	4.09	4.24
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.97	4.86	5.16
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.78	5.71	5.99

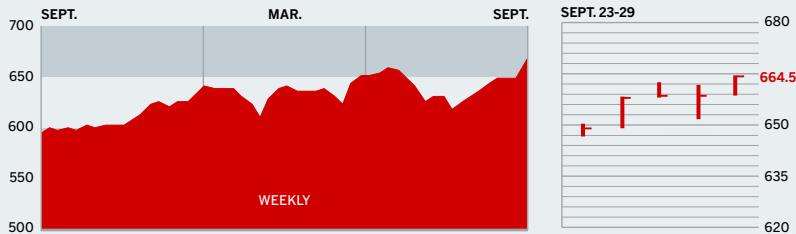
†BanxQuote, Inc.

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	3.57%	4.63%
Taxable Equivalent	5.10	6.61
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.79	4.87
Taxable Equivalent	5.41	6.96

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 had a strong showing, beating the Dow and the S&P 500. Driving returns were such energy stocks as ConocoPhillips and Devon Energy, which rose on surging oil prices. And ExxonMobil hit a 52-week high on Oct. 6. Pulte Homes, off 11.6%, fell on worries about housing. The real action, though, was in tech stocks, with Qualcomm hitting a new high for the year.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/04			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/04
1	Progressive	1.0	2.2	26	Procter & Gamble	-0.3	5.9
2	Cendant	4.3	0.7	27	Yahoo	2.8	57.7
3	WellPoint Health Networks	-0.7	-5.1	28	Apache	5.2	27.1
4	UnitedHealth Group	3.3	20.3	29	Sears, Roebuck	-0.5	-16.5
5	Forest Laboratories	4.1	-38.2	30	Stryker	0.8	8.5
6	ACE	8.8	-6.0	31	Sysco	0.7	-23.8
7	Best Buy	0.0	3.3	32	Dollar General	-0.1	-8.7
8	ConocoPhillips	8.9	29.0	33	Bed Bath & Beyond	4.9	-4.4
9	Lowe's	1.0	-1.1	34	Quest Diagnostics	-0.3	5.7
10	Electronic Arts	0.1	-0.5	35	Nike	2.0	9.3
11	Pulte Homes	-11.6	1.4	36	Devon Energy	6.2	32.2
12	Centex	-0.4	-7.3	37	Intel	5.3	-27.6
13	eBay	4.8	40.6	38	Johnson Controls	2.3	-1.8
14	ChevronTexaco	3.3	25.4	39	Staples	3.8	15.6
15	Symantec	5.4	41.2	40	American International Group	-2.8	-10.0
16	Dell	3.4	12.3	41	Ambac Financial Group	1.3	1.7
17	Qualcomm	7.4	32.6	42	Express Scripts	-0.3	-9.8
18	International Game Technology	-7.8	-16.8	43	Harley-Davidson	3.7	14.4
19	MBNA	1.1	-5.5	44	PepsiCo	2.5	-5.0
20	Marathon Oil	3.2	19.9	45	Burlington Resources	6.2	46.5
21	St. Jude Medical	-0.3	3.6	46	Carnival	3.6	10.7
22	Home Depot	0.8	9.4	47	3M	3.0	4.0
23	Exxon Mobil	3.9	18.6	48	Apollo Group	0.0	-3.0
24	Johnson & Johnson	1.3	7.1	49	KB Home	-1.7	12.7
25	Starbucks	5.5	28.3	50	Humana	1.8	-8.1

Data: Reuters