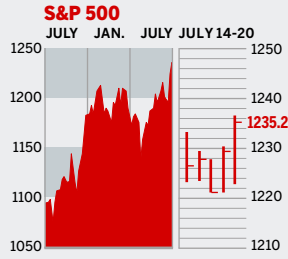


## STOCKS

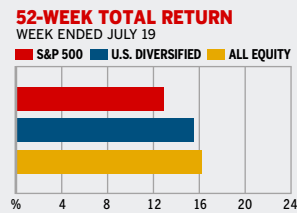
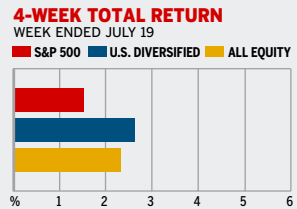


### COMMENTARY

Solid profit reports and a decline in oil pushed equities higher. The S&P 500 rose four out of the five sessions, as such large-cap stocks as IBM and J&J reported better-than-expected results for the second quarter. The markets retreated briefly on July 20 after Fed Chairman Greenspan said rate hikes would continue. But stocks rallied later in the day to end on a positive note.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

## MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

## U.S. MARKETS

	JULY 20	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1235.2	1.0	1.9	11.4
Dow Jones Industrials	10,689.2	1.2	-0.9	5.3
NASDAQ Composite	2188.6	2.1	0.6	14.2
S&P MidCap 400	716.4	1.2	8.0	21.2
S&P SmallCap 600	352.1	1.6	7.1	23.4
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,327.3	1.0	3.1	13.9

## SECTORS

	JULY 20	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>BusinessWeek 50*</b>	729.4	0.5	3.5	14.8
BW Info Tech 100**	371.2	1.6	-0.5	13.5
S&P/BARRA Growth	592.9	1.4	1.9	8.4
S&P/BARRA Value	637.9	0.6	2.0	14.4
S&P Energy	355.3	-1.1	23.1	37.5
S&P Financials	405.2	0.0	-1.4	7.8
S&P REIT	156.6	0.6	8.4	27.2
S&P Transportation	218.7	4.1	-9.4	7.9
S&P Utilities	163.3	-0.5	15.3	32.5
GSTI Internet	168.9	0.5	-5.2	14.7
PSE Technology	810.8	3.4	4.1	19.1

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

## GLOBAL MARKETS

	JULY 20	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
<b>S&amp;P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)</b>	1386.7	0.8	-0.7	19.0
London (FT-SE 100)	5215.2	-0.6	8.3	20.2
Paris (CAC 40)	4418.4	1.7	15.6	22.5
Frankfurt (DAX)	4784.5	2.2	12.4	24.7
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	11,789.4	1.1	2.6	4.7
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	14,602.7	2.1	2.6	20.4
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	10329.6	1.2	11.7	22.7
Mexico City (IPC)	14,306.1	2.1	10.7	42.7

## FUNDAMENTALS

	JULY 19	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>S&amp;P 500 Dividend Yield</b>	2.00%	2.00%	1.67%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	20.0	20.1	19.8
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.5	15.4	16.1
First Call Earnings Surprise*	3.22%	1.91%	4.77%

\*First Call Corp.

## TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	JULY 19	WEEK AGO	READING
<b>S&amp;P 500 200-day average</b>	1181.0	1178.3	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	70.0%	68.0%	Negative
Options: Put/call ratio	0.73	0.74	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.90	4.33	Negative

## BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Biotechnology</b>	20.7	101.3
Homebuilding	13.9	79.1
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	13.5	69.0
Oil & Gas Refining	12.5	62.8
Employment Services	11.7	56.6
Oil & Gas Drilling		
Managed Health Care		

## WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
<b>Health-Care Facilities</b>	-10.7	-38.0
IT Consulting		
Internet Software	-8.5	-25.3
Insurance Brokers		
Internet Retailers	-6.3	-20.8
Automobiles		
Educational Services	-6.2	-15.5
Paper Products		
Gold Mining	-4.9	-14.6
Brewers		

## EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
Small-cap Growth	4.4	Latin America	59.3
Technology	4.3	Natural Resources	39.5
Real Estate	3.9	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	38.1
Mid-cap Growth	3.8	Real Estate	33.1
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
Precious Metals	-1.7	Japan	0.1
Japan	-1.1	Precious Metals	5.8
Diversified Pacific/Asia	0.4	Domestic Hybrid	9.9
Foreign	0.7	Large-cap Blend	12.3

## EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
<b>LEADERS</b>			
ProFunds Biotech. Inv.	15.5	Alpine U.S. RI. Est. Eq. Y	65.9
ProFunds. Semidr. Inv.	10.6	Eaton Vance Grtr. India A	65.4
Franklin Biotech. Dscvy. A	9.9	T. Rowe Price Lat. Am.	63.1
Fidelity Select Brokerage	9.6	iShares S&P L. Am. 40 Idx.	62.9
<b>LAGGARDS</b>			
ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	-8.5	ProFds. USh. Mid Cap Inv.	-33.4
Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-8.5	ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	-33.1
ProFunds URSh. OTC Inv.	-6.5	Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-23.4
Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	-6.5	Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	-22.9

## INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES	JULY 20	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>Money Market Funds</b>	2.80%	2.77%	0.82%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.30	3.21	1.35
2-Year Treasury Notes	3.87	3.83	2.62
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.16	4.16	4.45
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.39	4.40	5.17
30-Year Fixed Mortgage†	5.67	5.65	6.00

†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
<b>General Obligations</b>	3.70%	4.41%
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.29	6.30
<b>Insured Revenue Bonds</b>	3.79	4.53
<b>Taxable Equivalent</b>	5.41	6.47

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

**Tuesday, July 26, 10 a.m. EDT** » The Conference Board's July consumer-confidence index most likely eased to 104.3, from 105.8 in June. That's the median estimate of economists surveyed by Action Economics.

### DURABLE GOODS ORDERS

**Wednesday, July 27, 8:30 a.m. EDT** » Orders for durable goods probably declined by 1.3% in June. The May total surged by

5.5% on another large gain in civilian aircraft orders.

**NEW HOME SALES Wednesday, July 27, 10 a.m. EDT** » New home sales probably held steady at an annual rate of 1.3 million.

**BEIGE BOOK Wednesday, July 27, 2 p.m. EDT** » The Federal Reserve releases its report on regional economic activity ahead of the Aug. 9 monetary policy meeting. Economists expect a rate hike to 3.5%, from 3.25%.

### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

**Friday, July 29, 8:30 a.m., EDT** » Real gross domestic product most likely grew at an annual rate of 3.2% in the second quarter, following first-quarter growth of 3.8%.

### EMPLOYMENT COST INDEX

**Friday, July, 29, 8:30 a.m., EDT** » Compensation is expected to have risen 1% in the second quarter. During the first period, the index grew 0.7%.

The *BusinessWeek* production index climbed to 250.5 for the week ended July 9, a 12.5% gain from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index increased to 254.5.

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