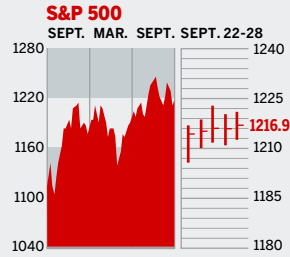


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STOCKS



COMMENTARY

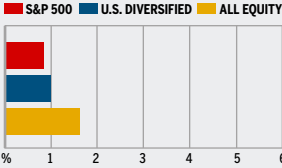
Mixed messages from the economy had little effect on stocks. On the downside, leading indicators, along with consumer confidence, fell, while on the upside, durable-goods orders rose and real estate remained red hot. Traders, however, kept to the sidelines and volume was light. A positive: Boeing shares surged on rising jet orders and news of its union settlement.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS

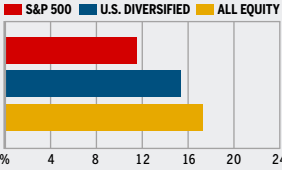
4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED SEPT. 27



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED SEPT. 27



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	SEPT. 28	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1216.9	0.6	0.4	9.6
Dow Jones Industrials	10,473.1	0.9	-2.9	3.9
NASDAQ Composite	2115.4	0.4	-2.8	13.1
S&P MidCap 400	702.7	0.9	5.9	19.8
S&P SmallCap 600	345.0	1.3	4.9	19.9
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,143.6	0.6	1.6	12.1

SECTORS

	SEPT. 28	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	748.3	0.5	6.2	15.8
BW Info Tech 100**	363.5	0.1	-2.6	12.7
S&P/BARRA Growth	581.9	0.6	0.0	8.4
S&P/BARRA Value	630.8	0.5	0.8	10.8
S&P Energy	407.8	0.2	41.3	46.6
S&P Financials	391.5	0.1	-4.8	2.3
S&P REIT	149.0	-0.3	3.1	17.9
S&P Transportation	219.9	2.2	-8.9	6.3
S&P Utilities	169.0	1.3	19.3	32.6
GSTI Internet	173.9	1.3	-2.5	19.2
PSE Technology	803.2	0.3	3.1	20.2

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

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Oil & Gas Refining	28.3	128.0
Divisfd. Metals & Mining	24.7	76.3
Gold Mining	21.3	66.0
Oil & Gas Exploration	17.2	63.9
Oil & Gas Storage	12.9	56.3
Oil & Gas Refining	28.3	128.0
Oil & Gas Exploration	24.7	76.3
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	21.3	66.0
Managed Health Care	17.2	63.9
Oil & Gas Refining	28.3	128.0

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	15.1	Latin America	74.3
Latin America	15.0	Natural Resources	50.2
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	8.1	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	43.3
Natural Resources	7.7	Utilities	32.3
LAGGARDS			
Miscellaneous	0.3	Financial	8.8
Real Estate	0.3	Domestic Hybrid	9.2
Financial	0.4	Large-cap Blend	11.4
Domestic Hybrid	0.5	Miscellaneous	11.8

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	26.5	Guinness Atkn. Gl. Energy	87.7
Midas	19.9	T. Rowe Price Lat. Am.	81.2
iShares MSCI Brazil Idx.	18.1	iShares MSCI Brazil Idx.	80.4
Fidelity Select Gold	17.9	iShares S&P L. Am. 40 Idx.	79.1
LAGGARDS			
Turnaround	-6.0	Ameritor Investment	-54.2
ProFunds. Semicdr. Inv.	-5.3	ProFds. USH. Mid Cap Inv.	-31.3
ProFunds Cnsmr. Svcs. Inv.	-3.9	ProFds. USH. Sm. Cap Inv.	-29.1
Seligman Sm. Cap Val. A	-3.9	Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	-22.1

GLOBAL MARKETS

	SEPT. 28	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1451.7	0.9	3.9	23.6
London (FT-SE 100)	5494.8	2.3	14.1	20.3
Paris (CAC 40)	4599.6	2.9	20.4	25.4
Frankfurt (DAX)	5048.7	3.6	18.6	30.0
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	13,435.9	1.8	16.9	24.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	15,221.5	0.0	7.0	17.5
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	11,042.3	0.8	19.4	28.1
Mexico City (IPC)	15,869.3	0.9	22.8	46.3

FUNDAMENTALS

	SEPT. 27	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	2.05%	2.04%	1.74%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	19.0	19.1	19.6
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.9	15.0	16.3
First Call Earnings Revision*	0.55%	1.28%	-0.60%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	SEPT. 27	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1199.6	1198.8	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	57.0%	59.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.85	0.73	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.94	5.24	Negative

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %	
Home Furnishings	-17.0	IT Consulting	-32.6
Educational Services	-13.4	Home Furnishings	-27.4
Auto Parts & Equipment	-12.8	Automobiles	-26.9
Aluminum	-11.8	Aluminum	-26.4
Specialized Cnsmr. Serv.	-10.2	Insurance Brokers	-22.6

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	SEPT. 28	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	3.21%	3.15%	1.19%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.46	3.39	1.72
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.08	3.92	2.52
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.26	4.17	4.00
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.50	4.46	4.80
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.83	5.72	5.50

†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	3.74%	4.46%
Taxable Equivalent	5.34	6.37
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.89	4.63
Taxable Equivalent	5.56	6.61

THE WEEK AHEAD

PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX

Monday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. EDT

» The Institute for Supply Management's factory activity index is forecast to have slipped to 51% in September. That's according to the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics LLC. The August index eased to 53.6%.

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING

Monday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. EDT

» In August building outlays

probably increased 0.4%, after holding steady during July.

FACTORY INVENTORIES

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. EDT

» Manufacturing inventories most likely dropped 0.3% in August, following a 0.5% gain in July.

EMPLOYMENT

Friday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m. EDT » September nonfarm payrolls are forecast to have grown by just 20,000, largely the result of Hurricane Katrina. August payrolls rose by 169,000.

Factories probably shrank by 20,000 jobs after declining by 14,000 workers in the previous month. The marked slowdown in new jobs will probably result in a jobless rate of 5.1%, up from 4.9% in August.

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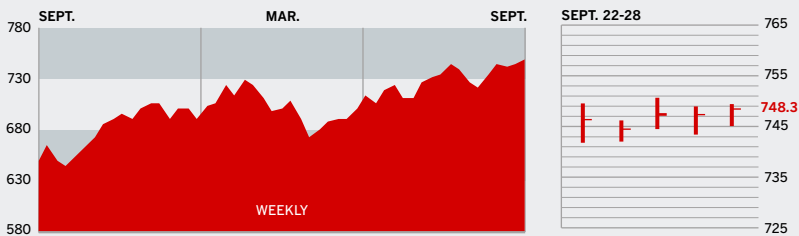
Friday, Oct. 7, 3 p.m. EDT » Consumers most likely added \$5.3 billion in debt during August. Installment credit increased \$4.4 billion in July.

The *BusinessWeek* production index improved to 255.5 during the week ended Sept. 17, an 11.8% increase from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index stood at 258.2.

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For the BW50, more investment data, and the components of the production index visit www.businessweek.com/magazine/extra.htm

THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW rose 0.5% for the week. Phelps Dodge rose 11.1% on higher earnings estimates from analysts. Progressive added 6.2% as the insurer dodged a bullet when the effects of Hurricane Rita were milder than anticipated. Apple shares lost some of their shine after Merrill downgraded the stock; still shareholders have been amply rewarded, with the stock up 58.6% year-to-date.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

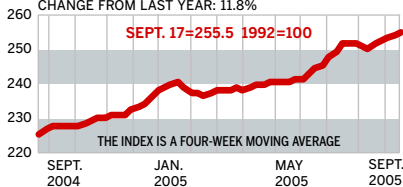
RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
1	Nucor	0.5	-6.5	26	Carnival	0.6	-9.7
2	ConocoPhillips	-1.3	25.3	27	Adobe Systems	4.1	-6.0
3	ChevronTexaco	1.1	4.7	28	Cummins	-4.1	17.9
4	Valero Energy	2.6	63.0	29	Boston Scientific	-0.5	-29.4
5	UnitedHealth Group	5.2	21.4	30	EOG Resources	2.6	66.7
6	Occidental Petroleum	-1.6	23.8	31	Symantec	0.7	-2.5
7	Exxon Mobil	-0.4	2.2	32	Starbucks	2.8	-7.4
8	Yahoo	1.2	0.2	33	Electronic Arts	-1.8	-11.0
9	Apache	-1.3	21.2	34	WellPoint	3.3	22.4
10	Devon Energy	2.3	46.8	35	Deere	0.7	-14.5
11	Pulte Homes	-0.5	7.2	36	United States Steel	-1.8	-32.4
12	Qualcomm	1.8	23.5	37	Zimmer Holdings	-1.5	-20.3
13	Apple Computer	-2.0	13.9	38	FedEx	2.5	-12.8
14	Dell	1.7	-15.3	39	Chubb	1.1	11.5
15	Paccar	-3.6	-11.5	40	XTO Energy	5.6	31.9
16	Coach	3.3	12.5	41	Microsoft	0.7	2.0
17	Sunoco	0.4	58.3	42	Danaher	2.0	-2.5
18	eBay	5.6	-9.1	43	Dow Chemical	2.0	-24.9
19	Burlington Resources	2.7	62.8	44	Cisco Systems	0.4	2.9
20	Progressive	6.2	21.4	45	Gilead Sciences	4.0	35.5
21	Caremark Rx	0.3	28.8	46	Nike	2.4	-6.5
22	Caterpillar	0.8	21.1	47	Anadarko Petroleum	-0.8	26.5
23	Phelps Dodge	11.1	23.2	48	Bank of America	-1.6	-10.8
24	Autodesk	5.9	47.4	49	Eaton	-1.7	-11.7
25	Johnson & Johnson	-2.3	-3.6	50	3M	0.5	-13.4

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.4%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 11.8%



The production index posted a solid increase in the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index jumped to 258.2, from 254.9. On a seasonally adjusted basis, auto and truck assemblies rebounded, posting the biggest gains. Rail-freight traffic motored ahead with railroads registering a record week of volume. Electric-power production, crude-oil refining, and steel output were also higher. Coal and lumber were the only components to post declines.

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