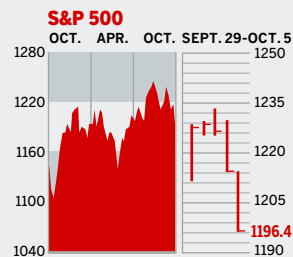


Personal Business Figures of the Week

STOCKS



COMMENTARY

The interplay of inflation and higher oil prices spooked stocks to start the final quarter of the year. The prospect of simultaneously slower growth and higher inflation gained currency this week as a result of downbeat business readings and the bearish views on rate hikes of two Federal Reserve officials. Boston Scientific and eBay were among the week's few winners.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	OCT. 5	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1196.4	-1.7	-1.3	5.5
Dow Jones Industrials	10,317.4	-1.5	-4.3	1.4
NASDAQ Composite	2103.0	-0.6	-3.3	7.5
S&P MidCap 400	696.2	-0.9	5.0	15.6
S&P SmallCap 600	338.4	-1.9	2.9	13.4
DJ Wilshire 5000	11,956.3	-1.5	0.0	7.8

SECTORS

	OCT. 5	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	723.3	-3.3	2.6	9.7
BW Info Tech 100**	361.9	-0.5	-3.0	6.6
S&P/BARRA Growth	572.3	-1.7	-1.7	4.4
S&P/BARRA Value	620.0	-1.7	-0.9	6.5
S&P Energy	374.8	-8.1	29.8	32.5
S&P Financials	389.9	-0.4	-5.2	0.6
S&P REIT	147.9	-0.7	2.4	13.7
S&P Transportation	216.9	-1.4	-10.2	2.1
S&P Utilities	164.4	-2.7	16.1	27.3
GSTI Internet	175.7	1.0	-1.5	14.1
PSE Technology	800.1	-0.4	2.7	14.3

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	OCT. 5	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1453.9	0.2	4.1	19.8
London (FT-SE 100)	5427.8	-1.2	12.7	15.3
Paris (CAC 40)	4594.1	-0.1	20.2	21.9
Frankfurt (DAX)	5069.4	0.4	19.1	25.2
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	13,689.9	1.9	19.2	21.3
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	15,161.0	-0.4	6.5	13.7
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	10,748.1	-2.7	16.2	22.2
Mexico City (IPC)	15,720.4	-0.9	21.7	41.4

FUNDAMENTALS

	OCT. 4	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	2.05%	2.05%	1.69%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	18.9	19.0	19.5
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.4	14.9	16.2
First Call Earnings Surprise*	10.49%	3.82%	2.21%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	OCT. 4	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1200.1	1199.6	Negative
Stocks above 200-day average	59.0%	57.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.73	0.85	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	4.33	4.94	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	11.8	100.5
Airlines	11.1	64.6
Gold Mining	10.6	58.8
Insurance Brokers	6.0	58.5
Railroads	5.9	52.4
Oil & Gas Refining	11.8	100.5
Managed Health Care	11.1	64.6
Oil & Gas Exploration	10.6	58.8
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	6.0	58.5
Health-Care Distribtrrs.	5.9	52.4

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Educational Services	-19.3	-37.8
Home Furnishings	-19.0	-32.8
Aluminum	-14.8	-31.6
Specialized Cnsmr. Serv.	-12.2	-30.4
Tires & Rubber	-11.6	-30.2
IT Consulting	-19.3	-37.8
Automobiles	-19.0	-32.8
Aluminum	-14.8	-31.6
Photographic Products	-12.2	-30.4
Home Furnishings	-11.6	-30.2

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	9.4	Latin America	69.0
Latin America	8.8	Natural Resources	45.1
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	5.9	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	40.6
Japan	5.6	Utilities	31.6
LAGGARDS			
Real Estate	-2.9	Financial	6.8
Financial	-1.8	Domestic Hybrid	8.0
Large-cap Value	-1.2	Large-cap Blend	9.3
Large-cap Blend	-1.1	Miscellaneous	10.3

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	17.5	T. Rowe Price Emg. Europe	78.2
ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	16.4	Guinness Atkn. Gl. Energy	76.7
ING Russia A	15.3	T. Rowe Price Lat. Am.	75.1
Midas	12.8	iShares S&P L. Am. 40 Idx.	74.3
LAGGARDS			
American Heritage Growth	-16.7	Ameritor Investment	-54.2
Munder RI. Est. Eq. Inv. A	-9.4	ProFds. USh. Mid Cap Inv.	-29.4
Rydex Weakening Dollar H	-7.5	American Heritage Growth	-28.6
ProFds. Mble. Tlcmms. Inv.	-7.1	ProFds. USh. Sm. Cap Inv.	-24.5

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	OCT. 5	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	3.25%	3.21%	1.24%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.55	3.46	1.71
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.18	4.08	2.63
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.34	4.26	4.17
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.57	4.50	4.93
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	5.94	5.84	5.73

†BancQuote, 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	3.79%	4.48%
Taxable Equivalent	5.41	6.40
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.93	4.60
Taxable Equivalent	5.61	6.57

THE WEEK AHEAD

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Thursday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. EDT » The August foreign trade deficit probably widened to \$59.5 billion. That's the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics. The July trade gap was \$57.9 billion.

RETAIL SALES Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Retail sales are forecast to have rebounded with a 0.3% gain in September. A slowdown in vehicle sales led to a

2.1% fall in August retail sales. Even excluding vehicles, retail sales very likely grew 0.3%, after a 1% rise in the previous month.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. EDT » Consumer prices for goods and services most likely jumped 0.7% in September, following a 0.5% gain during August. Stripping out energy and food, consumer prices probably rose 0.3%, after edging up 0.1% in August.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Friday, Oct. 14, 9:15 a.m. EDT » September factory output probably contracted 0.2%, after a 0.1% gain in August. As a result, the average monthly operating rate probably fell to 79.5%, from 79.8% in August.

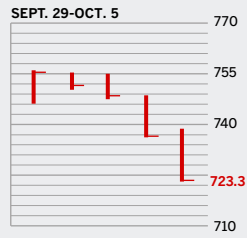
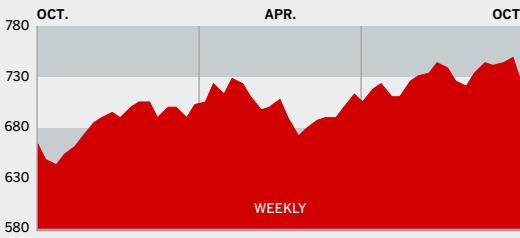
BUSINESS INVENTORIES Friday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. EDT » August inventory levels are expected to have grown 0.5%, offsetting the 0.5% decline in July.

The *BusinessWeek* production index rose to 256.7 for the week ended Sept. 24 and stood 12.3% above the year-ago level. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index eased to 258.4.

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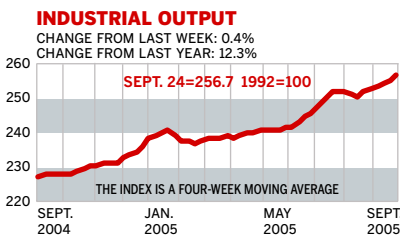
The BW 50 Index fell 3.3% for the week, nearly twice the S&P 500's 1.7% decline. On the bright side, Symantec Corp. rose 5.2% after announcing on Monday its third acquisition since August. Apple Computer added 3.3% for the week, buoyed by speculation of another big I-Pod-related announcement next week. Conversely, U.S. Steel and Apache each lost around 9.5% for the week.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
1	Nucor	-5.8	-12.0	26	Carnival	-1.2	-10.8
2	ConocoPhillips	-9.0	14.1	27	Adobe Systems	0.9	-5.2
3	ChevronTexaco	-4.5	-0.1	28	Cummins	-3.5	13.8
4	Valero Energy	-8.9	48.5	29	Boston Scientific	3.3	-27.1
5	UnitedHealth Group	2.0	23.8	30	EOG Resources	-6.0	56.8
6	Occidental Petroleum	-8.9	12.8	31	Symantec	5.2	2.6
7	Exxon Mobil	-8.9	-6.9	32	Starbucks	3.8	-3.9
8	Yahoo	3.5	3.8	33	Electronic Arts	-5.0	-15.4
9	Apache	-9.3	9.9	34	WellPoint	-0.7	21.5
10	Devon Energy	-8.0	35.0	35	Deere	-1.2	-15.5
11	Pulte Homes	-6.7	0.0	36	United States Steel	-9.6	-38.9
12	Qualcomm	1.4	25.2	37	Zimmer Holdings	-2.4	-22.2
13	Apple Computer	3.3	17.7	38	FedEx	0.4	-12.4
14	Dell	-4.0	-18.7	39	Chubb	-1.6	9.7
15	Paccar	-1.1	-12.5	40	XTO Energy	-4.5	26.0
16	Coach	-1.8	10.5	41	Microsoft	-3.9	-1.9
17	Sunoco	-7.0	47.2	42	Danaher	-0.5	-3.0
18	eBay	3.2	-6.2	43	Dow Chemical	-0.2	-25.0
19	Burlington Resources	-8.3	49.3	44	Cisco Systems	-2.3	0.5
20	Progressive	-2.1	18.9	45	Gilead Sciences	-1.4	33.6
21	Caremark Rx	0.0	28.7	46	Nike	0.2	-6.3
22	Caterpillar	-2.3	18.3	47	Anadarko Petroleum	-9.2	14.9
23	Phelps Dodge	-2.1	20.6	48	Bank of America	0.9	-10.1
24	Autodesk	2.3	50.8	49	Eaton	-0.9	-12.5
25	Johnson & Johnson	-1.5	-5.1	50	3M	-2.1	-15.2

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The production index crept higher during the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, however, the index slipped to 258.4, from 258.9. On a seasonally adjusted basis, electric power production had the biggest increase. Truck assemblies and lumber output were also higher. Among the declining components, autos and rail freight traffic suffered the biggest drops, followed by a modest decline in crude oil refining and small dips in steel and coal.

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