

Global Figures of the Week

STOCKS

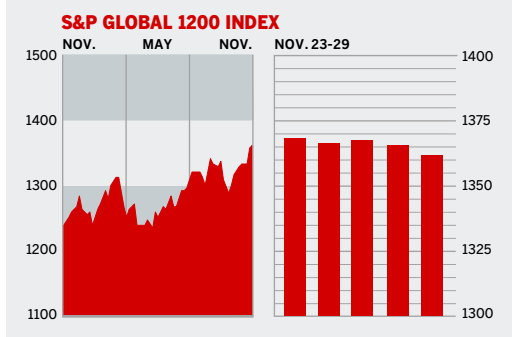
The Standard & Poor's Global 1200 moved little in the week ended Nov. 29.

Despite a promising kickoff to the holiday shopping season and a rebound in consumer sentiment, U.S. retailers saw their stocks tumble. The energy sector cooled amid mild weather and lower oil prices.

Energy was also a drag in Europe. Royal Ahold rose 8.6% on word it plans to split its U.S. distribution business into two units. Solvay fell 7.7% on news it will conduct more clinical work on its schizophrenia drug, Bifeprexon.

In Asia, healthy earnings reports and upbeat economic data boosted Japanese banks. Shares of Newcrest Mining sparkled as the price of gold climbed.

Data: BusinessWeek



S&P GLOBAL 1200 SECTOR PERFORMANCE	% change			
	Nov. 29	Week	4 Weeks	Year
Consumer Discretionary	1396.4	-0.2	3.9	2.8
Consumer Staples	1253.3	-0.1	1.4	7.0
Energy	2008.1	-2.9	0.9	23.4
Financials	1507.6	0.7	5.1	12.7
Health Care	1393.4	-0.7	1.1	9.9
Industrials	1397.2	0.1	5.3	8.6
Information Technology	1353.2	0.4	7.1	7.0
Materials	1690.1	0.4	5.0	13.0
Telecommunications	913.4	0.8	-1.6	-4.6
Utilities	1226.6	0.8	2.0	12.7

S&P GLOBAL 100 BEST PERFORMING COMPANIES			
Company	4-week %	Company	52-week %
Intel (U.S.)	18.2	Matsushita Electric (Japan)	60.7
Alcan (Canada)	17.3	Toyota Motor (Japan)	53.6
Bayer (Ger.)	16.7	Hewlett-Packard (U.S.)	49.8
Toshiba (Japan)	15.6	AXA (France)	47.4
Sony Corp.	15.3	Credit Suisse Group (Switz.)	46.7
ING (Neth.)	15.0	Toshiba (Japan)	43.9

GLOBAL INDEXES

(U.S. Dollars)	Nov. 29	% change		
		Week	4 Weeks	Year
S&P Global 1200	1362.0	-0.1	3.6	9.7
S&P 500 (US)	1257.5	-0.3	4.5	7.1
S&P Europe 350	1326.1	0.4	1.7	8.2
S&P/TOPIX 150 (Japan)	1390.9	1.2	3.4	21.2
S&P/ASX 50 (Australia)	5853.7	1.0	2.6	11.9
S&P/TSX 60 (Canada)	2044.7	1.0	6.2	25.2
S&P Asia 50	2204.1	1.6	4.1	17.8
S&P Latin America 40	2370.3	0.0	5.2	61.7

S&P EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

Best-performing countries		Worst-performing countries	
Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %	Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %
Slovakia.....18.1	Egypt.....149.5	Sri Lanka.....-8.4	Venezuela.-24.7
Venezuela...16.9	Jordan.....149.1	Nigeria.....-4.2	Malaysia.....-3.4
Colombia...16.0	Saudi Arabia...106.7	Thailand.....-3.2	Thailand.....-3.3
Turkey.....13.8	Colombia...98.4	Oman.....-2.8	China.....-2.4
Russia.....11.1	Zimbabwe...77.6	Egypt.....-2.5	Indonesia...-0.9

U.S. Dollars

STOCK INDEXES LOCAL CURRENCIES

	Nov. 29	Nov. 22	% chg. year ago	
			Index	Currency
Australia / S&P ASX 200	4639.1	4623.0	18.0	-5.2
Brazil / Bovespa	31651.6	31110.1	26.0	24.4
Britain / FTSE100	5491.0	5497.9	16.8	-10.2
Canada / S&P TSX 60	618.4	615.0	23.4	1.6
Europe / S&P Europe 350	1252.4	1252.7	21.7	-11.5
France / CAC 40	4588.7	4586.4	22.2	-11.5
Germany / Xetra DAX	5199.5	5170.6	26.0	-11.5
Hong Kong / Hang Seng	15028.8	14885.6	6.9	0.3
Italy / S&P MIB	34307.0	34150.0	15.8	-11.5
Japan / Nikkei 225	14927.7	14680.4	37.0	-14.2
Mexico / IPC 35	16695.0	16767.1	37.9	6.1
South Korea / Composite	1279.4	1268.8	45.7	1.0
Spain / IBEX 35	10620.1	10535.1	22.2	-11.5

Data: Standard and Poor's

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Country	Month	Monthly % chg.*		% chg., latest from yr. ago
		Latest	Prior	
Britain	Sept.	0.4	-0.8	-1.1
Canada	Aug.	1.1	0.2	1.8
France	Sept.	0.2	1.2	0.2
Germany	Sept.	1.7	-1.7	4.1
Italy	Sept.	-1.0	1.2	-0.2
Japan	Oct.	0.6	0.4	3.0
U.S.	Oct.	0.9	-1.5	1.9

*Seasonally adjusted

Data: Global Insight Inc.

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Nov. 29	Weekly %	Yearly %
Britain	97.8	0.1	-1.8
Canada	125.2	0.7	4.0
China	99.1	0.0	9.9
Euro Zone	120.3	0.1	-5.4
Japan	84.0	-0.5	-11.1
Mexico	86.7	0.7	8.5
U.S.	92.2	-0.3	4.7

Indexes, 2000=100

Data: J.P. Morgan Chase

COUNTRY FOCUS / JAPAN

Improved conditions at home have economists believing that Japan's battle with deflation may be over soon.

Industrial production rose 0.6% in

October. Manufacturers estimate output grew 4.6% in November and will rise 0.6% in December. If the forecasts come to fruition, fourth-quarter output would post a 4.5% increase. The Shoko Chukin Bank's survey of small and midsize businesses also improved in November, a sign the recovery is touching all parts of the economy.

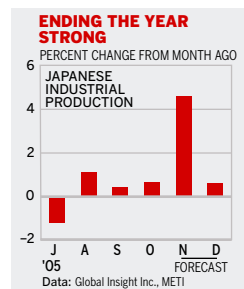
Spending in October by wage earners grew a price-adjusted 1.2% from a year

ago. Consumers are spending more now that the labor market is creating more full-time jobs and wages are rising, up 0.5% from a year ago in October. The October

jobless rate did hit 4.5%, up from 4.2%, but the ratio of positions available per job seeker reached 0.98, the best reading in 13 years.

Solid demand and high energy prices left consumer prices, less fresh food, unchanged from a year ago in October. Prices are expected to rise slightly in the next few months. Minus

energy, prices are likely to stop falling later next year, a key step toward improving Japan's long-term economic prospects.



Data: Global Insight Inc., METI

INTEREST RATES

BENCHMARK BOND YIELDS

(10-YEAR GOVERNMENT*)

	Nov. 29	Nov. 22	Year ago		Nov. 29	Nov. 22	Year ago
Australia	5.35	5.37	5.24	Italy	3.57	3.67	3.93
Britain	4.16	4.20	4.59	Japan	1.47	1.48	1.45
Canada	4.04	4.03	4.45	South Korea (3-Year)	5.04	5.11	3.31
France	3.40	3.50	3.73	Spain	3.42	3.51	3.74
Germany	3.40	3.47	3.79	United States	4.48	4.43	4.35
Hong Kong	4.39	4.43	3.60				

*Average of Bid/Ask

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

CENTRAL BANK POLICY

	Policy rate*			Last action	
	Nov. 29	Year ago		Date	Type
U.S. Federal Reserve	4.00	2.00	11/1/2005	0.25	
European Central Bank	2.00	2.00	6/5/2003	-0.50	
Bank of Japan	0.00	0.00	3/19/2001	-0.15	
Bank of England	4.50	4.75	8/4/2005	-0.25	
Bank of Canada	3.00	2.50	10/18/2005	0.25	

*Target overnight rate