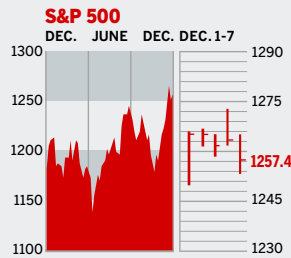


Personal Business Figures of the Week

STOCKS

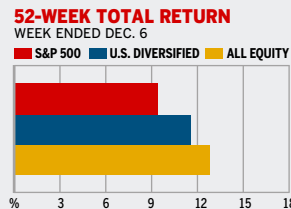
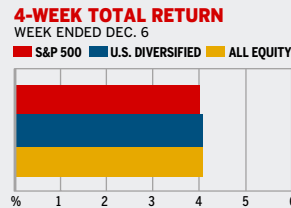


COMMENTARY

Stocks began the week on an upbeat note after the Commerce Dept. reported a key inflation gauge had risen at the slowest rate in a year. But wintry weather in the Northeast sent crude oil prices higher and stocks lower. After the market closed on Dec. 7, Texas Instruments announced that next quarter sales would be at the top end of forecasts, a sign of good things to come.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

MUTUAL FUNDS



Data: Standard & Poor's

U.S. MARKETS

	DEC. 7	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1257.4	0.6	3.8	6.8
Dow Jones Industrials	10,810.9	0.0	0.3	3.5
NASDAQ Composite	2252.0	0.9	3.5	6.5
S&P MidCap 400	738.9	0.7	11.4	16.6
S&P SmallCap 600	357.1	0.8	8.6	13.1
DJ Wilshire 5000	12,581.1	0.7	5.3	8.8

SECTORS

	DEC. 6	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	761.2	1.5	8.0	11.2
BW Info Tech 100**	385.8	1.1	3.4	5.3
S&P/BARRA Growth	602.4	0.7	3.5	6.1
S&P/BARRA Value	650.6	0.6	4.0	7.6
S&P Energy	383.9	3.5	33.0	37.3
S&P Financials	424.3	-0.4	3.2	6.6
S&P REIT	153.8	-0.7	6.4	9.0
S&P Transportation	245.4	-0.8	1.6	3.2
S&P Utilities	157.7	-0.4	11.4	15.6
GST Internet	210.1	1.1	17.9	25.5
PSE Technology	853.1	1.5	9.5	11.7

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	DEC. 7	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	% CHANGE LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	1475.3	1.7	5.6	8.5
London (FT-SE 100)	5528.8	1.9	14.8	16.9
Paris (CAC 40)	4660.6	2.0	22.0	23.1
Frankfurt (DAX)	5266.8	1.4	23.7	25.0
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	15,484.7	4.1	34.8	42.4
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	15,135.0	1.3	6.4	6.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	11,131.4	2.8	20.4	23.8
Mexico City (IPC)	17,244.2	2.5	33.5	42.3

FUNDAMENTALS

	DEC. 6	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.80%	1.81%	1.95%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	18.5	18.5	19.9
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.1	15.1	16.6
First Call Earnings Revision*	-1.83%	-1.99%	-0.21%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	DEC. 6	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1205.8	1204.3	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	63.0%	60.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.74	0.69	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	3.24	3.13	Negative

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Paper Products	21.9	Oil & Gas Refining 92.7
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	20.9	Oil & Gas Drilling 65.6
Steel	16.2	Oil & Gas Exploration 65.5
Gold Mining	15.3	Fertilizers & Ag. Chems. 60.9
Home Furnishings	14.4	Divsfd. Metals & Mining 60.8

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Automobiles	-8.6	IT Consulting -45.1
Genl. Merchandise Chains	-6.8	Automobiles -41.1
Home Entertainment	-5.6	Photographic Products -22.1
Personal Products	-3.3	Auto Parts & Equip. -21.9
Parts Distributors	-2.8	Internet Retailers -21.7

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
Precious Metals	13.8	Latin America	73.6
Latin America	10.6	Natural Resources	48.7
Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	7.7	Diversified Emerg. Mkts.	36.3
Natural Resources	7.0	Japan	32.4
LAGGARDS			
Health	2.3	Domestic Hybrid	6.9
Domestic Hybrid	2.4	Miscellaneous	8.7
Utilities	2.7	Technology	9.2
International Hybrid	2.8	Large-cap Blend	9.3

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN		52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	
	%		%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	23.5	ProFunds Ultra Japan Inv.	102.7
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	18.3	T. Rowe Price Lat. Am.	80.9
Fidelity Select Gold	16.3	iShares MSCI Brazil Idx.	78.5
Midas	15.5	iShares S&P L. Am. 40 Idx.	77.3
LAGGARDS			
Ameritor Investment	-11.1	Ameritor Investment	-63.6
Potomac Sm. Cap/Sh. Inv.	-9.2	American Heritage Grth.	-42.9
ProFds. USH. Sm. Cap Inv.	-8.9	ProFds. USH. Mid Cap Inv.	-27.5
Rydex Dyn. Vent. 100 H	-8.0	Frontier MicroCap	-20.8

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	DEC. 7	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	3.63%	3.59%	1.56%
90-Day Treasury Bills	4.01	3.94	2.25
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.40	4.41	2.94
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.51	4.49	4.22
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.71	4.69	4.89
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.24	6.19	5.76

†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	3.92%	4.53%
Taxable Equivalent	5.60	6.47
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.05	4.58
Taxable Equivalent	5.79	6.54

THE WEEK AHEAD

RETAIL SALES Tuesday, Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. EST » Retail sales are forecast to have grown 0.5% in November, after soft vehicle sales led to a 0.1% dip in the prior month. That's the median forecast of economists surveyed by Action Economics. Less autos, November sales likely rose 0.1%, following a 0.9% jump in October.

FOMC MEETING Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. EST » The Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee

meets to set monetary policy. Every economist expects the central bank to raise the Fed funds to 4.25%, from 4%.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. EST » The foreign trade deficit probably hit \$64 billion in October. In September, the trade gap set a new monthly record of \$66.1 billion.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Thursday, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m.

EST » Consumer prices for goods and services most likely fell 0.1% in November. Less food and energy, core prices probably rose 0.2%. Both the headline and core indexes climbed 0.2% in October.

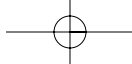
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Thursday, Dec. 15, 9:15 a.m. EST » November factory output probably expanded by 0.4%, after a 0.9% rise in the prior month. The average monthly operating rate most likely edged up to 79.6%.

The *BusinessWeek* production index rose to 263.6 for the week ended Nov. 26, a 13.8% increase from the previous year. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index improved to 265.9.

BusinessWeek online

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



ISSUE DATE: 12/19/05

BusinessWeek

C M Y K

EDIT PASS VERSION: 2

DEPARTMENT: PERBIZ

ART DIRECTOR:

DOMESTIC INT EUR ASIA

STORY: BWINDEX; AHEAD; FIGCOM51

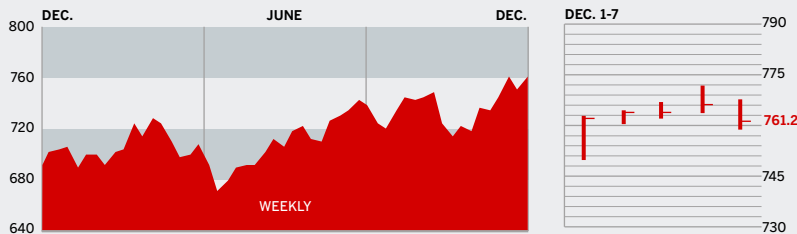
PRODUCTION: PKN

TK

CLOSE DESK:



THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 rose 1.5% for the week, beating the broader stock indexes. Energy stocks such as Valero Energy, up 8.1%, and Sunoco, up 8.4%, led the charge. Tech stocks also performed well, with Apple Computer hitting new highs thanks to the iPod. Adobe Systems rose 11.8% after completing its purchase of Macromedia.

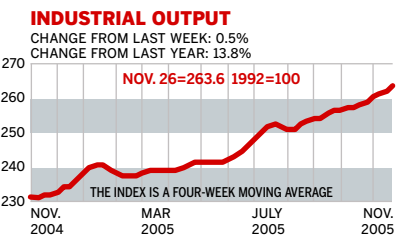
COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE		RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE	
		WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05			WEEK	SINCE 3/1/05
1	Nucor	2.5	10.3	26	Carnival	0.3	0.5
2	ConocoPhillips	4.4	13.9	27	Adobe Systems	11.8	18.1
3	ChevronTexaco	3.5	-4.5	28	Cummins	-0.5	20.6
4	Valero Energy	8.1	46.0	29	Boston Scientific	-2.5	-21.0
5	UnitedHealth Group	4.6	37.4	30	EOG Resources	6.4	67.6
6	Occidental Petroleum	4.2	17.5	31	Symantec	1.8	-18.5
7	Exxon Mobil	1.7	-6.8	32	Starbucks	2.9	21.0
8	Yahoo	-0.3	24.3	33	Electronic Arts	0.4	-12.2
9	Apache	6.1	10.2	34	WellPoint	0.0	25.9
10	Devon Energy	7.1	37.7	35	Deere	-0.6	-3.0
11	Pulte Homes	-2.6	3.9	36	United States Steel	4.8	-20.0
12	Qualcomm	-1.0	24.8	37	Zimmer Holdings	8.1	-21.1
13	Apple Computer	9.0	64.8	38	FedEx	1.9	1.7
14	Dell	5.4	-20.7	39	Chubb	-2.9	18.9
15	Paccar	-1.4	-5.8	40	XTO Energy	7.9	28.6
16	Coach	1.5	25.9	41	Microsoft	0.3	10.3
17	Sunoco	8.4	68.8	42	Danaher	4.6	7.2
18	eBay	-1.1	3.5	43	Dow Chemical	-1.1	-18.9
19	Burlington Resources	5.4	53.4	44	Cisco Systems	1.4	2.1
20	Progressive	-2.0	38.4	45	Gilead Sciences	3.6	51.9
21	Caremark Rx	0.4	34.8	46	Nike	1.6	-0.3
22	Caterpillar	0.0	21.6	47	Anadarko Petroleum	4.8	23.5
23	Phelps Dodge	3.9	32.4	48	Bank of America	-0.1	-1.7
24	Autodesk	6.6	49.9	49	Eaton	0.1	-8.5
25	Johnson & Johnson	-2.8	-8.5	50	3M	-1.4	-7.8

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX

ONLINE RESOURCES



The production index kept on climbing during the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index rose to 265.9 from 263.5. On a seasonally adjusted basis, truck assemblies and lumber posted the biggest gains. Much smaller increases were posted by coal output, steel, crude-oil refining, and electric-power production. The autos component was unchanged. Rail-freight traffic decreased in large part because of declines in carloads of coal and motor vehicles.

Information on each of the index components is at www.businessweek.com. BW production index Copyright 2005 by The McGraw-Hill Companies

BW50 More information about BW50 companies is available online.

BUSINESSWEEK INVESTING Real-time market coverage and investment tools in partnership with Standard & Poor's.

MUTUAL FUNDS Search for funds, view BW ratings, and read Q&As with fund managers.

COLUMNS Hot stocks, takeover plays, and the latest strategies for managing your money.

BusinessWeek online

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

December 19, 2005 | BusinessWeek

CREDITS:

Distribution: Templeman; Dunkin; Katzenberg Laderman; Cooper; Mehring; Madigan

v06

