

Global Figures of the Week

STOCKS

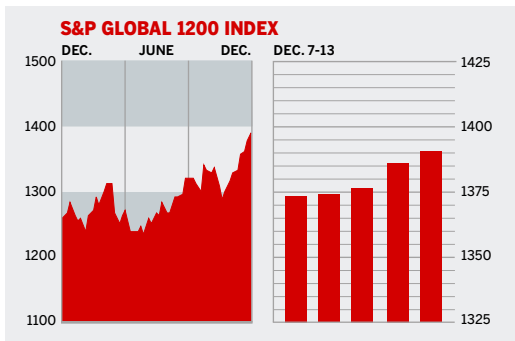
The Standard & Poor's Global 1200 index gained ground in the week ended Dec. 13.

U.S. stocks advanced after the Federal Reserve's Dec. 13 rate hike on speculation that the Fed is close to ending its policy tightening. Financial-sector companies made gains. Procter & Gamble Co. got a lift after saying this quarter's earnings would beat an earlier projection, although tech stocks were held back by Hewlett-Packard Co.'s tepid sales forecast for 2006.

In Europe, energy stocks fared well, including Total SA and Royal Dutch Shell PLC, as oil prices rebounded.

Asian stocks touched new highs, also fueled by energy companies.

Data: BusinessWeek



S&P GLOBAL 1200 SECTOR PERFORMANCE	Dec. 13	% change		
		Week	4 Weeks	Year
Consumer Discretionary	1421.8	0.9	4.6	2.7
Consumer Staples	1273.1	1.3	2.3	5.9
Energy	2100.9	0.5	7.3	33.0
Financials	1531.4	0.7	4.4	12.2
Health Care	1426.6	1.4	1.9	8.5
Industrials	1423.6	0.8	5.5	9.2
Information Technology	1375.9	0.0	4.6	6.9
Materials	1755.2	1.5	6.8	19.6
Telecommunications	917.0	0.6	2.6	-6.2
Utilities	1251.9	1.9	4.3	13.7

S&P GLOBAL 100 BEST PERFORMING COMPANIES	4-week %		52-week %	
	Company	%	Company	%
	Alcan (Canada)	14.8	Toshiba (Japan)	51.2
	Sony (Japan)	11.9	Samsung Elect. (S. Korea)	49.8
	Toshiba (Japan)	11.9	Toyota Motor (Japan)	47.9
	Dell Computer (U.S.)	10.3	Matsushita Electric (Japan)	45.9
	Toyota Motor (Japan)	10.3	AXA (France)	45.6
	Siemens (Ger.)	10.0	BHP Billiton (Aus.)	43.1

GLOBAL INDEXES

(U.S. Dollars)	Dec. 13	% change		
		Week	4 Weeks	Year
S&P Global 1200	1390.8	0.8	4.4	10.4
S&P 500 (US)	1267.4	0.3	3.1	5.3
S&P Europe 350	1369.3	1.2	4.7	10.0
S&P/TOPIX 150 (Japan)	1450.2	3.3	9.4	28.1
S&P/ASX 50 (Australia)	5912.8	0.0	3.0	15.6
S&P/TSX 60 (Canada)	2110.3	0.8	8.5	33.5
S&P Asia 50	2268.7	0.0	3.7	23.2
S&P Latin America 40	2442.8	-2.7	7.4	62.8

S&P EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

Best-performing countries		Worst-performing countries	
Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %	Last 4 weeks %	Last 52 weeks %
Indonesia...20.3	Egypt.....153.4	Zimbabwe...-34.8	Venezuela...-20.5
Slovakia.....18.1	Jordan.....134.4	Sri Lanka.....-9.5	Malaysia.....-1.9
Russia.....16.8	Saudi Arabia 116.6	Jordan.....-8.4	China.....2.4
Czech Rep....11.3	Colombia...101.3	Oman.....-5.0	Thailand.....3.2
Turkey.....10.5	Russia.....95.0	Bahrain.....-4.3	Taiwan.....3.7

U.S. Dollars

STOCK INDEXES LOCAL CURRENCIES

Dec. 13	Dec. 6	% chg. year ago	
		Index	Currency
Australia / S&P ASX 200	4587.1	4616.0	16.8 -0.4
Brazil / Bovespa	33419.7	33223.4	29.1 22.3
Britain / FTSE100	5507.2	5538.8	16.4 -8.1
Canada / S&P TSX 60	628.6	626.6	24.3 7.5
Europe / S&P Europe 350	1277.7	1278.2	22.3 -10.2
France / CAC 40	4693.4	4677.2	24.5 -10.2
Germany / Xetra DAX	5310.3	5300.9	26.0 -10.2
Hong Kong / Hang Seng	14942.6	14990.6	5.4 0.3
Italy / S&P MIB	34967.0	34970.0	15.0 -10.2
Japan / Nikkei 225	15778.9	15423.4	41.8 -12.0
Mexico / IPC 35	17819.7	17424.4	40.8 5.8
South Korea / Composite	1336.5	1321.1	51.4 3.2
Spain / IBEX 35	10533.6	10539.3	17.8 -10.2

Data: Standard and Poor's

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Country	Month	% Latest	% Prior	% Year ago
Britain*	Sept.	4.7	4.7	4.7
Canada	Nov.	6.4	6.6	7.2
France	Oct.	9.7	9.8	10.0
Germany	Nov.	11.5	11.6	10.8
Italy**	June	7.7	7.8	8.1
Japan	Oct.	4.5	4.2	4.6
U.S.	Nov.	5.0	5.0	5.4

*3 Month Average **Quarterly

Data: Global Insight Inc., Bloomberg

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES

Country	Dec. 13	Weekly %	Yearly %
Britain	99.7	0.8	-1.1
Canada	126.7	0.3	9.2
China	98.7	-0.5	8.5
Euro Zone	120.7	0.6	-5.6
Japan	83.1	0.4	-10.2
Mexico	86.0	-2.3	7.6
U.S.	91.6	-0.3	2.6

Indexes, 2000=100

Data: J.P. Morgan Chase

COUNTRY FOCUS / JAPAN

There's more good news on Japan's economy. Business confidence is on the rise, according to the latest Tankan survey, the government's comprehensive short-term outlook for business.

The closely watched index of sentiment among large manufacturers rose to its highest level in a year. But more important, the index for nonmanufacturers, representing service-sector companies, including retailers, rose to a 13-year peak. Manufacturers have led Japan's recovery, but now the upturn is broadening.

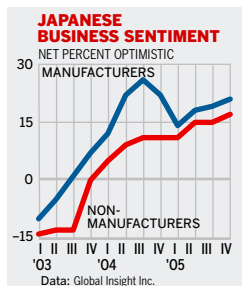
The Tankan results affirm that the slowdown in third-quarter economic growth

was temporary. The quarter's growth in real gross domestic product was revised down to an annual rate of 1%, from 1.7% originally. However, the lower estimate reflected a

drawdown of inventories, while overall demand growth was revised up, led by a big upward refiguring of capital spending. That mix of strong demand and shrinking inventories, in addition to the solid Tankan results, bodes well for growth in the fourth quarter.

It also means the Bank of Japan is getting closer

to ending its zero-interest-rate policy, since prices are starting to firm after years of deflation.



Data: Global Insight Inc.

INTEREST RATES

BENCHMARK BOND YIELDS

(10-YEAR GOVERNMENT*)

	Dec. 13			Dec. 6			Year ago			
	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Year ago	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Year ago	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Year ago	
Australia	5.46	5.50	5.20							
Britain	4.27	4.23	4.52							
Canada	4.13	4.05	4.25							
France	3.41	3.40	3.58							
Germany	3.40	3.40	3.59							
Hong Kong	4.42	4.46	3.68							
				Italy	3.57	3.57	3.74			
				Japan	1.59	1.57	1.36			
				South Korea (3-Year)	5.04	5.27	3.28			
				Spain	3.42	3.42	3.61			
				United States	4.52	4.49	4.12			

*Average of Bid/Ask

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

CENTRAL BANK POLICY

	Policy rate*		Last action	
	Dec. 13	Year ago	Date	Type
U.S. Federal Reserve	4.00	2.25	11/1/2005	0.25
European Central Bank	2.25	2.00	12/1/2005	0.25
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	3.25	2.50	12/6/2005	0.25

*Target overnight rate