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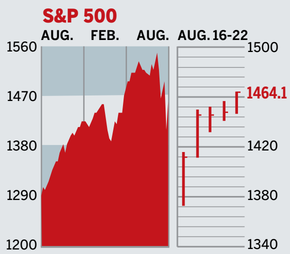


COMMENTARY

Markets made a comeback after last week's mini-meltdown. Credit the Fed's decision to lower the rate it charges banks to borrow money. This slowed down the recent damage meted out to mortgage lenders and sellers of mortgage-backed securities. The Dow surged 145 points, while shares of Lehman Brothers rose 13.5%, and Bear Stearns gained 11.2%.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	AUG. 22	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1464.1	4.1	3.2	12.7
Dow Jones Industrials	13,236.1	2.9	6.2	16.7
NASDAQ Composite	2552.8	3.8	5.7	18.7
S&P MidCap 400	856.2	4.4	6.4	15.0
S&P SmallCap 600	419.4	5.8	4.8	14.6
DJ Wilshire 5000	14,711.2	4.3	3.5	13.4

SECTORS

BusinessWeek 50*	839.3	4.4	5.1	13.9
BW Info Tech 100**	491.3	2.6	9.8	27.8
S&P/Citigroup Growth	675.6	3.0	3.5	12.4
S&P/Citigroup Value	786.8	5.1	2.9	13.1
S&P Energy	518.7	2.6	13.9	17.5
S&P Financials	463.4	7.8	−6.4	3.6
S&P REIT	179.5	9.7	−9.7	0.6
S&P Transportation	281.4	3.6	6.7	15.0
S&P Utilities	199.3	4.1	6.8	14.1
S&P GSTI Internet	206.5	2.9	3.4	21.9
PSE Technology	928.5	3.2	6.1	17.3

*March 19, 1999=1000 **February 7, 2000=1000

GLOBAL MARKETS

	AUG. 22	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	2087.8	1.3	4.9	19.6
London (FT-SE 100)	6196.0	1.4	−0.4	5.0
Paris (CAC 40)	5518.2	1.4	−0.4	7.6
Frankfurt (DAX)	7500.5	0.7	13.7	28.9
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	15,900.6	−3.5	−7.7	−1.7
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	22,346.9	4.5	11.9	30.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	13,463.1	3.2	4.3	10.3
Mexico City (IPC)	29,269.3	4.0	10.7	39.5

FUNDAMENTALS

	AUG. 21	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.89%	1.91%	1.84%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	16.7	16.5	17.3
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	14.4	14.4	14.2
First Call Earnings Revision*	−1.06%	−0.36%	−0.95%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	AUG. 21	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 200-day average	1455.1	1453.8	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	36.0%	35.0%	Positive
Options: Put/call ratio	1.09	1.06	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	1.74	2.33	Positive

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Distillers & Vintners	5.9	Tires & Rubber	151.6
Food Wholesalers	5.8	Internet Retailers	111.0
Soft Drinks	3.7	Divsfd. Metals & Mining	79.5
Retail REIT's	3.4	Auto Parts & Equip.	56.7
Household Products	3.1	Computer Hardware	43.1

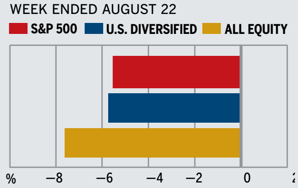
WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Real Estate Mgt. & Dvpt.	−22.0	Homebuilding	−32.8
Commerical Printing	−19.9	Gold Mining	−22.7
Forest Products	−17.7	Agricultural Products	−21.8
Homebuilding	−16.8	Electric Mfg. Svcs.	−17.4
Employment Services	−16.1	Spclzd. Cnsmr. Serv.	−13.9

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED AUGUST 22



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

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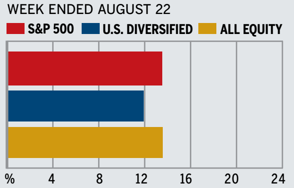

Data: Morningstar Inc.

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
Bear Market	8.3	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	49.6
Long Government	2.4	Latin America Stock	34.4
Inflation-Protected Bond	1.6	Diversified Emerging Mkts.	29.8
Intermediate Government	1.4	Specialty-Communications	26.5
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
Latin America Stock	−18.4	Bear Market	−10.7
Specialty-Precious Metals	−17.5	Japan Stock	−4.9
Diversified Emerging Mkts.	−14.1	Specialty-Precious Metals	−3.0
Foreign Small/Mid Growth	−13.2	High Yield Muni	−0.6

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS		**LEADERS**	
ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	29.3	AIM China I	93.0
ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	29.1	AIM China A	92.2
DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	28.8	AIM China C	90.9
ProFunds UltraShort Japan Inv.	27.5	AIM China B	90.8
LAGGARDS		**LAGGARDS**	
DireXn. Lat. Am. Bull 2X Inv.	−32.8	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	−46.3
Regions Morg. Kgn. S. Hi Inc. C	−29.6	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	−45.8
Regions Morg. Kgn. S. Hi Inc. I	−29.6	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	−39.8
Regions Morg. Kgn. S. Hi Inc. A	−29.5	DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X	−36.5

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	AUG. 22	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.90%	4.90%	4.84%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.66	4.25	5.09
2-Year Treasury Notes	4.13	4.29	4.87
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.62	4.71	4.81
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.96	5.01	4.95
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.43	6.57	6.32

† 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	4.20%	4.71%
Taxable Equivalent	6.00	6.73
Insured Revenue Bonds	4.33	4.83
Taxable Equivalent	6.19	6.90

THE WEEK AHEAD

EXISTING HOME SALES *Monday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. EDT* » Existing home sales are forecast to have slipped just a little, to an annual pace of 5.7 million units in August. That's the consensus among economists queried by Action Economics. In July, demand dropped 3.8%, to an annual pace of 5.75 million.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE *Tuesday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m. EDT* » The Conference Board's August consumer confidence index most likely retreated back to 105, due primarily to increased volatility in the financial markets. The July index rose to 112.6.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (REVISED) *Thursday, Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » Second-quarter real gross domestic product will likely be revised up to an annualized growth rate of 4%, from the originally reported 3.4%. Foreign trade data should play a big role in the improved view of economic growth for the period as the June figures, released after the advance GDP report, showed a narrower trade gap.

PERSONAL INCOME *Friday, Aug. 31, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » July personal income is expected to have grown 0.3%, after a 0.4% jump in June. At the same time, consumer spending probably picked up the pace with a 0.3% gain, following a meager 0.1% rise in June.

The *BusinessWeek* production index held steady at 309.8 for the week ended Aug. 11 but improved to a 9.1% gain from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index fell to 310.5.

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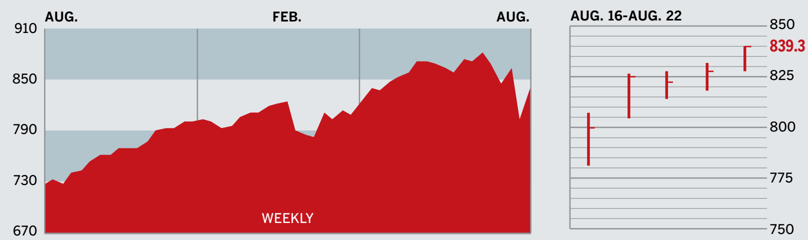
THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



The BW50 rose 4.4% this week, with 45 of the 50 showing gains for the week. Big gainers came from the materials sector, with Nucor leading all companies with a 15.2% gain. Not far behind was U.S. Steel, up 14.6%. The financial sector was also represented, with shares CB Richard Ellis Group rocketing up 14.8%. Apple led tech companies with a 10.5% price jump.

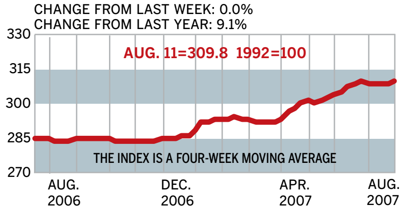
COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	% CHANGE WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07
1	**Google**	3.1	14.1
2	**Coach**	0.6	–7.5
3	**Gilead Sciences**	–0.8	4.8
4	**Nucor**	15.2	–12.0
5	**Questar**	2.3	15.0
6	**Sunoco**	7.4	8.6
7	**Verizon Communications**	3.3	11.8
8	**Colgate-Palmolive**	2.9	–0.9
9	**Goldman Sachs Group**	7.9	–11.8
10	**Paccar**	5.6	19.5
11	**Amazon.com**	8.5	100.6
12	**Cognizant Technology Solutions**	–3.9	–16.8
13	**Avon Products**	1.8	–5.9
14	**Varian Medical Systems**	3.1	–9.2
15	**Bed Bath & Beyond**	2.8	–13.5
16	**CB Richard Ellis Group**	14.8	–6.9
17	**Robert Half International**	1.8	–17.7
18	**CME Group**	1.2	1.4
19	**Adobe Systems**	1.5	3.9
20	**EOG Resources**	–2.9	–1.5
21	**Sempra Energy**	3.7	–9.9
22	**Sherwin-Williams**	6.6	4.5
23	**Lehman Brothers Holdings**	13.5	–20.1
24	**Rockwell Collins**	5.9	3.9
25	**IMS Health**	4.5	2.2
26	**Allegheny Technologies**	7.9	–4.9
27	**Oracle**	0.7	17.6
28	**Starbucks**	3.7	–10.9
29	**Moody's**	–5.3	–28.0
30	**PepsiCo**	2.2	8.9
31	**Stryker**	4.5	8.5
32	**Best Buy**	1.8	–4.6
33	**United Parcel Service**	2.4	8.3
34	**Apple**	10.5	56.6
35	**T. Rowe Price Group**	9.5	13.7
36	**Valero Energy**	2.9	13.4
37	**Constellation Energy Group**	5.6	8.4
38	**TJX**	4.8	8.5
39	**Morgan Stanley**	13.2	3.1
40	**Paychex**	–0.1	8.2
41	**Coventry Health Care**	6.2	4.5
42	**United States Steel**	14.6	4.6
43	**United Technologies**	3.1	12.5
44	**Hershey**	–0.3	–12.0
45	**Black & Decker**	1.4	4.7
46	**Synovus Financial**	10.4	–9.9
47	**Linear Technology**	1.4	5.1
48	**AT&T**	4.7	8.1
49	**XTO Energy**	0.4	5.1
50	**PNC Financial Services Group**	7.5	–0.4

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT
CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK: 0.0%
CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR: 9.1%



The Production Index was unchanged in the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, however, the index slipped to 310.5, from 310.9 in the prior week. On a seasonally adjusted basis, a bout of unseasonably hot summer weather led to a jump in electric-power production. The lumber component was also higher. On the downside, rail freight traffic and truck assemblies fell the furthest, followed by coal, auto, crude-oil refining, and steel output.

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