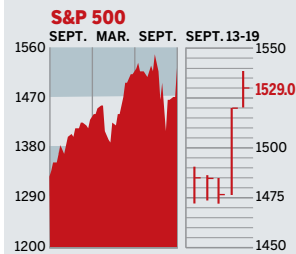


STOCKS



COMMENTARY

The market rocketed more than 400 points on the Fed's decision to cut two key rates. Countrywide Financial jumped 24%, spurred by a \$12 billion credit infusion from its bankers. General Motors rose 16% in anticipation of a new, more favorable labor contract with the UAW. Rumors that Macy's may be a takeover target boosted shares of the retailer by 17%.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	SEPT.19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE LAST 12 MONTHS	
S&P 500	1529.0	3.9	7.8	16.0
Dow Jones Industrials	13,815.6	3.9	10.9	19.7
NASDAQ Composite	2666.5	2.9	10.4	20.0
S&P MidCap 400	886.1	3.4	10.2	18.3
S&P SmallCap 600	430.9	4.8	7.7	15.7
DJ Wilshire 5000	15,335.3	3.9	7.9	16.4

SECTORS

	SEPT.19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE LAST 12 MONTHS	
BusinessWeek 50*	885.8	4.4	10.9	19.4
BW Info Tech 100**	525.0	3.2	17.3	31.7
S&P/Citigroup Growth	711.3	3.5	9.0	16.1
S&P/Citigroup Value	815.2	4.3	6.7	15.9
S&P Energy	580.6	5.0	27.4	45.2
S&P Financials	471.5	5.9	-4.8	2.7
S&P REIT	187.4	7.1	-5.8	1.4
S&P Transportation	279.2	2.5	5.9	10.9
S&P Utilities	206.9	3.6	10.9	20.9
S&P GSTI Internet	218.2	3.4	9.2	28.2
PSE Technology	972.7	2.1	11.1	19.0

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	SEPT.19	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE LAST 12 MONTHS	
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	2221.0	3.7	11.6	27.3
London (FT-SE 100)	6460.0	2.4	3.8	10.8
Paris (CAC 40)	5730.8	4.0	3.4	12.0
Frankfurt (DAX)	7750.8	3.7	17.5	32.0
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	16,381.5	3.7	-4.9	3.2
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	25,554.6	5.1	28.0	47.3
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	13,939.8	1.3	8.0	19.1
Mexico City (IPC)	30,512.6	1.5	15.4	40.9

FUNDAMENTALS

	SEPT.18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.82%	1.89%	1.84%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.6	17.0	17.4
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.2	14.7	14.4
First Call Earnings Revision*	-1.55%	-1.41%	-0.80%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	SEPT.18	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 200-day average	1462.9	1460.6	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	45.0%	37.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	1.00	0.91	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	1.49	1.48	Positive

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	37.2	Divsfd. Metals & Mining	140.8
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	27.4	Internet Retailers	110.9
Constr. & Engineering	23.2	Tires & Rubber	94.6
Oil & Gas Equipment	20.1	Constr. & Engineering	82.5
Steel	17.6	Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	72.9

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

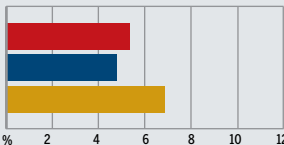
	LAST MONTH %		LAST 12 MONTHS %
Motorcycles	-12.6	Homebuilding	-41.1
Homebuilding	-8.0	Motorcycles	-20.3
Constr. Materials	-4.0	Electric Mfg. Svcs.	-19.1
Trucking	-3.8	Home Furnishings	-18.6
Auto Retail	-3.1	Computer Retailers	-14.9

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED SEPT. 19

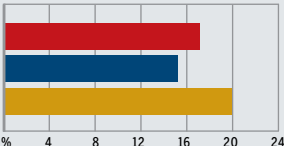
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52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN

WEEK ENDED SEPT. 19

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Data: Morningstar Inc.

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Specialty-Precious Metals	24.1	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	71.2
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	22.7	Latin America Stock	59.1
Latin America Stock	19.2	Diversified Emerging Mkts.	45.9
Diversified Emerging Mkts.	15.7	Specialty-Natural Res.	35.5
LAGGARDS			
Bear Market	-6.8	Bear Market	-13.7
Ultrashort Bond	0.3	Japan Stock	-2.1
Japan Stock	0.4	High Yield Muni	1.2
Bank Loan	0.5	Muni California Long	2.1

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	44.3	AIM China I	130.9
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Svc.	44.2	AIM China A	130.1
Direction Latin America Bull 2X Inv	40.4	Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China I	129.2
ProFds. UltraEmrg. Mkts. Inv.	37.8	Dreyfus Prem. Grtr. China A	128.6
LAGGARDS			
DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-28.3	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-57.2
ProFds. Sh. Prec. Mtls. Svc.	-22.6	DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X	-40.3
ProFds. Sh. Prec. Mtls. Inv.	-22.5	iShares DJ U.S. Home Constr.	-36.8
DireXn. NASDAQ 100 Bear 2.5X	-17.7	ProFunds UltSh. OTC Svc.	-32.5

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	SEPT.19	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.99%	4.98%	4.84%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.92	4.02	4.94
2-Year Treasury Notes	3.98	3.95	4.79
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.52	4.41	4.75
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.83	4.68	4.85
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.19	6.09	6.16

† 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	3.78%	4.42%
Taxable Equivalent	5.40	6.31
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.94	4.61
Taxable Equivalent	5.63	6.59

THE WEEK AHEAD

EXISTING HOME SALES *Tuesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. EDT* » Existing home sales are forecast to have eased to an annual pace of 5.5 million units in August. That's the consensus among economists polled by Action Economics. In July demand edged lower to an annual pace of 5.75 million.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE *Tuesday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. EDT* » The Conference Board's September consumer confidence index

probably held steady after dropping to 105 in August.

DURABLE GOODS ORDERS *Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8:30 a.m., EDT* » Durable goods orders in August most likely retreated 4%. In July there was a broad surge in new orders of 6%.

NEW-HOME SALES *Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. EDT* » New-home sales probably cooled to an annual rate of 0.8 million in August, from 0.87 million in July.

PERSONAL INCOME *Friday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m. EDT* » Personal income is expected to have grown 0.3% in August, following a 0.5% bounce in July. Consumer spending likely held up well with a 0.4% gain after a 0.4% July increase.

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING *Friday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. EDT* » August building outlays most likely eased 0.1%, after a 0.4% fall the month before caused by a deep decline in residential construction.

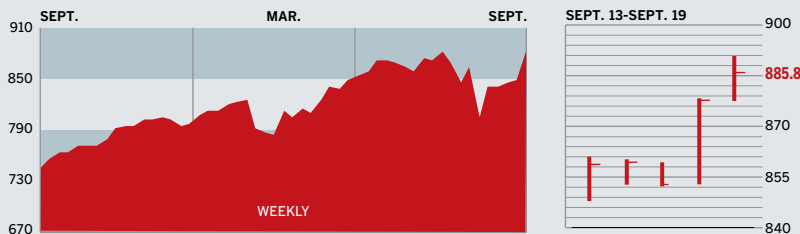
The *BusinessWeek* production index cooled to 310.5 for the week ended Sept. 8 but stood 9.2% above the previous-year level. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index fell to 308.4.

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THE BUSINESSWEEK FIFTY



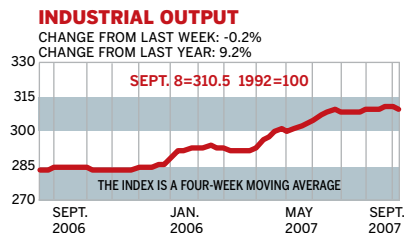
The BW50 rose 4.4%, with 47 of the 50 companies gaining ground this week. The rate cuts seemed to help financials; CB Richard Ellis, Goldman Sachs, and Lehman Brothers were all up double digits. It was the same scenario for steelmakers Allegheny Technologies, U.S. Steel, and Nucor. Best Buy got a 11% boost when quarterly profits topped expectations.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07
1	Google	4.6	21.7	26	Allegheny Technologies	13.1	0.8
2	Coach	8.8	6.1	27	Oracle	1.5	26.8
3	Gilead Sciences	1.0	8.0	28	Starbucks	1.6	-10.1
4	Nucor	9.9	-3.4	29	Moody's	10.0	-24.8
5	Questar	-0.7	20.4	30	PepsiCo	2.2	12.6
6	Sunoco	2.6	15.5	31	Stryker	-0.3	10.7
7	Verizon Communications	4.6	17.1	32	Best Buy	10.6	2.1
8	Colgate-Palmolive	2.6	3.7	33	United Parcel Service	2.4	8.2
9	Goldman Sachs Group	12.6	1.9	34	Apple	2.9	66.4
10	Paccar	7.9	30.2	35	T. Rowe Price Group	8.2	18.8
11	Amazon.com	1.9	127.4	36	Valero Energy	4.2	20.9
12	Cognizant Technology Solutions	8.2	-16.2	37	Constellation Energy Group	6.6	14.5
13	Avon Products	6.0	-4.3	38	TJX	6.2	15.9
14	Varian Medical Systems	0.0	-13.5	39	Morgan Stanley	5.6	7.8
15	Bed Bath & Beyond	6.5	-12.4	40	Paychex	0.2	8.0
16	CB Richard Ellis Group	14.4	-15.4	41	Coventry Health Care	1.6	12.0
17	Robert Half International	6.2	-18.1	42	United States Steel	12.4	13.1
18	CME Group	1.6	2.4	43	United Technologies	5.4	20.2
19	Adobe Systems	0.1	11.7	44	Hershey	1.5	-12.4
20	EOG Resources	2.3	9.6	45	Black & Decker	2.6	0.8
21	Sempra Energy	6.0	-1.0	46	Synovus Financial	7.2	-8.8
22	Sherwin-Williams	3.6	3.2	47	Linear Technology	1.9	5.8
23	Lehman Brothers Holdings	12.3	-12.5	48	AT&T	4.3	13.0
24	Rockwell Collins	1.5	6.0	49	XTO Energy	5.2	22.0
25	IMS Health	0.2	1.3	50	PNC Financial Services Group	5.2	-1.8

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The Production Index retreated during the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index declined to 308.4, from 310.5 in the prior period. On a seasonally adjusted basis, lumber kept falling as the housing market continued to deteriorate. Rail-freight traffic, auto production, crude-oil refining, and coal were also lower. On the positive side, truck assemblies improved modestly along with small increases in steel and electric power.

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