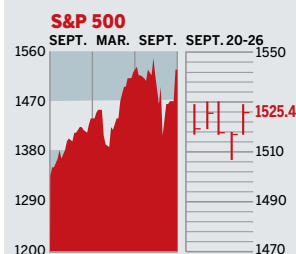


STOCKS



COMMENTARY

General Motors got an 8% boost, following news the carmaker reached a more favorable deal with its union. The good news helped Ford, which jumped 6%. And the so-called S&P index effect was in full effect with shares of newly added IntercontinentalExchange up 15%. Harman International sank 27% after its buyout fell through.

Data: Bloomberg Financial Markets, Reuters

U.S. MARKETS

	SEPT. 26	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P 500	1525.4	-0.2	7.6	14.1
Dow Jones Industrials	13,878.2	0.5	11.4	18.9
NASDAQ Composite	2699.0	1.2	11.7	19.4
S&P MidCap 400	881.1	-0.6	9.5	16.5
S&P SmallCap 600	425.6	-1.2	6.4	13.5
DJ Wilshire 5000	15,296.5	-0.3	7.6	14.8

SECTORS

	SEPT. 26	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
BusinessWeek 50*	900.3	1.6	12.7	19.7
BW Info Tech 100**	539.3	2.7	20.5	32.7
S&P/Citigroup Growth	712.8	0.2	9.2	14.9
S&P/Citigroup Value	809.8	-0.7	6.0	13.4
S&P Energy	576.9	-0.6	26.6	43.0
S&P Financials	459.8	-2.5	-7.2	-1.5
S&P REIT	184.7	-1.4	-7.1	1.2
S&P Transportation	276.6	-0.9	4.9	8.6
S&P Utilities	206.8	-0.1	10.8	19.8
S&P GSTI Internet	223.8	2.6	12.0	27.7
PSE Technology	978.0	0.6	11.7	17.7

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

GLOBAL MARKETS

	SEPT. 26	WEEK	% CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	LAST 12 MONTHS
S&P Euro Plus (U.S. Dollar)	2233.8	0.6	12.3	26.7
London (FT-SE 100)	6433.0	-0.4	3.4	9.5
Paris (CAC 40)	5690.8	-0.7	2.7	9.0
Frankfurt (DAX)	7804.2	0.7	18.3	30.9
Tokyo (NIKKEI 225)	16,435.7	0.3	-4.6	5.6
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	26,430.3	3.4	32.4	52.7
Toronto (S&P/TSX Composite)	14,035.0	0.7	8.7	20.6
Mexico City (IPC)	30,303.2	-0.7	14.6	39.1

FUNDAMENTALS

	SEPT. 25	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.83%	1.82%	1.82%
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Trailing 12 mos.)	17.6	17.6	17.6
S&P 500 P/E Ratio (Next 12 mos.)*	15.2	15.2	14.7
First Call Earnings Revision*	-1.32%	-1.55%	-0.39%

*First Call Corp.

TECHNICAL INDICATORS

	SEPT. 25	WEEK AGO	READING
S&P 500 200-day average	1465.8	1462.9	Positive
Stocks above 200-day average	43.0%	45.0%	Neutral
Options: Put/call ratio	0.77	1.00	Positive
Insiders: Vickers NYSE Sell/buy ratio	1.59	1.49	Positive

BEST-PERFORMING GROUPS

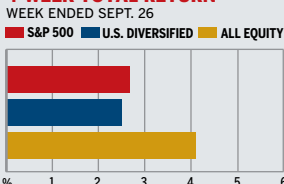
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Fertilizers & Ag. Chems.	23.2	131.7
Divsfd. Metals & Mining	19.3	114.9
Automobiles	17.0	104.7
Constr. & Engineering	16.0	84.1
Internet Retailers	15.2	76.0

WORST-PERFORMING GROUPS

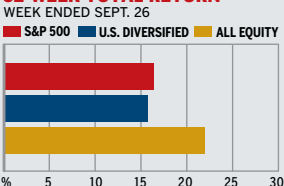
	LAST MONTH %	LAST 12 MONTHS %
Consumer Electronics	-27.6	-52.9
Homebuilding	-22.5	-28.1
Motorcycles	-14.5	-24.0
Building Products	-9.7	-20.6
Trucking	-9.4	-19.9

MUTUAL FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN



Data: Morningstar Inc.

EQUITY FUND CATEGORIES

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
Specialty-Precious Metals	20.1	Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	76.8
Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stk.	14.7	Latin America Stock	72.7
Latin America Stock	11.6	Diversified Emerging Mkts.	54.2
Diversified Emerging Mkts.	10.8	Specialty-Natural Res.	42.4
LAGGARDS			
Bear Market	-4.0	Bear Market	-14.5
Japan Stock	-1.2	High Yield Muni	0.3
Small Value	-0.6	Japan Stock	0.9
Specialty-Financial	-0.2	Muni California Long	1.1

EQUITY FUNDS

4-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%	52-WEEK TOTAL RETURN	%
LEADERS			
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Inv.	31.2	DireXn. Lat. Am. Bull 2X Inv.	157.8
ProFunds Precs. Mtls. Svc.	31.1	AIM China I	140.0
ProFds. UltraEmrg. Mkts. Inv.	26.6	AIM China A	139.4
ProFds. UltraEmrg. Mkts. Svc.	26.4	AIM China C	137.6
LAGGARDS			
ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	-24.7	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Svc.	-66.8
ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	-24.6	ProFds. UltSh. Emrg. Mkts. Inv.	-66.4
DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-22.4	DireXn. Emrg. Mkts. Bear 2X	-61.2
ProFds. Sh. Prec. Mtls. Svc.	-17.5	iShares DJ U.S. Home Constr.	-46.2

INTEREST RATES

KEY RATES

	SEPT. 26	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Money Market Funds	4.94%	4.99%	4.84%
90-Day Treasury Bills	3.73	3.92	4.89
2-Year Treasury Notes	3.97	3.98	4.69
10-Year Treasury Notes	4.62	4.52	4.58
30-Year Treasury Bonds	4.89	4.83	4.71
30-Year Fixed Mortgage †	6.33	6.19	6.20

† 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	3.85%	4.52%
Taxable Equivalent	5.50	6.46
Insured Revenue Bonds	3.99	4.68
Taxable Equivalent	5.70	6.69

THE WEEK AHEAD

PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX

Monday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m., EDT » The Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing activity index probably held steady at 53% in September, after slipping to 52.9% in August. That's the median forecast of economists polled by Action Economics. Growth in new domestic orders appears to be slowing while demand from abroad remains brisk.

NONMANUFACTURERS' INDEX

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.

EDT » The ISM's September nonmanufacturing activity report most likely slowed to 55.1%, after holding at 55.8% for a second straight month in August. Indicating a softening labor market, the employment index fell below 50% in August.

EMPLOYMENT Friday, Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m., EDT » Nonfarm payrolls in September are forecast to have rebounded, with an increase of 115,000 workers. In August

employment fell for the first time in four years, with a decline of 4,000 jobs. The jobless rate probably ticked up to 4.7%, although wages likely kept growing at a decent clip of 0.3%. **INSTALLMENT CREDIT Friday, Oct. 5, 3 p.m. EDT** » In August consumers most likely took on \$8 billion more in debt. Installment credit climbed \$7.4 billion in July, with most of the gain coming in credit-card debt.

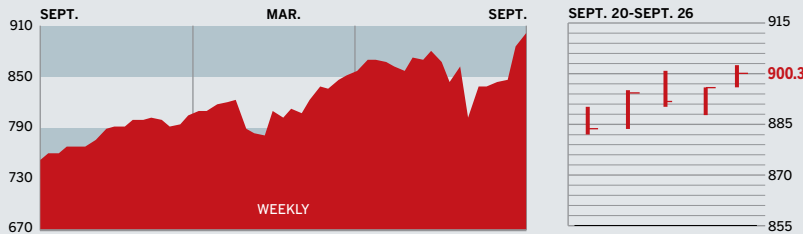
The *BusinessWeek* production index improved to 311.6 for the week ended Sept. 15, a 9.4% gain from a year ago. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index zoomed up to 316.1.

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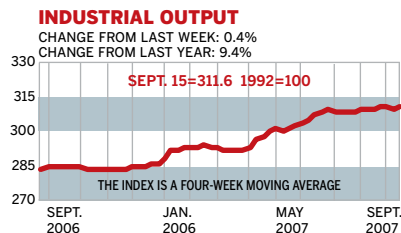
The BW50 rose 1.6%, led by Apple's 8.5% increase. Other info tech gainers: Oracle (+4.5%) and Google (+3.9%). Gilead Sciences rose 5.6%, aided by news of favorable test results from a new hypertension treatment. Although Goldman Sachs climbed 4.4%, its financial cohorts Morgan Stanley, Synovus Financial, PNC Financial, and Lehman Brothers all fell more than 4%.

COMPANY PERFORMANCE

RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07	RANK	COMPANY	WEEK	% CHANGE SINCE 3/1/07
1	Google	3.9	26.4	26	Allegheny Technologies	6.6	7.5
2	Coach	-6.2	-0.4	27	Oracle	4.5	32.5
3	Gilead Sciences	5.6	14.0	28	Starbucks	-0.3	-10.4
4	Nucor	2.3	-1.3	29	Moody's	-2.7	-26.8
5	Questar	1.9	22.7	30	PepsiCo	1.6	14.4
6	Sunoco	-1.4	13.9	31	Stryker	-1.1	9.5
7	Verizon Communications	1.6	18.9	32	Best Buy	-2.4	-0.3
8	Colgate-Palmolive	2.5	6.2	33	United Parcel Service	-1.5	6.6
9	Goldman Sachs Group	4.4	6.4	34	Apple	8.5	80.6
10	Paccar	-3.6	25.5	35	T. Rowe Price Group	-1.3	17.3
11	Amazon.com	5.0	138.7	36	Valero Energy	-1.9	18.6
12	Cognizant Technology Solutions	3.5	-13.2	37	Constellation Energy Group	-2.4	11.7
13	Avon Products	1.8	-2.5	38	TJX	-7.3	7.4
14	Varian Medical Systems	0.9	-12.7	39	Morgan Stanley	-6.1	1.3
15	Bed Bath & Beyond	-3.1	-15.2	40	Paychex	-0.7	7.3
16	CB Richard Ellis Group	-0.8	-16.1	41	Coventry Health Care	2.4	14.7
17	Robert Half International	-8.0	-24.6	42	United States Steel	4.7	18.5
18	CME Group	5.3	7.8	43	United Technologies	1.6	22.2
19	Adobe Systems	-1.0	10.6	44	Hershey	-0.8	-13.0
20	EOG Resources	-2.5	6.8	45	Black & Decker	-3.3	-2.6
21	Sempra Energy	-0.8	-1.7	46	Synovus Financial	-4.8	-13.2
22	Sherwin-Williams	-2.6	0.5	47	Linear Technology	-1.4	4.3
23	Lehman Brothers Holdings	-4.7	-16.6	48	AT&T	3.0	16.4
24	Rockwell Collins	5.4	11.7	49	XTO Energy	-2.0	19.5
25	IMS Health	5.3	6.7	50	PNC Financial Services Group	-4.8	-6.5

Data: Reuters

BW PRODUCTION INDEX



The Production Index rebounded in the latest period. Before calculation of the four-week moving average, the index jumped to 316.1, from 308.4 in the prior period. On a seasonally adjusted basis, there was a huge bounce-back in lumber output following a big decline the week before. Auto and truck assemblies also registered sizable increases, followed by a pickup in rail-freight traffic and a modest rise in coal. Cooler weather led to a slowdown in electric-power production with crude-oil refining also slipping.

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