

U.S. LABOUR STATISTICS BUOY EQUITY MARKETS**Some People Might Call It: Hanging Onto A Leaf**

The bullish rally continued on Wall Street, last Monday, with all of the key indices, scooting to higher levels.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 114.95 points, equivalent to about 1.25 percent, ending the below-average trading day at 9,286.56 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ rose 30.11 points, or about 1.52 percent, running up to 2,008.61 points.

Advancing counters outran declining ones by the ratio of about 5.00:One on The New York Stock Exchange and by about 2.25:One on The NASDAQ.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US71.58, up about 3.07 percent on the previous Friday's closing level.

As for delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.18, representing a gain of about 2.85 percent on the final quote of Friday, July 31, 2009.

On European equity markets, it was simply a matter of follow the leader, in this case, as in most cases where the trading in equities is concerned, Wall Street, being the leader.

Nearly every key index of every major bourse made substantial gains, with the lone exception of the Swiss Market Index:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	1.52 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	1.50 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.77 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	1.60 percent
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Italy's FTSE Italia All-Share	Plus	1.59 percent
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Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.28 percent
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- The level of **unemployment** in eurozone hit 9.40 percent in June, according to official statistics. In June, alone, another 158,000 workers joined the ever-increasing length of those people, seeking unemployment benefits. As at today's count, some 14.90 million people are without work at eurozone; and,
- **HSBC Holdings plc** announced a dramatic fall in its Interim Results to June 30, 2009. The bank, which is the largest in Europe, said that the Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders was \$US3.30 billion (about \$HK19.14 billion), down about 57 percent, Year-On-Year. The Interim Dividend was cut to 16 cents (US), down about 56 percent, compared with the 2008 Interim Dividend payout.

On Asian equity markets, for the most part, the bullishness of the previous week prevailed into the first week of August.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China, both equity markets made useful gains.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index tacked on a gain of about 1.14 percent, rising to 20,807.26 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK77.89 billion, while the ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 2.81:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 0.78 percent to \$HK77.70 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 0.16 percent to \$HK6.26 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 0.18 percent to \$HK5.59 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 2.33 percent to \$HK35.15 per share
China COSCO Holdings Company Ltd (Code: 1919)	Up 10.18 percent to \$HK12.34 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.04 percent to \$HK82.25 per share
China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Code: 386)	Up 2.73 percent to \$HK7.15 per share
G-Resources Group Ltd (Code: 1051)	Up 7.81 percent to \$HK0.69 per share
Aluminum Corporation of China Ltd (Code: 2600)	Up 7.21 percent to \$HK9.67 per share
Jiangxi Copper Company Ltd (Code: 358)	Up 5.93 percent to \$HK18.94 per share

The biggest movers on the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation Ltd	3355	24.00		0.305
Alltronics Holdings Ltd	833	64.60		0.65
China Properties Investment Holdings Ltd	736	22.60		0.152
CNNC International Ltd	2302	16.00		12.18
COSCO Pacific Ltd	1199	17.90		12.76
CVM Minerals Ltd	705	16.30		2.57
Galaxy Semi-Conductor Holdings Ltd	527	18.30		0.42
Jilin Qifeng Chemical Fiber Company Ltd	549	15.50		0.67
Jinheng Automotive Safety Technology Holdings Ltd	872	32.40		0.90
Linmark Group Ltd	915	41.20		0.48
Mei Ah Entertainment Group Ltd	391	26.20		0.77
Ming Hing Waterworks Holdings Ltd	402	16.70		0.385
RBI Holdings Ltd	566	25.40		1.73
Regal Hotels International Holdings Ltd	78	17.30		2.92
Royale Furniture Holdings Ltd	1198	15.10		0.84
Singamas Container Holdings Ltd	716	18.90		1.45
SMI Corporation Ltd	198	30.80		0.34
TC Interconnect Holdings Ltd	515	16.00		0.87
Tongda Group Holdings Ltd	698	19.20		0.255
Tysan Holdings Ltd	687	18.00		1.05

VXL Capital Ltd	727	22.60		0.57
Wang Sing International Holdings Group Ltd	2389	27.50		0.232
Winbox International (Holdings) Ltd	474	25.00		1.00
Wing Hing International (Holdings) Ltd	621	16.50		1.62
Wonson International Holdings Ltd	651	38.00		0.69

Over on The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index rose 1.13 percent to 651.25 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK446.62 million.

However, in spite of the lone index, being in the black, so to speak, losing counters overtook gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.40:One.

The 5, most-active counters, in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

Binhai Investment Company Ltd (Code: 8035)

Down 4.84 percent to \$HK0.59 per share

Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd
(Code: 8116)

Down 19.51 percent to \$HK0.33 per share

Wumart Stores Incorporated (Code: 8277)

Up 14.74 percent to \$HK12.92 per share

EVOC Intelligent Technology Company
Ltd (Code: 8285)

Up 18.82 percent to \$HK2.02 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Down 0.74 percent to \$HK20.15 per share

As for The GEM's double-digit movers of the day, they included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AcrossAsia Ltd	8061		10.80	0.107
Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213		23.30	0.099
Capinfo Company Ltd	8157	11.50		0.29
Computech Holdings Ltd	8081	19.00		0.47

EVOC Intelligent Technology Company Ltd	8285	18.80		2.02
Global Link Communications Holdings Ltd	8060	14.70		0.164
Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd	8116		19.50	0.33
Glory Mark Hi-Tech (Holdings) Ltd	8159	38.00		0.345
Jian ePayment Systems Ltd	8165		16.20	0.201
Netel Technology (Holdings) Ltd	8256		10.00	0.108
Ningbo Yidong Electronic Company Ltd	8249	10.00		0.11
Sing Lee Software (Group) Ltd	8076		10.40	0.215
SYSCAN Technology Holdings Ltd	8083	14.50		0.071
Wumart Stores Incorporated	8277	14.70		12.92

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the most-important equity market in Asia, at least for today, its TOPIX Index put on about 0.77 percent, rising to 957.56 points.

Advancing counters were ahead of declining ones by the ratio of about 1.84:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average, which is a much-narrower gauge of trading on select blue chips, listed on The First Section of The Tokyo Stock Exchange, than the TOPIX Index, fell to ¥10,352.47, off about 0.04 percent, compared with the close of trading on Friday, July 31, 2009.

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- **Panasonic Corporation**, formerly known as **Matsushita Electric Industrial Company**, reported a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about ¥52.98 billion in respect of the 3 months, ended June 30, 2009; and,
- As at June 30, 2009, **unemployment in Japan** was 5.50 percent, an increase, Month-On-Month, of about 5.77 percentile points. The present unemployment level is the highest since 2003. The number of people in Japan, looking for work in the month of June, rose by about 830,000 to 3.48 million workers, up about 31.30 percent, Year-On-Year.

This was how things looked on other Asian equity markets, last Monday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.14 percent to 20,807.26 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 1.13 percent to 651.25
Indonesia	Plus 0.67 percent to 2,338.80

Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.77 percent to 957.56 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 0.04 percent to 10,352.47
Malaysia	Minus 0.31 percent to 1,171.31
The Philippines	Plus 1.31 percent to 2,835.11
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 1.48 percent to 3,462.59 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 2.02 percent to 1,140.54
Singapore	Plus 0.84 percent to 2,681.64
South Korea	Plus 0.49 percent to 1,564.98
Taiwan	Minus 0.30 percent to 7,056.71
Thailand	Plus 2.79 percent to 641.43

Tuesday

The key indices of Wall Street ended last Tuesday's trading day decidedly flat.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose about 0.36 percent to 9,320.19 points, while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gained about 0.13 percent to 2,011.31 points.

The ratio of gainers to losers on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ was 1.50:One and 1.25:One, respectively.

Investors and many financial analysts were more than a little concerned at the report, released during the trading day, by the US Government's Commerce Department.

According to this report, US consumer spending was up in June by about 0.40 percent, following a gain in May of about 0.10 percent, but, after making adjustments for the inflationary factor, US consumer spending was off by about one tenth of a percentage point, after being flat in May.

The price of petrol in the US rose in the month of June, in line with the cost of crude oil on international commodity markets.

That is one of the explanations for the seemingly higher, US-consumer spending.

The Commerce Department, also, stated that personal income in the US dropped by about 1.30 percent in June.

In the month of June, many US households received US Government stimulus cheques as part of the

\$US787-billion, Obama Administration's financial package, aimed at kick-starting the largest single economy of the world.

And, finally, The Commerce Department said that real disposable income declined about 1.80 percent in June, the largest single decline in the past year.

The mixed bag from The Commerce Department was perplexing to many people, but the picture, being painted, is that the US economy is far from being out of the recessionary woods.

In short, The Commerce Department stated that US consumers are paying out more in order to make ends meet, receiving less income from their employers – which is being cut back as the months go by – while the unemployment rate in the country continues to rise, closer and closer to the 10-percent level.

Not good news.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US71.42, off about 0.22 percent, compared with Monday's close.

As for delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.30, representing a gain of about 0.16 percent on the final quote of Monday.

In Europe, the key indices of the most-important equity markets fell as the following **TARGET ()** list illustrates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 0.20 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 0.04 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.18 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 0.23 percent
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Italy's FTSE Italia All-Share	Plus 0.08 percent
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Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Minus 0.46 percent
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Official reports from the banking sector, where certain banks were determined to return to the 'well' for more money from shareholders, and a damning report from a major European manufacturer of motor vehicles both conspired to frighten off many an investor.

Also, of course, the US Government's Commerce Department report did not seduce investors back into the buying mode.

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- **UBS AG**, the largest bank in Switzerland, reported a Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about 1.40 billion Swiss francs for the quarter, ended June 30, 2009. In the first quarter of the Current Financial Year, the bank reported a Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about 2 billion Swiss francs;
- **Standard Chartered Bank** announced that it would be raising another £1 billion from shareholders;

and,

- **BMW AG** announced that it cannot imagine, at this point in time, a sustained economic recovery – anywhere. The luxury motor-vehicle manufacturer announced a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about €121 million for the quarter, ended June 30, 2009. That result represented a fall of about 76 percent, Year-On-Year.

On Asian equity markets, it was somewhat of a mixed bag.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both equity markets lost ground to sellers.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, lost about 0.05 percent, slipping back to 20,796.43 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK95.85 billion.

Declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.66:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 6.95 percent to \$HK83.10 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Down 3.22 percent to \$HK5.41 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Down 1.60 percent to \$HK6.16 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Down 1.40 percent to \$HK81.10 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 2.13 percent to \$HK34.40 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Down 2.82 percent to \$HK3.79 per share
China COSCO Holdings Company Ltd (Code: 1919)	Down 2.11 percent to \$HK12.08 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Down 0.19 percent to \$HK10.74 per share
Shenzhen Investment Ltd (Code: 604)	Down 6.52 percent to \$HK3.73 per share
GOME Electrical Appliances Holding Ltd (Code: 493)	Up 5.48 percent to \$HK2.31 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Broad Intelligence International Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd	1149		16.30	0.385
China Glass Holdings Ltd	3300	19.80		1.39
China Zenith Chemical Group Ltd	362	18.60		0.23
China Zirconium Ltd	395	15.20		5.08
CK Life Sciences International (Holdings) Incorporated	775	25.00		0.55
Daisho Microline Holdings Ltd	567	16.90		0.76
HyComm Wireless Ltd	499	19.20		0.93
Imagi International Holdings Ltd	585		18.50	0.375
iOne Holdings Ltd	982	31.00		3.80
Luoyang Glass Company Ltd	1108	19.50		2.33
Mayer Holdings Ltd	1116		16.40	0.92
New Capital International Investment Ltd	1062	15.70		0.184
Ngai Hing Hong Company Ltd	1047	16.70		0.385
Proview International Holdings Ltd	334	40.60		0.305
Sincere Watch (Hongkong) Ltd	444	41.80		0.78
Theme International Holdings Ltd	990		37.50	0.35
Zhejiang Glass Company Ltd	739	17.10		3.01
Zhong Hua International Holdings Ltd	1064	18.10		0.85

On The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index lost about 0.64 percent, falling to 647.08 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK359.82 million, while the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.05:One.

The 5, most-active counters, in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

Binhai Investment Company Ltd (Code: 8035)

Unchanged at \$HK0.59 per share

Richfield Group Holdings Ltd (Code: 8136)

Up 8.24 percent to \$HK0.46 per share

Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd
(Code: 8116)

Down 6.06 percent to \$HK0.31 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199)

Up 0.99 percent to \$HK20.35 per share

EVOC Intelligent Technology Company Ltd (Code:
8285)

Up 5.45 percent to \$HK2.13 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AcrossAsia Ltd	8061	12.10		0.12
China Leason Investment Group Company Ltd	8270	13.30		0.68
Excel Technology International Holdings Ltd	8048	21.30		0.097
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092		17.50	0.085
Qianlong Technology International Holdings Ltd	8015	10.20		0.65
Sanmenxia Tianyuan Aluminum Company Ltd	8253	14.80		0.35
Sing Lee Software (Group) Ltd	8076	15.80		0.249
SYSCAN Technology Holdings Ltd	8083	35.20		0.096
Tianjin TEDA Biomedical Engineering Company Ltd	8189	11.40		0.234
UURG Corporation Ltd	8192		12.30	0.114
Vodatel Networks Holdings Ltd	8033	12.30		0.146
Zhejiang Prospect Company Ltd	8273		11.00	0.73

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 0.15 percent to 959.02 points.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 1.34:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose about 0.22 percent to ¥10,375.01.

On other Asian equity markets, this was how their respect key indices fared, last Tuesday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 0.05 percent to 20,796.43 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.64 percent to 647.08
Indonesia	Plus 0.91 percent to 2,360.09
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.15 percent to 959.02 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.22 percent to 10,375.01
Malaysia	Plus 0.73 percent to 1,179.88
The Philippines	Plus 1.83 percent to 2,886.96
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.26 percent to 3,471.44 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 0.77 percent to 1,149.27
Singapore	Minus 1.23 percent to 2,648.76
South Korea	Plus 0.09 percent to 1,566.37
Taiwan	Minus 1.43 percent to 6,955.87
Thailand	Minus 0.03 percent to 641.23

Wednesday

Stock and share prices collapsed, throughout most of the developed world, last Wednesday, as questions were being raised in many circles whether or not the houpla about the end of the global recession, being in sight, was wishful thinking or fact.

On the world's largest equity markets, it was losses, all round.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which is the benchmark of The New York Stock Exchange, shed about 0.42 percent, ending the trading session at 9,280.97 points, while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite

Index gave up about 0.91percent, dropping back to 1,993.05 points.

Trading was described as being active.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.14:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 1.60:One on The NASDAQ.

There certainly was a slew of news, last Wednesday, but most of it was negative news as one corporate entity after another reported disappointing financial results.

On European equity markets, every key index of every major bourse lost traction as the following list illustrates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 0.58 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 0.51 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 1.18 percent
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For many European investors, if they had a mind to trade, at all, they were picking up the scrip of companies whose losses were considered not as bad as they might have been.

There were quite a few questions, being asked, as to which company would beat the financial prognostications of the gurus of European equity markets and announce profits.

More to the point was which publicly listed companies' core activities did not suffer as bad as some of its competitors.

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- **Société Générale**, one of the main, European financial services companies, reported a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about €309 million for the quarter, ended June 30, 2009. That result was a contraction of about 52 percent, Year-On-Year;
- **Lloyds Banking Group plc** reported a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about £4 billion for the first half of its Financial Year, ended June 30, 2009. Lloyds Banking Group plc is 43 percent owned by the Government of the United Kingdom;
- **Swiss Re (Schweizerische Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG)**, the world's second-largest [reinsurer](#), announced that it had suffered, materially, in the last quarter, ended June 30, 2009. Swiss Re said that it had booked a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about 381 million Swiss francs for the 3-month period. That result compared unfavourably with the Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about 564 Swiss francs in respect of the like period in 2008; and,

- **Adidas AG**, a [German](#)-based, sports apparel manufacturer and part of the Adidas Group, which comprises [Reebok](#) sportswear company, [TaylorMade-adidas golf](#) company, and [Rockport](#), said that, for the quarter, ended June 30, 2009, it has logged in a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about €8 million. That result represents a fall of about 93 percent, Year-On-Year.

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As for delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.93, representing a one-day gain of about 0.86 percent.

In Asia, it was losers as far as the eye could see on every major equity market.

The problem in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), as far as investors in this part of the world were concerned, was that there were unconfirmed reports about PRC, Government-controlled banks – which is all of them, actually – being told *'to cool it.'*

Capital-adequacy ratios are expected to be raised, with some banks, being forced to raise more capital.

Not good news for investors of the PRC, proper, and/or the HKSAR.

On The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, the key indices of both equity markets were in the red by the close of the trading day.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index fell to 20,494.77 points, a one-day drop of about 1.45 percent.

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Standard Chartered plc (Code: 2888)

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Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd
(Code: 8116)

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Core Healthcare Investment Holdings Ltd (Code:
8250)

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As for The GEM's double-digit movers, they included:

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Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213		10.00	0.09
China Bio Cassava Holdings Ltd	8129	10.80		0.082
Everpride Biopharmaceutical Company Ltd	8019		11.50	0.115
Finet Group Ltd	8317	14.10		0.097
Glory Mark Hi-Tech (Holdings) Ltd	8159		26.50	0.25
Goldmond Holdings Ltd	8190		19.20	0.101
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092		12.90	0.074
Sanmenxia Tianyuan Aluminum Company Ltd	8253	17.10		0.41
Sing Lee Software (Group) Ltd	8076		15.70	0.21
South China Land Ltd	8155	23.30		0.37
Vertex Group Ltd	8228		16.90	0.108

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, the premier equity market of Japan, its TOPIX Index gave up about 0.98 percent, dropping to 949.58 points.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.90:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average lost about 1.18 percent, ending the trading session at ¥10,252.53.

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- **Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation** (NTT) announced that its Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders in respect of the quarter, ended June 30, 2009, was ¥325.92 billion, down about 16 percent, Year-On-Year.

This was how the situation looked on other Asian equity markets, last Wednesday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 1.45 percent to 20,494.77 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.37 percent to 638.19
Indonesia	Minus 1.82 percent to 2,317.06
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.98 percent to 949.58 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 1.18 percent to 10,252.53
Malaysia	Minus 0.03 percent to 1,179.49
The Philippines	Closed
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 1.24 percent to 3,428.50 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.45 percent to 1,144.14
Singapore	Minus 1.58 percent to 2,606.83
South Korea	Minus 0.44 percent to 1,559.47
Taiwan	Minus 1.55 percent to 6,848.24
Thailand	Minus 0.17 percent to 640.16

Thursday

Investors, for the most part, sat on their hands, last Thursday, causing trading on the world's largest equity markets to be relatively dull.

They were awaiting the determinations of the US Government in respect of the July employment (that means, in fact, unemployment) statistics in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave.

They were due to be released on the following day.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average shed about 0.27 percent, dropping back to 9,256.26 points, while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gave up about one percent, ending the trading session at 9,973.16 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.50:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2.25:One on The NASDAQ.

With little action on Wall Street, speculators and hedgers on the world's commodity exchanges decided to wait out the next 24 hours instead of taking a flyer on the future, price direction of crude oil.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US71.94, down about 0.04 percent on the closing quote of Wednesday.

For delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.87, representing a slide of about 0.08 percent, compared with Wednesday's last settlement.

In Europe, investors turned their attention to the determinations of The European Central Bank (ECB) and The Bank of England with regard to the future direction of interest rates in this part of the world.

The ECB only put out a 41-word statement, which read:

'At today's meeting the Governing Council of the ECB decided that the interest rate on the main refinancing operations and the interest rates on the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility will remain unchanged at 1.00%, 1.75% and 0.25% respectively.'

The Bank of England, however, released a well-crafted statement, encapsulating its opinion about the economy of the United Kingdom (UK) and the reasoning behind the determination of its Monetary Policy Committee:

'The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee today voted to maintain the official Bank Rate paid on commercial bank reserves at 0.5%. The Committee also voted to continue with its programme of asset purchases financed by the issuance of central bank reserves and to increase its size by £50 billion to £175 billion.'

'The world economy remains in recession, though there have been increasing signs that output in the UK's main export markets is stabilising. Financial market strains have eased and banks' funding conditions have improved a little, although financial conditions remain fragile. Household and business confidence has picked up, albeit from the very low levels experienced in the wake of the financial crisis last autumn.'

'In the United Kingdom, the recession appears to have been deeper than previously thought. GDP fell further in the second quarter of 2009. But the pace of contraction has moderated and business surveys suggest that the trough in output is close at hand. Underlying broad money growth has picked up since the end of last year but remains weak. And though there are signs that credit conditions may have started to ease, lending to business has fallen and spreads on bank loans remain elevated.'

'CPI inflation fell back to 1.8% in June, a little below the 2% target. The decline in recent months was mainly accounted for by lower food and energy inflation, though past falls in sterling continued to put upward pressure on inflation. The margin of spare capacity in the economy increased further and pay growth remained weak.'

'The future evolution of output and inflation will be determined by the balance of two sets of forces. On the one hand, there is a considerable stimulus still working through from the easing in monetary and fiscal policy and the past depreciation of sterling. On the other hand, the need for banks to continue repairing their balance sheets is likely to restrict the availability of credit, and past falls in asset prices and high levels of debt may weigh on'

spending. While some recovery in output growth is in prospect, the margin of spare capacity in the economy is likely to continue to grow for some while yet, bearing down on inflation in the medium term. But the recession and the restricted availability of credit are also likely to impact adversely on the supply capacity of the economy, moderating the increase in economic slack.

'In the light of the Committee's latest Inflation Report projections and in order to keep inflation on track to meet the 2% inflation target over the medium term, the Committee judged that maintaining Bank Rate at 0.5% was appropriate. In the light of that outlook, the Committee also agreed that it should extend its programme of purchases of government and corporate debt to a total of £175 billion, financed by the issuance of central bank reserves. The Committee expects the announced programme to take another three months to complete. The scale of the programme will be kept under review ...'.

The thought of an extra £50 billion, being pumped into the economy of the UK, spurred investors in the region to jump aboard the bandwagon and pick up banking scrip.

The result of this action was that nearly every key index of every major equity markets in eurozone rose as the following table makes only too plain:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	1.00 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	0.55 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	0.31 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	0.93 percent
Italy's FTSE Italia All-Share	Plus	0.70 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.95 percent

News Wise

- **Commerzbank AG**, the second-largest bank in Germany, reported a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about €763 million for the quarter, ended June 30, 2009. In the previous quarter, the bank reported a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about €861 million.

In Asia, there was a bit of a recovery, following Wednesday's drubbing.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd managed a meaningful rise, but, on the speculative equity market of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its lone index dropped back a fraction.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark of the Main Board, rose about 1.97 percent to 20,899.24 points on a Total Turnover of about \$HK88.45 billion.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 1.44:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 7.46 percent to \$HK87.10 per share

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd
(Code: 1398)

Down 1.32 percent to \$HK5.24 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 3.34 percent to \$HK85.20 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Down 0.34 percent to \$HK5.94 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Up 1.02 percent to \$HK34.60 per share

GOME Electrical Appliances Holding Ltd (Code:
493)

Up 3.63 percent to \$HK2.57 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 3.58 percent to \$HK11.00 per share

China Telecom Corporation Ltd (Code: 728)

Up 6.36 percent to \$HK4.35 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 1.63 percent to \$HK3.74 per share

China Unicom (Hongkong) Ltd (Code: 762)

Up 7.87 percent to \$HK12.34 per share

The biggest Main Board's movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Timber Resources Group Ltd	269	15.00		0.115
Cosmos Machinery Enterprises Ltd	118	16.00		0.58
Fittec International Group Ltd	2662	21.40		0.51
Frasers Property (China) Ltd	535	18.00		0.177
Kai Yuan Holdings Ltd	1215	22.20		0.385
Kwang Sung Electronics Hongkong Company Ltd	2310	35.60		0.61
Mainland Headwear Holdings Ltd	1100	16.50		1.20
Proview International Holdings Ltd	334	28.60		0.36

RBI Holdings Ltd	566	15.80		1.61
Shanghai Jin Jiang International Hotels (Group) Company Ltd	2006	21.60		2.59
Starlight International Holdings Ltd	485	21.70		0.365
Sun Innovation Holdings Ltd	547	21.70		0.14
Topsearch International (Holdings) Ltd	2323	16.80		0.285

Over on The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index shed about 0.52 percent to 634.89 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK268.47 million, while the ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.05:One.

The 5, most-active counters, in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

Wumart Stores Incorporated (Code: 8277)

Down 0.81 percent to \$HK12.20 per share

Binhai Investment Company Ltd (Code: 8035)

Up 5.46 percent to \$HK0.58 per share

Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd
(Code: 8116)

Unchanged at \$HK0.30 per share

China E-Learning Group Ltd (Code: 8055)

Down 11.11 percent to \$HK0.208 per share

Richfield Group Holdings Ltd (Code: 8136)

Unchanged at \$HK0.445 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AcrossAsia Ltd	8061		12.50	0.105
Armitage Technologies Holding Ltd	8213	10.00		0.099
Asian Capital Resources (Holdings) Ltd	8025		22.10	0.173
China E-Learning Group Ltd	8055		11.10	0.208
Finet Group Ltd	8317	11.30		0.108

Global Digital Creations Holdings Ltd	8271	11.30		0.295
Global Link Communications Holdings Ltd	8060		16.20	0.119
Launch Tech Company Ltd	8196	10.50		0.63
Netel Technology (Holdings) Ltd	8256	10.00		0.121
Shaanxi Northwest New Technology Industry Company Ltd	8258	13.30		0.17
SYSCAN Technology Holdings Ltd	8083	10.00		0.099
Zheda Lande Scitech Ltd	8106	15.20		0.265

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 0.84 percent to 957.51 points.

Gaining counters outran losing ones by the ratio of about 1.10:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average gained about 1.32 percent, ending the trading session at ¥10,388.09.

This was how the key indices of other Asian equity markets fared, last Thursday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.97 percent to 20,899.24 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.52 percent to 634.89
Indonesia	Plus 1.85 percent to 2,359.98
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.84 percent to 957.51 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.32 percent to 10,388.09
Malaysia	Plus 0.38 percent to 1,183.97
The Philippines	Minus 1.58 percent to 2,841.21
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 2.11 percent to 3,356.33 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 1.62 percent to 1,125.55
Singapore	Minus 0.20 percent to 2,601.50

South Korea	Plus 0.36 percent to 1,565.04
Taiwan	Plus 0.30 percent to 6,868.65
Thailand	Plus 1.41 percent to 649.21

Friday

US investors were warmed, last Friday, following an official release by the US Government's Labour Department, prior to equity markets, opening their doors for business.

That release indicated that, for the month of July, at least, things were improving a mite on the job front in the US.

Mr Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, testifying before The Joint Economic Committee of The United States Congress, said:

'Nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 247,000 in July, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 9.4 percent. Payroll job losses over the past 3 months have now averaged 331,000, compared with an average of 645,000 over the prior 6 months. Employment has fallen by 6.7 million since the start of the recession in December 2007. In July, employment declines continued in many of the major industry sectors.

'Construction employment fell by 76,000 over the month, with losses throughout the component industries. Over the past 3 months, job losses have averaged 73,000 compared with 117,000 over the prior 6 months. Employment in construction has fallen by 1.4 million since December 2007.

'Manufacturing employment also continued to decline, with a loss of 52,000 in July. Factory employment has fallen by 2.0 million since the start of the recession.

'The seasonally-adjusted employment estimate for motor vehicles and parts rose over the month (28,000). Because layoffs in auto manufacturing already had been so large, fewer workers than usual were laid off for seasonal shutdowns in July. Thus, the seasonally-adjusted gain does not necessarily indicate improvement in the industry. Employment in motor vehicles and parts manufacturing has been on a long-term decline. The number of jobs in the industry, 661,000, is now half what it was early in 2000.

'In July, job losses continued in wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and financial activities. However, these industries have lost fewer jobs on average since May than during the prior 6 months. Similarly, job losses have lessened substantially in temporary help services. Employment in leisure and hospitality has been little changed over the past 3 months. Health care employment grew about in line with the trend thus far in 2009.

'Average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers in the private sector were up by 3 cents in July to \$18.56. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent. From June 2008 to June 2009, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers declined by 1.7 percent.

'Turning now to some measures from our household survey, the unemployment rate in July was 9.4 percent, little changed for the second consecutive month. The rate had been 4.9 percent when the recession began. There were 14.5 million unemployed persons in July.

'The number of long-term unemployed continued to rise. In July, 5.0 million people had been unemployed for more than 6 months, accounting for 1 in 3 unemployed persons.

‘The employment-population ratio was 59.4 percent in July. The ratio has fallen by 3.3 percentage points since the recession began.

‘Among the employed, there were 8.8 million persons working part time in July who would have preferred full-time work. After rising sharply last fall and winter, the number of such workers has been little changed for 4 consecutive months.

‘In summary, nonfarm payroll employment fell by 247,000 in July, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 9.4 percent’.

When Wall Street opened its doors for business, armed with the statements and statistics of the US Government’s Labour Department, investors charged in and picked up the ‘darlings’ of the day.

As a result, all key indices on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ rose smartly.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained about 1.23 percent, rising to 9,370.07 points, while The NASDAQ’s Composite Index put on 1.37 percent, ending the trading session at 2,000.25 points.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 4.00:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2.25:One on The NASDAQ.

The tally for the trading week for the largest and most-important equity markets of the world was:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average	Plus	2.16 percent
The Composite Index of The NASDAQ	Plus	1.10 percent

Once again, it appears to **TARGET** that US investors are trying to hang onto any leaf in a violent storm in order to bolster their spirits, but the facts are that a leaf is not the appropriate anchor for such a situation.

The facts are that one-month’s labour statistics mean very little: It will take, perhaps, some years for the dust of this global recession to settle.

But, when people are hungry for profits, a leaf may appear to be appealing.

In Europe, the key indices of major bourses, also, followed the lead of Wall Street.

For some European equity markets, their closing levels of last Friday were the highest since the close of the 2008-year.

This was how the situation looked at the close of trading on the largest bourses, last Friday night:

Amsterdam’s AEX Index	Plus	0.82 percent
France’s CAC 40 Index	Plus	1.24 percent
Germany’s Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.65 percent
Great Britain’s FTSE 100 Index	Plus	0.87 percent
Italy’s FTSE Italia All-Share	Plus	1.13 percent
Switzerland’s Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.97 percent

But it was not all good news for investors in this part of the world.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc announced that its Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders for the 6 months, ended June 30, 2009, came in at £1 billion.

The bank said that there were, still, some years to go before a turnabout situation was likely.

The share price of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc shed more than 12 percent on the news.

This bank is owned as to 70 percent by the UK Government after it had to bail it out a few years ago with buckets of cash, supplied by UK taxpayers.

On international commodity exchanges, the price of crude oil came off.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US70.93, down about 1.40 percent on the day.

As for delivery in October, the last settlement for a barrel of light sweet crude oil was about \$HK72.78, representing a one-day drop of about 1.48 percent.

In Asia, the key indices of major equity markets were decidedly lower than Thursday's closing levels.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of People's Republic of China (PRC), both equity markets saw their respective key indices nosedive.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index gave up about 2.51 percent, dropping to 20,375.37 points on a Total Turnover of about \$HK93.64 billion.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was 3.67:One, exactly.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.66 percent to \$HK88.55 per share
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Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Down 2.48 percent to \$HK5.11 per share
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HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Down 1.64 percent to \$HK83.80 per share
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China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Down 3.20 percent to \$HK5.75 per share
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CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Down 3.09 percent to \$HK10.66 per share
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China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 3.18 percent to \$HK33.50 per share
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Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Down 2.67 percent to \$HK3.64 per share
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China Shenhua Energy Company Ltd (Code: 1088)	Down 2.29 percent to \$HK32.05 per share
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China COSCO Holdings Company Ltd (Code: 1919) Down 7.94 percent to \$HK10.90 per share

China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Code: 386) Down 5.08 percent to \$HK6.73 per share

The biggest movers on the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Energy Development Holdings Ltd	228		20.90	0.435
Fulbond Holdings Ltd	1041		15.40	0.033
Guangdong Tannery Ltd	1058	18.40		0.45
Richly Field China Development Ltd	313		27.80	0.35
Sun Innovation Holdings Ltd	547		15.00	0.119
United Power Investment Ltd	674		15.10	0.365

Over on The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index ended the day at 616.97 points, representing a one-day fall of about 2.82 percent.

The Total Turnover of this market was about \$HK270.06 million, while the ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 2.74 percent.

The 5, most-active counters, in terms of their respective turnovers, only, were:

Global Resources Development (Holding) Ltd
(Code: 8116) Down 3.33 percent to \$HK0.29 per share

Shandong Weigao Group Medical
Polymer Company Ltd (Code: 8199) Down 3.46 percent to \$HK19.00 per share

Binhai Investment Company Ltd (Code: 8035) Down 6.90 percent to \$HK0.54 per share

Richfield Group Holdings Ltd (Code: 8136) Unchanged at \$HK0.445 per share

Wumart Stores Incorporated (Code: 8277) Down 5.74 percent to \$HK11.50 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
abc Multiactive Ltd	8131		14.10	0.232
Advanced Card Systems Holdings Ltd	8210		14.10	0.275
Era Holdings Global Ltd	8043	16.60		0.29
Everpride Biopharmaceutical Company Ltd	8019	13.50		0.126
Golife Concepts Holdings Ltd	8172	13.60		0.10
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092	30.30		0.099
MelcoLot Ltd	8198		10.40	0.30
Shanghai Jiaoda Withub Information Industrial Company Ltd	8205		22.00	0.32
Sing Lee Software (Group) Ltd	8076		11.90	0.185
SYSCAN Technology Holdings Ltd	8083	26.30		0.125

The tally for the week for Asia's second, most-important equity market was:

The Hang Seng Index Minus 0.96 percent
The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 4.19 percent

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index shed about 0.08 percent, ending the trading session at 956.76 points.

The ratio of losers to gainers was about 1.45:One

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose ¥24, exactly, equivalent to about 0.23 percent, ending the week of August 7, 2009, at ¥10,412.09.

The tally for Asia's largest and, still, the most-important equity market was:

The TOPIX Index Plus 0.68 percent
The Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.53 percent

And this was how things panned out on other Asian equity markets, last Friday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 2.51 percent to 20,375.37 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 2.82 percent to 616.97
Indonesia	Minus 0.46 percent to 2,349.13

Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.08 percent to 956.76 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.23 percent to 10,412.09
Malaysia	Plus 0.08 percent to 1,184.88
The Philippines	Minus 2.05 percent to 2,782.98
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 2.85 percent to 3,260.69 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 3.40 percent to 1,087.23
Singapore	Minus 2.00 percent to 2,549.35
South Korea	Plus 0.70 percent to 1,576.00
Taiwan	Closed
Thailand	Minus 0.77 percent to 644.20

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