

**WALL STREET INVESTORS GO ON A ROLLER-COASTER RIDE:
BUT THINGS ARE NOT ALL THAT THEY SEEM**

The key indices of nearly every equity market, around the world, fell out of bed, last Monday.

Renewed fears that the world could well be facing another recession, perhaps as serious as the one which scorched the globe from December 2007 until the middle of last year, caused investors to go on the defensive.

Cash could well be king, the next time around, assuming a double-dip recession does materialise.

On The New York Stock Exchange, which is the world's largest equity market, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 115.48 points, equivalent to about 1.16 percent, dropping back to 9,816.49 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index shed 45.27 points, or about 2.04 percent, ending the moderately high trading day at 2,173.90 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 2.75:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 5.00:One on The NASDAQ.

Banking counters, of course, got hit hard as did large manufacturers, especially those that are constituent stocks, comprising The Dow.

With Hungary, suggesting that its economic problems could well rival those of Greece, and with the euro, hitting one low after another vis-à-vis most 'hard' currencies, it was hardly any wonder that investors, from nearly every corner of the world, were getting cold feet.

With regard to the euro, it was quoted at \$US1.918, last Monday: A 4-year low.

On major European bourses, every key index was hit as investors were anxious to pull out their tent pegs as soon as possible.

This was how the situation looked, last Monday night, with regard to **TARGET**'s list of the major equity markets of the region:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 1.14 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 1.21 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.57 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 0.99 percent
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Italy's MIBTEL Index

Minus 0.63 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index

Minus 0.12 percent

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), which is the largest commodity market of the world, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in July was \$US71.44, off about one tenth of a percentage point, compared with the final quote of the previous Friday (June 4, 2010).

As for delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US72.77, representing a drop of about 0.04 percent on the last settlement of the previous Friday.

In Asia, while every key index of every equity market was written in red ink, last Monday, it was the key indices of the premier equity market of Japan that took the cake.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both markets lost ground, with the premier equity market, getting hit the hardest.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index gave up about 2.03 percent, dropping to 19,378.15 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK52.53 billion, while the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 2.82:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 3.88 percent to \$HK70.65 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.34 percent to \$HK74.10 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:
939)

Down 1.76 percent to \$HK6.13 per share

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

Down 1.76 percent to \$HK5.59 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Down 2.19 percent to \$HK33.50 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 1.55 percent to \$HK3.82 per share

Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China
Ltd (Code: 2318)

Down 2.35 percent to \$HK62.20 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Down 3.17 percent to \$HK8.26 per share

China Merchants Bank Company Ltd (Code:

Down 3.59 percent to \$HK17.74 per share

3968)

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Down 2.65 percent to \$HK146.90 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Metal International Holdings Incorporated	319	11.40		1.96
China Solar Energy Holdings Ltd	155	12.90		0.228
China Water Industry Group Ltd	1129		10.50	0.119
Morning Star Resources Ltd	542	11.10		0.30
Nan Hai Corporation Ltd	680		10.60	0.059
New Environmental Energy Holdings Ltd	3989		10.80	0.83
Quam Ltd	952		10.80	0.37
SiS International Holdings Ltd	529		10.10	1.60
Tse Sui Luen Jewellery (International) Ltd	417	12.30		4.10
United Gene High-Tech Group Ltd	399	11.60		0.26
Zhong Hua International Holdings Ltd	1064		10.10	0.62

Over on The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index gave up about 1.42 percent as investors pulled it back to 768.91 points.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 3.87:One.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK263.01 million.

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

China Trends Holdings Ltd (Code: 8171)

Up 67.50 percent to \$HK0.134 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Unchanged at \$HK0.89 per share

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

Up 0.63 percent to \$HK32.00 per share

China Public Healthcare (Holding) Ltd (Code:
8116)

Unchanged at \$HK0.185 per share

Kaisun Energy Group Ltd (Code: 8203)

Down 2.86 percent to \$HK1.02 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Communication Telecom Services Company Ltd	8206	10.30		1.82
China Trends Holdings Ltd	8171	67.50		0.134
China.com Incorporated	8006	10.70		5.06
Dragonlott Entertainment Group Ltd	8078		15.70	0.59
G.A. Holdings Ltd	8126		15.60	0.27
Timeless Software Ltd	8028		11.10	0.12

On the equity markets of Japan, the key indices were the biggest losers of the world.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the premier equity market of The Land of The Rising Sun, its TOPIX Index shed about 3.48 percent, dropping back to 859.21 points.

Declining counters outpaced advancing ones by the ratio of about 39.20: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, surrendered ¥380.39, or about 3.84 percent, ending the very active trading day at ¥9,520.80.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 2.03 percent to 19,378.15 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.42percent to 768.91
Indonesia	Minus 2.59 percent to 2,750.23

Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 3.48 percent to 859.21 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 3.84 percent to 9,520.80
Malaysia	Minus 0.63 percent to 1,286.27
The Philippines	Minus 2.71 percent to 3,266.11
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 1.64 percent to 2,511.73 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.16 percent to 1,033.32
Singapore	Minus 1.95 percent to 2,751.88
South Korea	Minus 1.57 percent to 1,637.97
Taiwan	Minus 2.54 percent to 7,157.83
Thailand	Minus 1.51 percent to 759.85

Tuesday

A last-minute rally on The New York Stock Exchange helped right what, earlier in the trading day, appeared to be a rapidly sinking ship.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished up at 9,939.98 points, up about 1.26 percent on Monday's close.

However, over on The NASDAQ, it was another story: The Composite Index shed about 0.15 percent, edging back to 2,170.57 points.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 1.50:One on The New York Stock Exchange, but, on The NASDAQ, losing counters outdistanced gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.50:One.

The volume of trading was relatively high, compared with the average daily turnover in 2009.

While it is statistically accurate to state that The Dow rose, last Tuesday, questions were being raised as to whether or not it could hang onto Tuesday's gains by the close of trading on Wednesday.

Internationally, things were not looking exactly bullish for investors.

Europe was the bugbear.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in July came in at \$US71.99, up about 0.77 percent on the day.

As for delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US73.06, representing

a one-day, price improvement of about 0.40 percent.

On major European equity markets, there was no last-minute rally as had taken place on The New York Stock Exchange and, for nearly all of the major bourses, their respective key indices drifted lower:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 0.85 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 0.97 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 0.61 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Minus 0.80 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Minus 0.56 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Minus 0.83 percent

What was unnerving investors in this part of the world was a report from the rating agency, Fitch Incorporated.

Fitch went on record as stating that the United Kingdom faced a formidable challenge in respect of its budgetary deficit.

Fitch said, in effect, that the deficit must be pared, sooner rather than later.

Sterling dropped about one percent to \$US1.437 on the Fitch report.

First it was Greece; then it was Spain; then, it was Hungary ... and, last Tuesday, it was the turn of the United Kingdom.

In Asia, investors went looking for bargains – at least on some of the equity markets.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of the territory's 2 equity markets made useful gains.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index put on about 0.56 percent, closing the trading day at 19,487.48 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK43.66 billion.

In spite of the benchmark index, being in positive territory at the close of the day, declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.15:One.

The Ten Most Actives were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)	Down 2.18 percent to \$HK143.70 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.55 percent to \$HK75.25 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 1.06 percent to \$HK71.40 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:
939)

Down 0.16 percent to \$HK6.12 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Down 0.45 percent to \$HK33.35 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Unchanged at \$HK3.82 per share

Bank of Communications Company Ltd (Code:
3328)

Up 3.20 percent to \$HK8.39 per share

Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (Code: 16)

Up 2.06 percent to \$HK103.80 per share

Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China
Ltd (Code: 2318)

Down 0.96 percent to \$HK61.60 per share

Yanzhou Coal Mining Company Ltd (Code:
1171)

Down 0.74 percent to \$HK16.08 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Innovation Investment Ltd	1217	25.00		0.07
Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd	44	24.00		104.20
Next Media Ltd	282		16.40	1.22
Tse Sui Luen Jewellery (International) Ltd	417	22.00		5.00

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index gained about 1.20 percent, rising to 778.10 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK345.11 million.

Advancing counters were ahead of declining ones by the ratio of about 1.11:One.

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

China Trends Holdings Ltd (Code: 8171)

Up 17.16 percent to \$HK0.157 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 4.49 percent to \$HK0.93 per share

New Universe International Group Ltd (Code: 8068)

Up 1.75 percent to \$HK0.232 per share

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

Up 2.81 percent to \$HK32.90 per share

Kaisun Energy Group Ltd (Code: 8203)

Up 2.94 percent to \$HK1.05 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China E-Learning Group Ltd	8055	14.60		0.236
China Trends Holdings Ltd	8171	17.20		0.157
M Dream Inworld Ltd	8100	17.50		0.168
Shanghai Fudan-Zhangjiang Bio-Pharmaceutical Company Ltd	8231	13.50		1.68

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the largest equity market in this part of the world, its TOPIX Index shed one tenth of a percentage point, dropping back to 858.33 points.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 1.03:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose ¥17.14, about 0.15 percent, to ¥9,537.94.

News Wise

- The **Current Account Surplus** for Japan rose about 88 percent in April, Year-On-Year, The Finance Ministry reported.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.56 percent to 19,487.48 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 1.20 percent to 778.10
Indonesia	Plus 1.08 percent to 2,779.98
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.10 percent to 858.33 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.18 percent to 9,537.94

Malaysia	Plus 0.15 percent to 1,288.18
The Philippines	Plus 0.25 percent to 3,274.26
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.09 percent to 2,513.95 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 0.75 percent to 1,041.09
Singapore	Minus 0.19 percent to 2,746.61
South Korea	Plus 0.82 percent to 1,651.48
Taiwan	Minus 0.08 percent to 7,151.99
Thailand	Minus 0.32 percent to 757.41

Wednesday

The US economy could well be hurt by the chaotic, economic situation in Europe, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, which is the Central Bank of the US, said last Wednesday.

The Chairman of The Fed, Dr Ben S. Bernanke, testifying before the Committee on the Budget, the US House of Representatives, at Washington, D.C., said, inter alia:

‘ ... At the same time, significant restraints on the pace of the recovery remain. In the housing market, sales and construction have been temporarily boosted lately by the homebuyer tax credit. But looking through these temporary movements, underlying housing activity appears to have firmed only a little since mid-2009, with activity being weighed down, in part, by a large inventory of distressed or vacant existing houses and by the difficulties of many builders in obtaining credit. Spending on nonresidential buildings also is being held back by high vacancy rates, low property prices, and strained credit conditions. Meanwhile, pressures on state and local budgets, though tempered somewhat by ongoing federal support, have led these governments to make further cuts in employment and construction spending.

‘As you know, the labor market was hit particularly hard by the recession, but we have begun to see some modest improvement recently in employment, hours of work, and labor income. Payroll employment rose by 431,000 in May, but that figure importantly reflected an increase of 411,000 in hiring for the decennial census. Private payroll employment has risen an average of 140,000 per month for the past three months, and expectations of both businesses and households about hiring prospects have improved since the beginning of the year. In all likelihood, however, a significant amount of time will be required to restore the nearly 8-1/2 million jobs that were lost over 2008 and 2009...

‘Developments in Europe

‘Since late last year, market concerns have mounted over the ability of Greece and a number of other euro-area countries to manage their sizable budget deficits and high levels of public debt. By early May, financial strains had increased significantly as investors focused on several interrelated issues, including whether the fiscally stronger euro-area governments

would provide financial support to the weakest members, the extent to which euro-area growth would be slowed by efforts at fiscal consolidation, and the extent of exposure of major European financial institutions to vulnerable countries.

'U.S. financial markets have been roiled in recent weeks by these developments, which have triggered a reduction in demand for risky assets: Broad equity market indexes have declined, and implied volatility has risen considerably. Treasury yields have fallen as much as 50 basis points since late April, primarily as a result of safe-haven flows that boosted the demand for Treasury securities. Corporate spreads have widened over the same period, and some issuance of corporate bonds has been postponed, especially by speculative-grade issuers.

'In response to these concerns, European leaders have put in place a number of strong measures. Countries under stress have committed to address their fiscal problems. A major assistance package has been established jointly by the European Union (EU) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Greece. To backstop near-term financing needs of its members more generally, the EU has established a European Financial Stabilization Mechanism with up to 500 billion euros in funding, which could be used in tandem with significant bilateral support from the IMF. EU leaders are also discussing proposals to tighten surveillance of members' fiscal performance and improve the design of the EU's fiscal support mechanisms.

'In addition, to address strains in European financial markets, the European Central Bank (ECB) has begun purchasing debt securities in markets that it sees as malfunctioning, and has resumed auctions of three- and six-month loans of euros in unlimited quantities to borrowers with appropriate collateral. To help ease strains in U.S. dollar funding markets, the Federal Reserve has reestablished temporary U.S. dollar liquidity swap lines with the ECB and other major central banks. To date, drawings under these swap lines remain quite limited and far below their peaks reached at the height of the financial crisis in late 2008, but they are nevertheless providing an important backstop for the functioning of dollar funding markets. More generally, our ongoing international cooperation sends an important signal to global financial markets that we will take the actions necessary to ensure stability and continued economic recovery.

'The actions taken by European leaders represent a firm commitment to resolve the prevailing stresses and restore market confidence and stability. If markets continue to stabilize, then the effects of the crisis on economic growth in the United States seem likely to be modest. Although the recent fall in equity prices and weaker economic prospects in Europe will leave some imprint on the U.S. economy, offsetting factors include declines in interest rates on Treasury bonds and home mortgages as well as lower prices for oil and some other globally traded commodities. The Federal Reserve will remain highly attentive to developments abroad and to their potential effects on the U.S. economy ...'.

It appeared, however, that few people, locked into stocks and shares, listed on US equity markets, paid very much attention to the utterances of this celebrated economist, who helps to guide the financial affairs of the largest, single economy of the world.

On Wall Street, eyes were turned to the price gyrations of BP plc, the British oil giant, which is responsible for an oil spill in The Gulf of Mexico.

Without question, this oil spill is the largest ecocatastrophe in the history of the world.

The American share price of BP plc has shed 51.72 percent of its market capitalisation since April 20, 2010, the day of the offshore oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers.

Last Wednesday, the share price of BP plc ended the trading day at \$US29.20, down about 15.80 percent on the day.

On The New York Stock Exchange, it appeared, early in the day, that the market would make a recovery, but, on the contrary, the key indices of the world's largest equity markets continued to lose traction.

It could not hold onto Tuesday anaemic gains, as **TARGET** had strongly suggested.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the benchmark of The New York Stock Exchange, ended the trading day at 9,899.25 points, off about 0.41 percent on Tuesday's close.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gave up about 0.54 percent, dropping back to 2,158.85 points.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the ratio of gainers to losers was about 1.07:One, but, over on The NASDAQ, the reverse situation was true, with the ratio of losers to gainers, being about 1.17:One.

The volume of activity on both equity markets was described as being moderate.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in July was \$US74.38, up about 3.32 percent on Tuesday's final quote.

For delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US75.44, representing a one-day gain of about 3.26 percent.

The gains in the price of this strategic commodity were due to a report that the economy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) continues to power away and, with the rapid gains of its economy, it will mean more reliance on fossil fuels to keep the wheels of industry turning.

In Europe, every key index of every major bourse made very material gains as the following **TARGET** list illustrates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	1.84 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	1.96 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.98 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	1.14 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	1.91 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	1.29 percent

Last Wednesday's gains on Europe's most-important equity markets marked the first move up of the previous 4 trading sessions.

News Wise

- The Government of Finland announced that, in the first quarter of 2010, the economy slipped back into **recession** – a contraction of about 0.40 percent, seasonally adjusted, following a contraction of about 0.20 percent in the quarter, ended December 31, 2009.

In Asia, the key indices of the equity markets of the PRC were the star performers despite widespread strikes of workers at PRC factories, all of whom are demanding higher pay.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the PRC, both equity markets recorded fractional gains in their key indices.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index gained about 0.69 percent as investors nudged it up to 19,621.24 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK51.54 billion.

Declining counters outran advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.05:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)	Down 4.38 percent to \$HK137.40 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.26 percent to \$HK76.20 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 1.65 percent to \$HK33.90 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 0.65 percent to \$HK6.16 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 1.07 percent to \$HK5.67 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 0.56 percent to \$HK71.80 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Up 1.69 percent to \$HK8.42 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Up 1.05 percent to \$HK3.86 per share
Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd (Code: 16)	Up 0.48 percent to \$HK104.30 per share
China Shenhua Energy Company Ltd (Code: 1088)	Down 0.51 percent to \$HK29.25 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Fulbond Holdings Ltd	1041	30.00		0.026
Garron International Ltd	1226	26.70		0.57
Magician Industries (Holdings) Ltd	526	15.80		0.33
Nam Hing Holdings Ltd	986		17.80	0.30

Tianneng Power International Ltd	819		19.00	3.12
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Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index put on about 0.42 percent, rising to 781.36 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK334.40 million.

However, losing counters outnumbered gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.69:One.

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

Coolpoint Energy Ltd (Code: 8032)

Up 12.36 percent to \$HK0.50 per share

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

Up 0.30 percent to \$HK33.00 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 3.23 percent to \$HK0.90 per share

China Trends Holdings Ltd (Code: 8171)

Down 7.64 percent to \$HK0.145 per share

Wumart Stores Incorporated (Code: 8277)

Up 2.13 percent to \$HK14.42 per share

There were only 2, double-digit movers of The GEM, last Wednesday:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Coolpoint Energy Ltd	8032	12.40		0.50
Shanxi Changcheng Microlight Equipment Company Ltd	8286	16.70		1.05

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gave up about 0.93 percent, dropping back to 850.37 points.

Declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 2.16:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average shed about 1.04 percent, ending the trading day at ¥9,439.13.

On other Asian equity markets, this was how their respective key indices fared, last Wednesday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.69 percent to 19,621.24 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.42 percent to 781.36
Indonesia	Plus 0.21 percent to 2,785.79

Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.93 percent to 850.37 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 1.04 percent to 9,439.13
Malaysia	Plus 0.15 percent to 1,290.08
The Philippines	Minus 0.59 percent to 3,254.83
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 2.78 percent to 2,583.87 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 2.48 percent to 1,066.92
Singapore	Minus 0.03 percent to 2,745.80
South Korea	Minus 0.26 percent to 1,647.22
Taiwan	Minus 1.12 percent to 7,071.67
Thailand	Plus 0.90 percent to 764.21

Thursday

What a difference a day makes!

Last Thursday, the equity markets of the US turned on their proverbial tails, with key indices, shooting straight up into the air.

On The New York Stock Exchange, which is the largest equity market in the world, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose about 2.76 percent, running up to 10,172.53 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index put on 2.77 percent, rising to 2,218.71 points.

Gaining counters outpaced losing ones by the ratio of about 7.00:One on The New York Stock Exchange and by about 5.50:One on The NASDAQ.

Trading was moderate, however.

Energy and energy related counters were in strong demand, following confirmation that the economy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the month of May powered much more than had been anticipated.

PRC exports to Europe and its imports from all countries astounded economists, who had not anticipated such bullish statistics.

Once again, it appeared that the PRC was the fillip for the world.

The news that the PRC would be requiring even higher levels of crude oil, during the remainder of the year,

was welcome news to energy companies in spite of the problems, confronting BP plc.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in July came in at \$US75.48, up about 1.48 percent on Wednesday's closing level.

For delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US76.68, representing an increase of about 1.64 percent on the day.

On European equity markets, many of which are resplendent with oil and gas counters, every key index of every major bourse made material gains:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	1.49 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	2.02 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.20 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	0.91 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	2.40 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.90 percent

As with Wall-Street investors, news about the strength of the PRC economy turned the tide of doubters in this part of the world.

The Bank of England, The Central Bank of the United Kingdom, determined to leave well-enough alone and kept interest rates at 0.50 percent, an historic low.

As usual, The Bank of England put out a one-paragraph statement:

'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 maintain the stock of asset purchases financed by the issuance of central bank reserves at £200 billion.'

The European Central Bank (ECB) followed the lead of The Bank of England, stating:

'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.'

In Asia, investors appeared to be mildly bullish.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the PRC, both equity markets made gains, but, on the premier equity market, the gain in the key index was anaemic.

The benchmark of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index, rose about 0.06 percent to 19,632.70 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK47.26 billion, while the ratio of declining counters to advancing ones

was about 1.47:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)	Down 7.28 percent to \$HK127.40 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 0.98 percent to \$HK76.95 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Up 2.59 percent to \$HK12.68 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 0.42 percent to \$HK72.10 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 0.53 percent to \$HK5.70 per share
Bank of Communications Company Ltd(Code: 3328)	Up 0.60 percent to \$HK8.45 per share
GOME Electrical Appliances Holding Ltd (Code: 493)	Up 4.98 percent to \$HK2.53 per share
China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 0.16 percent to \$HK6.17 per share
Lenovo Group Ltd (Code: 992)	Down 4.82 percent to \$HK3.95 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 0.59 percent to \$HK33.70 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Ching Hing (Holdings) Ltd	692		25.50	0.035
Fulbond Holdings Ltd	1041		15.40	0.022
Garron International Ltd	1226	15.80		0.66
I.T Ltd	999	16.40		2.13
Starlight International Holdings Ltd	485	17.90		0.29

Sun Innovation Holdings Ltd	547	33.30		0.42
Zhong Hua International Holdings Ltd	1064	34.90		0.85

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index gained about 0.91 percent, ending the light trading day at 788.44 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK234.67 million.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 1.36:One.

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

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 2.22 percent to \$HK0.92 per share

Coolpoint Energy Ltd (Code: 8032)

Down 4.00 percent to \$HK0.48 per share

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

Up 1.36 percent to \$HK33.45 per share

China Trends Holdings Ltd (Code: 8171)

Down 7.59 percent to \$HK0.134 per share

China Public Healthcare (Holding) Ltd (Code:
8116)

Unchanged at \$HK0.189 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AcrossAsia Ltd	8061	10.00		0.154
ePRO Ltd	8086		13.20	0.79
First China Financial Network Holdings Ltd	8123	13.00		0.39
PINE Technology Holdings Ltd	8013	10.90		0.255

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose exactly three quarters of a percentage point, ending the trading day at 856.79 points.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 1.78:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average gained about 1.10 percent as investors pushed it to ¥9,542.65.

And this was how things looked on other Asian equity markets, last Thursday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.06 percent to 19,632.70 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.91 percent to 788.44
Indonesia	Minus 0.54 percent to 2,770.79
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.75 percent to 856.79 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.10 percent to 9,542.65
Malaysia	Plus 0.10 percent to 1,291.31
The Philippines	Minus 0.93 percent to 3,224.49
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.82 percent to 2,562.58 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 0.21 percent to 1,069.20
Singapore	Plus 1.23 percent to 2,779.58
South Korea	Plus 0.27 percent to 1,651.70
Taiwan	Plus 1.56 percent to 7,181.77
Thailand	Plus 0.52 percent to 768.16

Friday

Talk about a roller-coaster ride and one has to include Wall Street – because its ride is the best in the world ... at least, among the most exciting if not the absolute best.

Last Friday, after an almost immediate paring of the values of the key indices of the world's largest equity markets as soon as they opened for business, following a report that indicated a fall in US retail sales in May, investors gathered courage from yet another report, suggesting that consumer sentiment in the US had improved, markedly, to a 30-month high.

So, up went the key indices of Wall Street, reversing the earlier losses.

By the close of the day, the situation was:

- The Dow Jones Industrial Average,
the benchmark index of
The New York Stock Exchange Up 0.38 percent at 10,211.07 points
- The Composite Index of The NASDAQ Up 1.12 percent at 2,243.60 points

The trading pattern was light however.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 2.75:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2.50:One on The NASDAQ.

As far as the week was concerned, the tally for the largest and most-influential equity markets of the world was:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average	Plus	2.81 percent
The Composite Index of The NASDAQ	Plus	1.10 percent

While Wall Street investors might have been susurrating over the recovery of Wall Street's key indices, on the world's commodity exchanges, traders were experiencing a difficult time, trying to outguess the market – and losing the game.

On The **New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)**, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in July came in at \$US73.78, down about 2.25 percent on Thursday's close.

As for delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US75.34, representing a one-day, price fall of about 1.75 percent.

In Europe, the key indices of the most-important bourses of this region of the world just managed to squeeze out fractional gains, for the most part:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	0.04 percent
France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	1.10 percent
Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus	0.14 percent
Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	0.60 percent
Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	1.33 percent
Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.78 percent

In Asia, the key indices of the largest equity markets took their respective cues from Thursday's bull run on Wall Street.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the territory's 2 equity markets recorded useful gains.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 1.22 percent to 19,872.38 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK48.71 billion, with advancing counters, outnumbering declining ones by the ratio of about 1.57:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Up 4.32 percent to \$HK132.90 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 1.39 percent to \$HK73.10 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.32 percent to \$HK77.20 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Up 0.32 percent to \$HK6.19 per share

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

Up 0.18 percent to \$HK5.71 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Up 1.48 percent to \$HK34.20 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 2.36 percent to \$HK8.67 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 1.74 percent to \$HK12.90 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 0.78 percent to \$HK3.89 per share

China Merchants Bank Company Ltd (Code: 3968)

Up 2.36 percent to \$HK18.18 per share

The biggest movers of the Main Board were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Genesis Energy Holdings Ltd	702	23.10		0.64
Radford Capital Investment Ltd	901		25.00	0.195

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index put on about 0.66 percent, rising to 793.65 points.

The Total Turnover dipped to \$HK294.51 million.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 1.79:One.

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

Coolpoint Energy Ltd (Code: 8032)

Up 3.13 percent to \$HK0.495 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Up 9.17 percent to \$HK2.38 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Unchanged at \$HK0.92 per share

China Vanguard Group Ltd (Code: 8156)

Up 12.34 percent to \$HK0.255 per share

China LotSynergy Holdings Ltd (Code: 8161)

Up 1.49 percent to \$HK0.34 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China AU Group Holdings Ltd	8176	12.50		0.45
China Electric Power Technology Holdings Ltd	8053	15.00		0.345
China Vanguard Group Ltd	8156	12.30		0.255
EVOC Intelligent Technology Company Ltd	8285	10.40		1.80
HC International Incorporated	8292	17.80		0.86
Longlife Group Holdings Ltd	8037	15.00		0.345
MelcoLot Ltd	8198	13.50		0.295

For the week, ended June 11, 2010, the tally for the second, most-important equity market of Asia was:

The Hang Seng Index	Plus 0.47 percent
The Growth Enterprise Index	Plus 1.75 percent

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the largest equity market in this part of the world, its TOPIX Index managed a gain of about 1.13 percent, ending the trading day at 866.44 points.

Advancing counters led declining ones by the ratio of about 3.72:One.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose ¥162.60, or about 1.70 percent, running up to ¥9,705.25.

For the largest equity market of Asia, the tally for the week was:

The TOPIX Index	Minus 2.66 percent
The Nikkei-225 Stock Average	Minus 1.98 percent

On other Asian stock markets, this was how their respective key indices closed the week:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.22 percent to 19,872.38 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.66 percent to 793.65
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Indonesia	Plus 1.12 percent to 2,801.90
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.13 percent to 866.44 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.70 percent to 9,705.25
Malaysia	Plus 0.26 percent to 1,294.67
The Philippines	Plus 1.27 percent to 3,265.44
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.29 percent to 2,569.94 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.29 percent to 1,066.10
Singapore	Plus 0.60 percent to 2,796.29
South Korea	Plus 1.43 percent to 1,675.34
Taiwan	Plus 1.64 percent to 7,299.49
Thailand	Plus 0.18 percent to 769.55

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