

**SHUDDER, SHAKE ... AND, THEN,  
PRAY FOR NO MORE NEGATIVE NEWS:  
INVESTORS AWAIT THE PLEASURE  
OF GREECE'S CRUTIAL PARLIAMENTARY VOTE**

**How Many Italian Banks Are In Trouble ?**

The on-again, off-again dickering by the **I**nternational **M**onetary **F**und (**IMF**) and the **E**uropean **U**nion (**EU**) to give another, multi-billion-euro loan to Greece was worrying many investors, from Zanzibar to Alaska and down to Wellington, New Zealand.

If a definite decision is not made soon, it is well known that Greece will be in default of its international financial commitments.

And, then, all Hell could break loose as creditors shout: Foul!

Ministers of the EU have told the Government of Greece that it must, as a condition for another loan of 12 billion euros, impose even more stricter austerity measures.

On the streets of Athens, the Capital City of Greece, continued unrest by thousands of disgruntled workers applied more pressure on the government of the country and, in Madrid, Spain, as well as in many other cities of that country, a similar situation was taking place because, inter alia, Spain's finances can hardly be considered in good shape although they are not as bad as those of Greece's.

Spanish workers are complaining about the imposition of austerity measures, now being put into place, spending cuts on social services and vast unemployment, running at 20-plus percent.

Unemployment among the youth of the country, however, is running at about 43 percent.

More than one million families have been left without one wage earner, according to Spain's official statistics.

In such a chaotic situation, equity investors on the world's largest stock markets faced a conundrum: What action, if any, does one take?

The fear, of course, was that the Greek and Spanish contagion could well spread to other EU nations

On Wall Street, the volume of activity was about 67 percent of the average daily turnover of the 2010-year.

To state that the turnover was light would have been to state the obvious.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 76.02 points, equivalent to about 0.63 percent, ending the very anaemic trading day at 12,080.38 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gained 13.18 points, or about 0.50 percent, ending the trading day at 2,629.66 points.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ was about 2.00:One and 1.36:One, respectively.

On the world's commodity markets, especially on the oil markets, trading was, also, light.

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 \$US93.26, up about 0.27 percent on the closing level of Friday, June 17, 2011.

For delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US93.63, representing an increase of about one quarter of a percentage point, compared with the previous Friday's closing level.

On European bourses, the gainers were few and far between.

Investors in this part of the world were very concerned about the developing situation in their part of the world and feared for the worst.

This was how the key indices of the most-important equity markets fared, last Monday night:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Minus 0.44 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 0.62 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 0.19 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Minus 0.37 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 1.97 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Minus 0.51 percent

### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4348	1.4383	1.4306	+0.32%	1.4348	1.4353
GBP/USD	1.6228	1.6251	1.6200	+0.17%	1.6228	1.6232
USD/JPY	80.170	80.320	80.190	-0.10%	80.170	80.220
USD/CHF	0.84380	0.84630	0.84300	-0.27%	0.84380	0.84430
USD/CAD	0.97850	0.98010	0.97790	-0.15%	0.97850	0.97900
AUD/USD	1.0600	1.0615	1.0580	+0.19%	1.0600	1.0605

In Asia, bearishness continued on the majority of equity markets in this region of the world.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), both equity markets lost traction, with the largest losses, being felt on the speculative stock market, known as The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of this, the premier equity market of the territory, dropped about 0.44 percent to 21,599.51 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK65.75 billion, with the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones, being about 1.89:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Up 4.29 percent to \$HK196.90 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 0.72 percent to \$HK75.50 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Up 0.75 percent to \$HK6.59 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Up 2.34 percent to \$HK81.30 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Unchanged at \$HK10.88 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code:  
388)

Down 2.00 percent to \$HK156.90 per share

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

Down 0.69 percent to \$HK5.77 per share

China Unicom (Hongkong) Ltd (Code: 762)

Up 1.22 percent to \$HK14.98 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.29 percent to \$HK69.30 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 0.22 percent to \$HK17.90 per share

The biggest movers on this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Grand Forestry Green Resources Group Ltd	910		16.30	0.118

Neway Group Holdings Ltd	55		20.90	0.159
Radford Capital Investment Ltd	901	34.10		0.59
Shun Cheong Holdings Ltd	650		27.70	0.47
SIM Technology Group Ltd	2000		21.40	0.77
Willie International Holdings Ltd	273		24.20	0.10

On The GEM, its Growth Enterprise Index gave up about 1.18 percent, dropping back to 677.11 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK265.83 million.

Declining counters outdistanced advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.73:One.

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

China Innovationpay Group Ltd (Code: 8083)

Down 1.43 percent to \$HK0.345 per share

Credit China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8207)

Down 9.88 percent to \$HK1.46 per share

Sun International Group Ltd (Code: 8029)

Up 11.28 percent to \$HK1.48 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Up 1.07 percent to \$HK2.83 per share

China Leason Investment Group Company Ltd  
(Code: 8270)

Down 1.72 percent to \$HK0.57 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China 3D Digital Entertainment Ltd	8078	11.80		0.019
Mobile Telecom Network (Holdings) Ltd	8266	14.00		0.13
Neo Telemedia Ltd	8167		11.10	0.04
Sun International Group Ltd	8029	11.30		1.48
Xi'an Haitian Antenna Technologies Company Ltd	8227		11.70	0.265

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the premier equity market of Japan, its TOPIX Index rose about 0.19 percent to 806.83 points.

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, gained ¥2.92, or about 0.03 percent, ending the trading day at ¥9,354.32, compared with the closing level of Friday, June 17, 2011.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.75:One.

As for other Asian equity markets, this was how their respective key indices fared, last Monday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 0.44 percent to 21,599.51 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 1.18 percent to 677.11
Indonesia	Plus 0.18 percent to 3,729.12
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.19 percent to 806.83 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.03 percent to 9,354.32
Malaysia	Minus 0.27 percent to 1,559.19
The Philippines	Closed
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.82 percent to 2,621.25 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 1.10 percent to 1,073.19
Singapore	Plus 0.28 percent to 3,013.60
South Korea	Minus 0.60 percent to 2,019.65
Taiwan	Minus 1.22 percent to 8,530.68
Thailand	Minus 0.58 percent to 1,013.09_

## **Tuesday**

It was as though the world's problems had vanished into the ether, last Tuesday.

Stocks and shares rose sharply into the stratosphere to the delight, no doubt, of many Wall Street gurus.

Meanwhile, in major cities of Spain, the workers' protests continued over austerity measures and the lack of employment and, in Greece, no conclusion had been reached over emergency funding from the **European Union (EU)** and the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** although Prime Minister George Papandreou's new cabinet had been approved by 155 votes to 143 votes with 2 abstentions.

The new cabinet will, now, be asked to approve €28 billion-worth of cuts, tax rises, fiscal reforms and privatisation plans.

These are all part of the demands of the EU and the IMF for more emergency funding in order to prevent the Government of Greece from defaulting on its international financial commitments.

On Wall Street and in most parts of the world, stock and share prices rose.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained about 0.91 percent, rising to 12,190.01 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ put on about 2.19 percent, ending the light trading day at 2,687.26 points.

Advancing counters outnumbered declining ones by the ratio of about 6.00:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 4.00:One on The NASDAQ.

#### News Wise

- The sales prices of previously owned **homes in the US** fell in the month of May by about 15 percent, Year-On-Year, according to the statistics, supplied by The National Association of Realtors. The median price of existing homes, in the same month, dropped by about 4.60 percent, compared with the like month in 2010.

On European bourses, investors played the game of follow-the-leader and, seeing the seemingly healthy gains, having been made on Wall Street's stocks and shares, determined to catch a ride of that equity market's fast-moving '*bus*'.

This was how the key indices of **TARGET**'s select list of the most-important equity markets of this part of the world fared, last Tuesday:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Plus	1.35 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Plus	2.03 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Plus	1.89 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index	Plus	1.43 percent
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Italy's MIBTEL Index	Plus	1.99 percent
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Switzerland's Swiss Market Index	Plus	0.80 percent
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#### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4374	1.4424	1.4366	-0.24%	1.4374	1.4379
GBP/USD	1.6218	1.6245	1.6209	-0.15%	1.6218	1.6222
USD/JPY	80.220	80.300	80.220	+0.06%	80.220	80.270
USD/CHF	0.84170	0.84260	0.84060	+0.14%	0.84170	0.84220
USD/CAD	0.97260	0.97330	0.97120	+0.16%	0.97260	0.97310
AUD/USD	1.0599	1.0613	1.0581	-0.03%	1.0599	1.0604

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the largest commodity market in the world, the price of crude oil limped up fractionally in relatively light trading conditions.

For delivery in July, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US93.40, up about 0.15 percent on Monday's closing level.

As for delivery in August, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US94.17, representing a one-day, price-increase of about 0.58 percent.

In Asia, every key index of every equity market made healthy gains.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), it was noticeable that, even though the key indices of the 2 equity markets of the territory were firmly in positive territory, the volume of activity continued to resemble anaemia.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 1.16 percent to 21,850.59 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK69.51 billion, while the ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 1.88:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Down 2.28 percent to \$HK6.44 per share

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

Up 1.21 percent to \$HK5.84 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 0.79 percent to \$HK3.77 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Down 1.25 percent to \$HK3.94 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 1.66 percent to \$HK76.75 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)

Up 2.87 percent to \$HK161.40 per share

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Up 3.20 percent to \$HK203.20 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 1.01 percent to \$HK18.08 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 1.84 percent to \$HK11.08 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.51 percent to \$HK69.65 per share

The biggest movers included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
CASH Financial Services Group Ltd	510	22.50		0.223
Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Ltd	1049	17.30		0.244
China Best Group Holding Ltd	370	15.50		0.164
Freeman Financial Corporation Ltd	279		18.60	0.127
Greenheart Group Ltd	94	15.90		1.02
Mongolia Energy Corporation Ltd	276	26.90		1.18
Neway Group Holdings Ltd	55	27.70		0.203
United Pacific Industries Ltd	176	16.20		0.265
VXL Capital Ltd	727	18.50		0.237

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index recorded a one-day gain of about 0.89 percent, ending the very light trading day at 683.10 points.

The Total Turnover dipped to about \$HK200.26 million, with advancing counters, edging out declining ones by the ratio of about 1.32:One.

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

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Up 2.12 percent to \$HK2.89 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 1.82 percent to \$HK1.12 per share



Sun International Group Ltd (Code: 8029)

Up 4.73 percent to \$HK1.55 per share

Credit China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8207)

Up 7.53 percent to \$HK1.57 per share

Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 8150)

Up 5.88 percent to \$HK1.80 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Primary Resources Holdings Ltd	8117		13.30	0.104
Computech Holdings Ltd	8081	12.50		0.18
TLT Lottotainment Group Ltd	8022	13.20		0.12
Venturepharm Laboratories Ltd	8225		13.80	0.75

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 1.10 percent as investors pushed it up to 815.73 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average managed a gain of about 1.13 percent, rising to ¥9,459.66.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 5.43:One.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.16 percent to 21,850.59 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.89 percent to 683.10
Indonesia	Plus 1.76 percent to 3,794.94
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.10 percent to 815.73 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.13 percent to 9,459.66
Malaysia	Plus 0.10 percent to 1,560.79
The Philippines	Plus 1.41 percent to 4,211.81
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.96 percent to 2,646.48

	Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 1.45 percent to 1,088.77
Singapore	Plus 1.32 percent to 3,053.51
South Korea	Plus 1.41 percent to 2,048.17
Taiwan	Plus 0.78 percent to 8,597.62
Thailand	Plus 1.44 percent to 1,027.72

### **Wednesday**

The Chairman of the US Federal Reserve has issued a warning, stating that the growth of the US economy would be between 2.70 percent and 2.90 percent for the current Fiscal Year.

That forecast is a reduction of between 12.90 percentile points and 12.12 percentile points, compared with The Fed's April estimate.

Dr Ben S. Bernanke, who heads the US Central Bank, said unemployment in the country would stay high for the remainder of the year, the financial sector of the economy would show weakness, and there is likely to be a continued slump in the US housing market.

His statements came after The Fed's Open Market Committee Meeting, which concluded with a decision to keep interest rates on hold at between 0 percent and 0.25 percent.

The Fed, also, stated that interest rates were likely to remain at their current levels *'for an extended period'* of time.

Certainly not good news.

On Wall Street, there was an immediate reaction to The Fed's prognostications.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost about 0.66 percent, dropping back to 12,109.67 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ shed about 0.67 percent, ending the very quiet trading day at 2,669.19 points.

The volume of activity was about 73 percent of that which was the average daily turnover of 2010.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.42:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 2.13:One on The NASDAQ.

On European equity markets, once again investors in this part of the world played along with Wall Street, resulting in the key indices of the most-important bourses, falling, albeit only fractionally:

Amsterdam's AEX Index

Minus 0.58 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 0.14 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 0.10 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Minus 0.04 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 0.49 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Minus 0.80 percent

### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4302	1.4357	1.4289	-0.35%	1.4302	1.4307
GBP/USD	1.6037	1.6073	1.6021	-0.21%	1.6037	1.6041
USD/JPY	80.540	80.630	80.310	+0.32%	80.540	80.590
USD/CHF	0.84250	0.84390	0.83910	+0.42%	0.84250	0.84300
USD/CAD	0.97400	0.97490	0.97300	+0.03%	0.97400	0.97450
AUD/USD	1.0539	1.0576	1.0537	-0.30%	1.0539	1.0544

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August (the new near month) came in at \$US95.41, up about 1.32 percent on the day.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US95.92, up about 1.40 percent on Tuesday's closing level.

In Asia, the key indices of the majority of the equity markets in the most-populous part of the world were in positive territory at the close of the trading day, but, by and large, the gains were of a fractional nature.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both equity markets made gains, but they were nothing about which to write home to mom.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, managed a gain of about 0.04 percent, ending the trading day at 21,859.97 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK64.72 billion, with the ratio of advancing counters to declining ones, being about 1.005:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Up 2.66 percent to \$HK208.60 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Down 0.62 percent to \$HK6.40 per share

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

Down 0.68 percent to \$HK5.80 per share

China National Building Material Company Ltd  
(Code: 3323)

Up 6.95 percent to \$HK14.46 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 0.20 percent to \$HK76.60 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Down 2.28 percent to \$HK3.85 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 0.27 percent to \$HK3.76 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Up 0.06 percent to \$HK81.55 per share

Li and Fung Ltd (Code: 494)

Up 5.56 percent to \$HK15.58 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Down 0.55 percent to \$HK17.98 per share

The biggest movers on this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Amax Holdings Ltd	959	15.80		0.117
China Agri-Products Exchange Ltd	149		16.20	0.129
Guojin Resources Holdings Ltd	630		40.30	0.089
Pacific Plywood Holdings Ltd	767	29.00		0.08
RCG Holdings Ltd	802	19.40		1.23
Tiangong International Company Ltd	826	23.40		1.53
Vitop Bioenergy Holdings Ltd	1178	15.10		0.42

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index ended the trading session at 689.54 points, a one-day advance of about 0.94 percent.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK340.09 million, with losing counters, outpacing gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.06:One.

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

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 25.00 percent to \$HK1.40 per share

China Innovationpay Group Ltd (Code: 8083)

Up 1.45 percent to \$HK0.35 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 0.35 percent to \$HK2.88 per share

Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 8150)

Down 5.00 percent to \$HK1.71 per share

Credit China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8207)

Down 3.82 percent to \$HK1.51 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Bio-Med Regeneration Technology Ltd	8158	13.10		0.225
Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd	8046	25.00		1.40
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092		13.20	0.059
Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd	8026	10.60		0.199
Sunrise (China) Technology Group Ltd	8226	10.50		1.26
ZMAY Holdings Ltd	8085		16.50	0.132

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the largest and most-important equity market in Asia, its TOPIX Index rose about 1.63 percent to 828.99 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Index put on about 1.79 percent, ending the day at ¥9,629.43.

Gaining counters outdistanced losing ones by the ratio of about 10.77:One.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.04 percent to 21,859.97 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.94 percent to 689.54
Indonesia	Plus 0.71 percent to 3,821.83

Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.63 percent to 828.99 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.79 percent to 9,629.43
Malaysia	Plus 0.42 percent to 1,567.35
The Philippines	Plus 0.79 percent to 4,245.28
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.11 percent to 2,649.32 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.04 percent to 1,088.35
Singapore	Minus 0.35 percent to 3,042.83
South Korea	Plus 0.77 percent to 2,063.90
Taiwan	Plus 0.27 percent to 8,621.04
Thailand	Minus 0.38 percent to 1,023.86

### **Thursday**

With a caste-iron guarantee that the US economy would be weak in the coming 2 Fiscal Years (please see Wednesday's report), investors ran for cover on the world's largest and most-influential equity markets.

And, on international commodity exchanges, the price of crude oil fell out of bed – with a thud.

The **International Energy Agency (IEA)** announced that it would inject about 60 million barrels of crude oil into international markets, immediately, in order to increase the world's supply of the strategic commodity by about 2.50 percent.

The IEA is of the opinion that the main reason for the relatively high price of crude oil is due to supply disruptions, caused by widespread political problems in and around the oil-producing states of the Middle East and North Africa.

This action by The IEA is widely expected to result in crude-oil prices, falling further in the coming days and weeks.

Last Thursday, London Brent Crude Oil futures contracts for delivery in August came in at \$US107.26, off about 6.08 percent on Wednesday's closing rate.

On The **New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)**, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August was \$US91.02, equivalent to a one-day, price-fall of about 4.60 percent.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US91.54,

representing a drop, Day-On-Day, of about 4.57 percent.

On Wall Street, there was pandemonium, during most of the trading day.

In the final hour of trading on this, the world's largest equity market, something in the neighbourhood of 30 percent of the entire day's trading was consummated.

Investors on this market had to face, on the one hand, the unexpected, rapid falls in the price of crude oil, internationally, due in large part to the downbeat prognostications of Dr Ben S. Bernanke, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, a seeming decision by the Greek Parliament to a 5-year, austerity programme, part of the mandatory requirements of the European Union and the International Monetary Fund to release more emergency funding for the cash-strapped home of democracy; and, on the other hand, much closer to home, indications that the unemployment level in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave was accelerating, apace.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gave up about 0.49 percent, edging down to 12,050.00 points, while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index went in the opposite direction to The Dow, gaining about 0.66 percent to 2,686.75 points.

The turnover gathered pace, last Thursday, just a smidgen lower than the average daily volume of activity in 2010.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.31:One on The New York Stock Exchange, but, over on The NASDAQ, gaining counters outpaced losing ones by the ratio of about 1.17:One.

The final figures for The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ contrasted markedly with the intraday low, which was off by about 233.79 points on The New York Stock Exchange, equivalent to about 2 percent, compared with Wednesday's closing level.

A similar material recurve of largely similar proportions to those of The New York Stock Exchange was experienced on The NASDAQ's Composite Index.

#### News Wise

- **Sales** in the month of May of new, single-family homes in the US fell for the first time since February, according to statistics, compiled by the US Government's Commerce Department. Sales were off by about 2.10 percent, annually adjusted, to 319,000 units.

On European equity markets, the key indices of the most-important ones all headed south.

The losses were very material as investors in this part of the world were preparing for the worst, as rioting and civil unrest continued in Greece and Spain over losses of jobs, cuts in salaries and wages, and widespread unemployment.

This was how the key indices of **TARGET**'s select list of the largest and most-important bourses fared, last Thursday night:

Amsterdam's AEX Index	Minus 1.67 percent
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France's CAC 40 Index	Minus 2.15 percent
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Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index	Minus 1.76 percent
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Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index      Minus 1.70 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index      Minus 2.66 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index      Minus 2.00 percent

### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4265	1.4277	1.4250	+0.09%	1.4265	1.4270
GBP/USD	1.6010	1.6028	1.6006	+0.04%	1.6010	1.6014
USD/JPY	80.470	80.570	80.430	-0.01%	80.470	80.520
USD/CHF	0.83800	0.83890	0.83790	-0.08%	0.83800	0.83850
USD/CAD	0.97860	0.97890	0.97770	-0.02%	0.97860	0.97910
AUD/USD	1.0538	1.0549	1.0526	+0.15%	1.0538	1.0543

In Asia, investors continued to be bearish about the near-term prospects for stocks and shares.

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

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index gave up about 0.46 percent, dropping back to 21,759.14 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK64.70 billion, while the ratio of declining counters to gaining ones was about 1.54:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Down 2.03 percent to \$HK6.27 per share

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

Down 1.38 percent to \$HK5.72 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 0.91 percent to \$HK75.90 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 0.53 percent to \$HK3.74 per share



Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Down 2.08 percent to \$HK3.77 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Up 0.31 percent to \$HK81.80 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code:  
388)

Down 1.55 percent to \$HK159.10 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Down 1.00 percent to \$HK24.80 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 0.33 percent to \$HK18.04 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Unchanged at \$HK69.85 per share

The biggest movers on this marketplace included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Asia Coal Ltd	835	15.10		0.122
DBA Telecommunication (Asia) Holdings Ltd	3335		16.80	2.38
eForce Holdings Ltd	943		29.30	0.041
Greenheart Group Ltd	94	15.70		1.18
Manta Holdings Company Ltd	936	20.60		1.58
Vital Group Holdings Ltd	1164	20.00		1.44
Waytung Global Group Ltd	21	17.60		0.50

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index shed about 0.63 percent, ending the trading day at 685.17 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK221.14 million, with losing counters, outnumbering gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.12:One.

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

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 3.57 percent to \$HK1.35 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 3.13 percent to \$HK2.79 per share

Eternite International Company Ltd (Code: 8351)

Down 14.29 percent to \$HK0.96 per share

Credit China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8207)

Up 3.31 percent to \$HK1.56 per share

Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd (Code:  
8150)

Down 3.51 percent to \$HK1.65 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
AGTech Holdings Ltd	8279	10.60		0.47
Eternite International Company Ltd	8351		14.30	0.96
Pan Asia Mining Ltd	8173		10.00	0.495
Zhi Cheng Holdings Ltd	8130		12.50	0.223

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index lost about 0.42 percent, dropping back to 825.51 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average lost about 0.34 percent as investors pulled it back to ¥9,596.74.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.64:One.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 0.46 percent to 21,759.14 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.63 percent to 685.17
Indonesia	Plus 0.05 percent to 3,823.65
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 0.42 percent to 825.51 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 0.34 percent to 9,596.74
Malaysia	Minus 0.27 percent to 1,563.19
The Philippines	Minus 0.10 percent to 4,241.14
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 1.47 percent to 2,688.25

	Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 2.10 percent to 1,111.18
Singapore	Plus 0.06 percent to 3,044.72
South Korea	Minus 0.39 percent to 2,055.86
Taiwan	Minus 0.62 percent to 8,567.28
Thailand	Minus 0.95 percent to 1,014.13

### **Friday**

Continued fears about the Greece debt crisis dogged investors on the world's equity markets, last Friday, with the price of crude oil in European commodity exchanges, continuing to drop.

Wall Street suffered another major psychological setback when it became known that some Italian banks might well be in trouble due to capital inadequacies. As a direct result, the share prices of a number of banks in Europe lost material chunks of their respective market capitalisations.

In addition, Greece still had one more major hurdle to negotiate before it could be said that it is truly out of the financial woods: The Greek Parliament has to pass into law a number of austerity measures, which are mandatory if the **E**uropean **U**nion (**EU**) and The **I**nternational **M**onetary **F**und (**IMF**) are to agree to continue to fund the country in its time of dire need.

If the EU and IMF money is not forthcoming, then, Greece will be in default of its international financial commitments; and, this will have a ripple effect throughout the EU ... and beyond.

The people of Greece maintain that they shall not permit the draconian austerity measures to be passed into law and are lobbying their Government not to accede to the demands of the EU and the IMF.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost about 0.96 percent, ending the trading week at 11,934.58 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index shed about 1.26 percent as investors drove it down to 2,652.89 points.

In very heavy volume, which exceeded the daily average turnover of 2010 by about 13 percent, the ratio of losing counters to gaining ones on both The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ was about 1.73:One and 1.50:One, respectively.

The tally for the week for the world's largest and most-influential equity markets was:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average	Minus 0.58 percent
The Composite Index of The NASDAQ	Minus 1.39 percent

On The **N**ew **Y**ork **M**ercantile **E**xchange (**NYMEX**), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August was \$US91.16, representing a one-day, price-gain of about 0.15 percent.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US91.71, up

about 0.19 percent on Thursday's closing level.

London Brent Crude Oil futures contracts for delivery in August, however, lost another 2 percent, dropping to \$US105.12 per barrel.

On major European bourses, there was no clear direction of their respective key indices, with about half of them rising fractionally, with the other half losing fractionally, the exception, being the key indices of Italian equity markets, which fell to widespread selling pressures.

This was how the situation looked on **TARGET**'s select list of the most-important bourses of Europe, last Friday night:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Plus    0.05 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 0.07 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 0.39 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Plus    0.41 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 1.47 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Plus    0.11 percent

### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.4185	1.4305	1.4146	-0.47%	1.4185	1.4190
<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.5961	1.6043	1.5955	-0.27%	1.5961	1.5965
<b>USD/JPY</b>	80.410	80.580	80.160	-0.09%	80.410	80.460
<b>USD/CHF</b>	0.83330	0.83930	0.83230	-0.64%	0.83330	0.83380
<b>USD/CAD</b>	0.98820	0.98860	0.97730	+0.96%	0.98820	0.98870
<b>AUD/USD</b>	1.0489	1.0600	1.0489	-0.31%	1.0489	1.0494

In Asia, investors, for some unknown reason(s), appeared to be mildly bullish.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both equity markets jumped from the opening bells.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 1.90 percent

to 22,171.95 points in relatively heavy volume: About \$HK83.78 billion.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 2.71:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 4.80 percent to \$HK73.20 per share

Prada SpA (Code: 1913)

\$HK39.60 per share\*

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Up 3.51 percent to \$HK6.49 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Down 1.00 percent to \$HK17.86 per share

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

Up 2.97 percent to \$HK5.89 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 0.59 percent to \$HK76.35 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 2.94 percent to \$HK3.85 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Up 6.10 percent to \$HK4.00 per share

China Unicom (Hongkong) Ltd (Code: 762)

Down 2.08 percent to \$HK15.10 per share

China Yurun Food Group Ltd (Code: 1068)

Down 4.99 percent to \$HK25.70 per share

\* First Day of Trading

The biggest movers on this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Environmental Technology Holdings Ltd	646		17.10	0.29
Cosmopolitan International Holdings Ltd	120	25.00		0.09
PetroAsian Energy Holdings Ltd	850	16.00		0.29

On The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index, which is the lone index of this market, gained about 1.46 percent, ending the trading day at 695.20 points.

The Total Turnover, however, was relatively low, at about \$HK240.32 million.

The ratio of gainers to losers was exactly 1.39:One.

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

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 1.48 percent to \$HK1.37 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Unchanged at \$HK2.79 per share

Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 8150)

Down 4.85 percent to \$HK1.57 per share

China AU Group Holdings Ltd (Code: 8176)

Unchanged at \$HK0.23 per share

China Innovationpay Group Ltd (Code: 8083)

Down 5.71 percent to \$HK0.33 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China 3D Digital Entertainment Ltd	8078	10.50		0.021
China Data Broadcasting Holdings Ltd	8016	13.30		1.53
Eternite International Company Ltd	8351	10.40		1.06
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092	32.80		0.077
Long Success International (Holdings) Ltd	8017	14.30		0.152
Shanghai Fudan Microelectronics Group Company Ltd	8102	16.90		2.90
Shenzhen Mingwah Aohan High Technology Corporation Ltd	8301	11.00		0.81
Unlimited Creativity Holdings Ltd	8079		12.10	0.08

The tally for the week, ended June 24, 2011, with regard to Asia's second, most-important equity market, was:

The Hang Seng Index	Plus	2.20 percent
The Growth Enterprise Index	Plus	1.47 percent

On Asia's largest and (still) the most-important equity market of the most-populous part of the world,

investors appeared to follow the lead of the rest of Asia.

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index moved up to 833.20 points, a one-day gain of about 0.93 percent.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose about 0.85 percent to ¥9,678.71.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 2.82:One.

For the 5-day trading week, the tally for Japan's premier equity market was:

The TOPIX Index	Plus	3.46 percent
The Nikkei-225 Stock Average	Plus	3.50 percent

On other Asian stock markets, this was how their respective key indices fared, last Friday night:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.90 percent to 22,171.95 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 1.47 percent to 695.20
Indonesia	Plus 0.65 percent to 3,848.56
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.93 percent to 833.20 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.85 percent to 9,678.71
Malaysia	Plus 0.09 percent to 1,564.66
The Philippines	Plus 1.19 percent to 4,291.44
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 2.16 percent to 2,746.21 Shenzhen Composite Index Plus 2.27 percent to 1,136.40
Singapore	Plus 0.73 percent to 3,066.85
South Korea	Plus 1.70 percent to 2,090.81
Taiwan	Minus 0.40 percent to 8,532.83
Thailand	Plus 0.87 percent to 1,022.94

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