

**EUROZONE MINISTERS AGREE ON ANOTHER AID PACKAGE FOR GREECE,  
BUT THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE  
CAN'T FIND A COMMON GROUND**

**Uncertainty Continues On Wall Street**

The key indices of most of the world's equity markets fell, some very violently, also, last Monday.

Investors are becoming more and more concerned as to the ability of some of the world's economies to meet their financial commitments to international creditors – the debts of the United States of America.

On The New York Stock Exchange, which is the largest stock market in the world, its benchmark index, known as The Dow Jones Industrial Average, shed 94.57 points, equivalent to about 0.76 percent, ending the relatively quiet trading day at 12,385.16 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ gave up 24.69 points, or about 0.89 percent, ending the trading day at 2,765.11 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 5.76:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 3.73:One on The NASDAQ.

Some of the biggest losers were banks and financials, with the share price of Bank of America Corporation, the largest US bank, falling to \$US9.72, down about 2.80 percent on the day with its share price, having touched a one-year low.

Citigroup Incorporated was another big loser, giving up about 1.70 percent of its market capitalisation as investors pulled back its share price to \$US37.74.

Investors of the largest, single economy of the world showed their displeasure at the very thought that their country, The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave, might well default on its international financial obligations.

Last Monday, there were just 5 days left before the deadline, set by US President Barack Hussein Obama, for a debt ceiling.

**News Wise**

- **Cisco Systems Incorporated**, a US networking company, announced that it plans to sack about 11,500 workers and sell one of its factories in a bid to slash annual expenses by about \$US1 billion.

On the major European equity markets, the final figures with regard to their key indices were all written in red ink.

As with the US equity markets, the share prices of banks and financials took the brunt of the sell-off with Barclays plc, losing about 7 percent of its market capitalisation, Société Générale S.A., down about 5.50 percent, and Commerzbank AG, giving up about 4 percent.

Concerned investors in this part of the world continued to fret over the financial problems with regard to

Greece; it was well known that the following Thursday, July 21, 2011, eurozone leaders had scheduled a meeting in order to try to nut out a plan for another bail-out package for the Government of Prime Minister George Papandreou.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called on private banks to contribute to a bail-out package for Greece, that package, well expected to be about €115 billion.

On Sunday, July 17, 2011, The International Monetary Fund went on record, stating that the financial situation of Greece was on a *'knife's edge'*.

On the same day, the Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr Nick Clegg, said that he was *'incredibly worried'* about the debt crisis, facing Greece.

In such an atmosphere of grave anxiety, it was hardly any wonder that investors in this part of the world wanted to get shot of some or all of their stocks and shares.

This was how the key indices of **TARGET**'s select group of the largest and most-important bourses of Europe ended their respective trading days, last Monday:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Minus 1.91 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 2.03 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 1.55 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Minus 1.55 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 2.87 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Minus 1.88 percent

### **Currencies**

| Currency | Last    | High    | Low     | Change | Bid     | Ask     |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| EUR/USD  | 1.4109  | 1.4135  | 1.4100  | -0.02% | 1.4109  | 1.4114  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.6068  | 1.6079  | 1.6044  | +0.08% | 1.6068  | 1.6072  |
| USD/JPY  | 79.100  | 79.130  | 79      | +0.08% | 79.100  | 79.150  |
| USD/CHF  | 0.81690 | 0.81820 | 0.81540 | -0.06% | 0.81690 | 0.81740 |
| USD/CAD  | 0.95840 | 0.96010 | 0.95810 | -0.13% | 0.95840 | 0.95890 |
| AUD/USD  | 1.0623  | 1.0649  | 1.0602  | +0.18% | 1.0623  | 1.0629  |

On the world's commodity exchanges, the price of crude oil fell back.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August was \$US95.93, representing a fall of about 1.35 percent on the final quote of Friday, July 15, 2011.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US96.25, off about 1.38 percent on the final price for the previous week.

In Asia, the trading week got off to a very rocky start.

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 shed small fractions.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, the benchmark index, known as The Hang Seng Index, gave up about 0.32 percent, edging back to 21,804.75 points.

The Total Turnover dropped to \$HK51.21 billion.

Declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 2.18:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

|                                                          |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)          | Up 1.01 percent to \$HK6.02 per share     |
| Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)              | Up 2.78 percent to \$HK4.06 per share     |
| Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)                           | Unchanged at \$HK3.52 per share           |
| Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398) | Up 0.89 percent to \$HK5.65 per share     |
| HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)                              | Down 0.73 percent to \$HK75.05 per share  |
| China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)                             | Down 0.63 percent to \$HK71.40 per share  |
| CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)                                    | Down 0.11 percent to \$HK17.90 per share  |
| China Unicom (Hongkong) Ltd (Code: 762)                  | Down 1.55 percent to \$HK15.20 per share  |
| CITIC Pacific Ltd (Code: 267)                            | Down 8.48 percent to \$HK16.84 per share  |
| Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)          | Down 0.68 percent to \$HK159.90 per share |

The biggest movers of this, the premier equity market of the HKSAR, included:

| Name of Company                 | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Alltronics Holdings Ltd         | 833  | 18.10        |              | 2.48                 |
| Bao Yuan Holdings Ltd           | 692  |              | 55.30        | 0.071                |
| eForce Holdings Ltd             | 943  | 60.00        |              | 0.032                |
| Linmark Group Ltd               | 915  |              | 15.90        | 0.345                |
| North Mining Shares Company Ltd | 433  | 16.10        |              | 0.36                 |
| Rainbow Brothers Holdings Ltd   | 33   | 33.60        |              | 1.63                 |
| SunCorp Technologies Ltd        | 1063 | 16.70        |              | 0.021                |

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index lost about one third of a percentage point, ending the trading day at 675.40 points.

The Total Turnover on this (speculative) market was about \$HK202.28 million.

Losing counters outpaced advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.63:One.

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

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 1.14 percent to \$HK2.61 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 0.75 percent to \$HK1.33 per share

Fairson Holdings Ltd (Code: 8132)

Unchanged at \$HK0.39 per share

Tsun Yip Holdings Ltd (Code: 8356)

Up 0.94 percent to \$HK0.214 per share

Global Energy Resources International Group Ltd  
(Code: 8192)

Up 3.66 percent to \$HK0.255 per share

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

| Name of Company                     | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| China Bio Cassava Holdings Ltd      | 8129 | 10.80        |              | 0.041                |
| China Digital Licensing (Group) Ltd | 8175 |              | 13.30        | 0.26                 |

|                                              |      |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| China Electric Power Technology Holdings Ltd | 8053 |       | 10.90 | 0.082 |
| Dahe Media Company Ltd                       | 8243 | 10.30 |       | 0.32  |
| Hongkong Life Group Holdings Ltd             | 8212 |       | 11.80 | 0.03  |
| Powerleader Science and Technology Group Ltd | 8236 |       | 10.10 | 0.31  |
| Sau San Tong Holdings Ltd                    | 8200 | 11.50 |       | 0.58  |
| Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd          | 8150 |       | 15.60 | 1.24  |

The Japanese equity markets were closed for a holiday, last Monday.

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

|                 |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The HKSAR       | Hang Seng Index<br>Minus 0.32 percent to 21,804.75<br>The Growth Enterprise Index<br>Minus 0.33 percent to 675.40        |
| Indonesia       | Plus 0.24 percent to 4,032.97                                                                                            |
| Japan           | TOPIX Index<br>Closed<br>Nikkei-225 Stock Average<br>Closed                                                              |
| Malaysia        | Minus 0.93 percent to 1,562.58                                                                                           |
| The Philippines | Plus 0.39 percent to 4,476.01                                                                                            |
| The PRC         | Shanghai Composite Index<br>Minus 0.12 percent to 2,816.69<br>Shenzhen Composite Index<br>Minus 0.02 percent to 1,232.54 |
| Singapore       | Minus 0.17 percent to 3,078.95                                                                                           |
| South Korea     | Minus 0.69 percent to 2,130.48                                                                                           |
| Taiwan          | Minus 0.42 percent to 8,538.57                                                                                           |
| Thailand        | Plus 0.37 percent to 1,083.94                                                                                            |

## **Tuesday**

US President Barack Hussein Obama, late last Tuesday, announced that, in his opinion, progress was being made in respect of his \$US3.75-trillion deficit reduction budget ‘*suggestions*’.

The statement from the man in the White House did the trick and stock-and-share prices rose on the news.

The largest equity markets in the world, however, had been shifting to higher levels, prior to the President’s declaration, on the basis of some corporate earnings’ reports.

Not every counter, listed on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ, benefitted, however, from the late sudden buying surge.

Bank of America Corporation continued to be the target of sellers, its share price, dropping to \$US9.57, down about 1.57 percent on the day.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the benchmark index of The New York Stock Exchange, rose about 1.63 percent to 12,587.27 points, while The Composite Index of The NASDAQ put on 2.22 percent, ending the trading session at 2,826.542 points.

Trading continued on the light side, however.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 4.00:One on both markets.

On European bourses, investors, noting what was taking place on Wall Street, jumped in, boots and all, picking up the ‘*darlings*’ of the day and, by so doing, pushing up the key indices of the most-important, equity markets of this part of the world.

This was how the situation looked on the largest equity markets of Europe, last Tuesday night:

Amsterdam’s AEX Index                      Plus    0.92 percent

France’s CAC 40 Index                      Plus    1.21 percent

Germany’s Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Plus    1.19 percent

Great Britain’s FTSE 100 Index           Plus    0.64 percent

Italy’s MIBTEL Index                      Plus    1.71 percent

Switzerland’s Swiss Market Index       Plus    1.20 percent

## **Currencies**

| Currency | Last   | High   | Low    | Change | Bid    | Ask    |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EUR/USD  | 1.4161 | 1.4175 | 1.4146 | +0.05% | 1.4161 | 1.4166 |
| GBP/USD  | 1.6119 | 1.6141 | 1.6110 | -0.02% | 1.6119 | 1.6123 |

|                |         |         |         |        |         |         |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| <b>USD/JPY</b> | 79.200  | 79.300  | 79.120  | +0.05% | 79.200  | 79.25   |
| <b>USD/CHF</b> | 0.82470 | 0.82550 | 0.82340 | +0.08% | 0.82470 | 0.82520 |
| <b>USD/CAD</b> | 0.95050 | 0.95090 | 0.94940 | +0.07% | 0.95050 | 0.95100 |
| <b>AUD/USD</b> | 1.0731  | 1.0748  | 1.0724  | +0.00% | 1.0731  | 1.0737  |

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August came in at \$US97.50, up about 1.64 percent on Monday's closing level.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US97.86, representing a one-day, price-gain of about 1.67 percent.

On Asian equity markets, investors appeared to be uncertain as to what action, if any, to take, resulting in the key indices of most of the big stock markets to move sideways, albeit only fractionally for the most part.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the benchmark index of the premier equity market recorded a fractional gain, but the lone index of the speculative equity market, known as The Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, recorded a material loss.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index rose about 0.45 percent, ending the trading day at 21,902.40 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK61.10 billion.

Even though the benchmark index of the premier equity market was in the black at the close of the day, declining counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.36:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Up 0.83 percent to \$HK6.07 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 0.28 percent to \$HK3.53 per share

Evergrande Real Estate Group Ltd (Code: 3333)

Up 7.31 percent to \$HK6.02 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 1.33 percent to \$HK72.35 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 0.27 percent to \$HK75.25 per share

Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code:  
388)

Down 0.38 percent to \$HK159.30 per share

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

Up 0.35 percent to \$HK5.67 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Down 0.24 percent to \$HK82.30 per share

China National Building Material Company Ltd  
(Code: 3323)

Down 2.04 percent to \$HK16.36 per share

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Down 1.43 percent to \$HK207.40 per share

The biggest movers of this market were:

| Name of Company                            | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|--------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Simsen International Corporation Ltd       | 993  | 22.20        |              | 0.066                |
| Vitop Bioenergy Holdings Ltd               | 1178 |              | 22.70        | 0.191                |
| World Wide Touch Technology (Holdings) Ltd | 1282 |              | 20.70        | 0.365                |

On The GEM, its Growth Enterprise Index surrendered about 1.12 percent, dropping back to 667.87 points.

The Total Turnover on this (speculative) market was about \$HK186.34 million.

Losing counters outpaced gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.51:One.

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

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 3.50 percent to \$HK1.38 per share

Neo Telemedia Ltd (Code: 8167)

Unchanged at \$HK0.45 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 2.27 percent to \$HK2.58 per share

China 3D Digital Entertainment Ltd (Code: 8078)

Unchanged at \$HK0.026 per share

Sau San Tong Holdings Ltd (Code: 8200)

Up 3.45 percent to \$HK0.60 per share

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

| Name of Company           | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|---------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| abc Multiactive Ltd       | 8131 |              | 11.20        | 0.435                |
| China Trends Holdings Ltd | 8171 | 10.50        |              | 0.021                |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Kaisun Energy Group Ltd                                   | 8203 |       | 10.20 | 0.265 |
| Shanghai Jiaoda Withub Information Industrial Company Ltd | 8205 | 10.40 |       | 0.265 |
| Tsun Yip Holdings Ltd                                     | 8356 | 25.00 |       | 0.305 |

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index lost about 0.65 percent, sliding back to 853.75 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, moved down ¥84.75, or about 0.85 percent, ending the trading day at ¥9,889.72, compared with the closing level of Friday, July 15, 2011.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.25:One.

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

|                 |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The HKSAR       | Hang Seng Index<br>Plus 0.45 percent to 21,902.40<br>The Growth Enterprise Index<br>Minus 1.12 percent to 667.87         |
| Indonesia       | Minus 0.24 percent to 4,023.42                                                                                           |
| Japan           | TOPIX Index<br>Minus 0.65 percent to 853.75<br>Nikkei-225 Stock Average<br>Minus 0.85 percent to 9,889.72                |
| Malaysia        | Minus 0.44 percent to 1,555.64                                                                                           |
| The Philippines | Plus 0.22 percent to 4,485.65                                                                                            |
| The PRC         | Shanghai Composite Index<br>Minus 0.70 percent to 2,796.98<br>Shenzhen Composite Index<br>Minus 1.26 percent to 1,217.03 |
| Singapore       | Plus 0.56 percent to 3,096.12                                                                                            |
| South Korea     | Minus 0.01 percent to 2,130.21                                                                                           |
| Taiwan          | Minus 0.16 percent to 8,524.57                                                                                           |
| Thailand        | Plus 1.18 percent to 1,096.77                                                                                            |

## Wednesday

It was one of the quietest trading days, witnessed on Wall Street for many a moon.

Investors, obviously, did not know what action, if any, to take: And so they did next to nothing.

The matter of what was, clearly, the protracted Mexican standoff between the White House and The Congress with regard to the US Budget Debate weighed heavily on investors, of course, but perhaps, internationally, the problem of Greece's veritable mountain of debt was even more worrying because of its potential, widespread implications if the European Union cannot find a solution to the country's debt problems.

And, meanwhile, in Athens, the Capital City of Greece, there were, once again, more protests over the Government's austerity measures.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost about 0.12 percent, sliding back to 12,571.91 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ fell about 0.43 percent to 2,814.23 points.

Trading was very light.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 1.26:One, but, over on The NASDAQ, losing counters outnumbered advancing ones by the ratio of about 1.50:One.

## News Wise

- Second-hand **home sales** in the US fell by about 0.80 percent in June to a 7-month low. Contract cancellations, recorded by The National Association of Realtors, ran at about 16 percent, up from May's figure of about 4 percent.

On European equity markets, however, investors continued to pin their hopes on the following day's meeting of the leaders of the European Union's 17 states where it was hoped that a viable solution to the Greek debt situation would be agreed.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called for banks to help in the bail-out package for Greece, that package, well expected to be about €115 billion. This would mean, if Ms Angela Merkel's entreaties bring the desired results, that creditor banks would have to bite the proverbial bullet and take substantial '*haircuts*' in respect of monies, owed to them by Greece or Greek corporate entities.

This was how the situation looked on major European bourses, last Wednesday:

|                       |      |              |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|
| Amsterdam's AEX Index | Plus | 1.37 percent |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|

|                       |      |              |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|
| France's CAC 40 Index | Plus | 1.61 percent |
|-----------------------|------|--------------|

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|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index | Plus | 0.39 percent |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|

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|--------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index | Plus | 1.10 percent |
|--------------------------------|------|--------------|

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|----------------------|------|--------------|
| Italy's MIBTEL Index | Plus | 2.80 percent |
|----------------------|------|--------------|

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index      Plus    1.18 percent

### Currencies

| Currency | Last    | High    | Low     | Change | Bid     | Ask     |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| EUR/USD  | 1.4252  | 1.4273  | 1.4213  | +0.27% | 1.4252  | 1.4257  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.6161  | 1.6172  | 1.6149  | +0.06% | 1.6161  | 1.6165  |
| USD/JPY  | 78.740  | 78.880  | 78.760  | -0.03% | 78.740  | 78.800  |
| USD/CHF  | 0.82160 | 0.82330 | 0.81940 | +0.24% | 0.82160 | 0.82210 |
| USD/CAD  | 0.94680 | 0.94820 | 0.94610 | -0.05% | 0.94680 | 0.94730 |
| AUD/USD  | 1.0749  | 1.0773  | 1.0736  | +0.01% | 1.0749  | 1.0755  |

On international commodity exchanges, the price of crude oil rose, again.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), which is the largest commodity exchange in the world, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in August came in at \$US98.14, up about 0.66 percent on Tuesday's closing level.

As for delivery in September, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US98.40, representing a one-day increase of about 0.55 percent.

In Asia, investors appeared to be much more bullish than their US counterparts.

On The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, which is the only equity market of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key index of the premier market made a fractional gain while, over on the speculative market, its lone index recorded a fractional loss.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, rose about 0.46 percent to 22,003.69 points.

The Total Turnover on this market, the premier equity market of the territory, was about \$HK66.82 billion.

Advancing counters outdistanced declining ones by the ratio of about 1.56:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 3.04 percent to \$HK74.55 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Down 3.21 percent to \$HK17.48 per share

Zijin Mining Group Company Ltd (Code: 2899)

Down 5.73 percent to \$HK4.28 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 0.07 percent to \$HK75.20 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Unchanged at \$HK6.07 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 0.28 percent to \$HK3.54 per share

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

Up 0.71 percent to \$HK5.71 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 1.05 percent to \$HK11.58 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Up 1.28 percent to \$HK83.35 per share

Xinyi Glass Holdings Ltd (Code: 868)

Down 7.64 percent to \$HK6.89 per share

The biggest movers of this market were:

| Name of Company                             | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|---------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 21 Holdings Ltd                             | 1003 |              | 23.10        | 0.18                 |
| China Yunnan Tin Minerals Group Company Ltd | 263  | 18.20        |              | 0.052                |

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index shed about 0.25 percent, ending the trading day at 666.19 points.

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Down 0.72 percent to \$HK1.37 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 0.39 percent to \$HK2.57 per share

National Arts Holdings Ltd (Code: 8228)

Down 0.81 percent to \$HK1.23 per share

Long Success International (Holdings) Ltd (Code:  
8017)

Down 0.66 percent to \$HK0.151 per share

Sau San Tong Holdings Ltd (Code: 8200)

Up 1.67 percent to \$HK0.61 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 | 10.30        |              | 0.48                 |
| China AU Group Holdings Ltd                  | 8176 |              | 13.30        | 0.15                 |
| China Electric Power Technology Holdings Ltd | 8053 | 10.00        |              | 0.088                |

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the largest equity market of Asia, its TOPIX Index gained about 0.81 percent, running up to 860.66 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose about 1.17 percent to ¥10,005.90.

Gainers outran losers by the ratio of about 1.73:One.

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

|                 |                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The HKSAR       | Hang Seng Index<br>Plus 0.46 percent to 22,003.69<br>The Growth Enterprise Index<br>Minus 0.25 percent to 666.19        |
| Indonesia       | Plus 0.68 percent to 4,050.63                                                                                           |
| Japan           | TOPIX Index<br>Plus 0.81 percent to 860.66<br>Nikkei-225 Stock Average<br>Plus 1.17 percent to 10,005.90                |
| Malaysia        | Plus 0.45 percent to 1,562.59                                                                                           |
| The Philippines | Plus 0.48 percent to 4,507.04                                                                                           |
| The PRC         | Shanghai Composite Index<br>Minus 0.10 percent to 2,794.21<br>Shenzhen Composite Index<br>Plus 0.20 percent to 1,219.46 |
| Singapore       | Plus 0.98 percent to 3,126.53                                                                                           |
| South Korea     | Plus 1.16 percent to 2,154.95                                                                                           |

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|----------|-------------------------------|
| Taiwan   | Plus 2.13 percent to 8,706.17 |
| Thailand | Plus 0.42 percent to 1,101.37 |

### Thursday

It looked very much as though the 2 financial ‘*tsunamis*’, building on the economic horizons of eurozone and the United States, would dissipate and not cause the havoc that had been feared – as had been of grave concern to many an international investor for some weeks and, in many cases, for some months.

The 17-nation eurozone came into a tentative agreement in respect of Greece’s mountain of debt with a second, bailout plan which, at the end of the day, will cost about €158 billion.

The **European Union (EU)** and the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** pledged an additional €109 billion in aid to Greece, in addition to the already €110-billion, rescue agreement, and the private sector – banks, bondholders, etc – will, by the middle of 2014, contribute another €50 billion.

In Washington D.C., the news filtered through to trading floors in the US that a deal was in the offing in respect of reducing the deficit of the US.

The lone obstacle, remaining, were said to be tax increases, suggested by the Administration of President Barack Hussein Obama.

Democrats and Republicans don’t want any part of this plan, at least, that was the belief, last Thursday.

What was important, from the point of view of investors in The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave, was that The Congress and the President of the largest economy of the world were working toward a final agreement.

And that was enough to set equity markets ablaze in the US and Europe.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose about 1.21 percent to 12,724.41 points, while, over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index gained about 0.72 percent, ending the lively trading day at 2,834.43 points.

The ratio of gainers to losers on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ was about 4.16:One and 2.15:One, respectively.

On European bourses, the key indices of **TARGET**’s select list of the most-important equity markets in this part of the world made rapid gains, during the trading day, with the key index of Italy’s markets, making the biggest strides:

Amsterdam’s AEX Index                      Plus    1.87 percent

France’s CAC 40 Index                      Plus    1.65 percent

Germany’s Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Plus    0.95 percent

Great Britain’s FTSE 100 Index           Plus    0.77 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Plus    3.42 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Plus    1.26 percent

#### News Wise

- **Nokia Corporation**, one the largest producers of mobile telephones in the world, reported a Net Loss Attributable to Shareholders of about €368 million for the quarter, ended June 30, 2011. For the preceding quarter, the company reported a Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders of about €227 million.

#### Currencies

| Currency | Last    | High    | Low     | Change | Bid     | Ask     |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| EUR/USD  | 1.4389  | 1.4437  | 1.4389  | -0.24% | 1.4389  | 1.4394  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.6306  | 1.6332  | 1.6308  | -0.14% | 1.6306  | 1.6310  |
| USD/JPY  | 78.630  | 78.700  | 78.260  | +0.45% | 78.630  | 78.680  |
| USD/CHF  | 0.81750 | 0.81790 | 0.81490 | +0.32% | 0.81750 | 0.81800 |
| USD/CAD  | 0.94500 | 0.94530 | 0.94310 | +0.18% | 0.94500 | 0.94550 |
| AUD/USD  | 1.0823  | 1.0841  | 1.0823  | -0.16% | 1.0823  | 1.0828  |

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September came in at \$US99.13, representing a one-day, price-gain of about 0.74 percent.

As for delivery in October, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US99.46, up about 0.69 percent on the final quote of Wednesday.

In Asia, due to the time differential between Asia and Europe and the US, the historic news was not known, during trading hours, so that investors had to sit tight, awaiting the outcome of the talks that, as at last Thursday, had, just about, been relegated to history.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the key indices of both equity markets suffered tiny fractional losses.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index shed about 0.08 percent, slipping back to 21,987.29 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK65.34 billion, while the ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.54:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 2.01 percent to \$HK76.05 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Down 3.55 percent to \$HK16.86 per share

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)

Up 2.10 percent to \$HK85.10 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 0.85 percent to \$HK3.51 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 0.93 percent to \$HK75.90 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code:  
939)

Unchanged at \$HK6.07 per share

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

Unchanged at \$HK5.71 per share

Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)

Down 1.93 percent to \$HK203.60 per share

Xinyi Glass Holdings Ltd (Code: 868)

Down 2.76 percent to \$HK6.70 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Down 1.95 percent to \$HK4.03 per share

The biggest movers of this market were:

| Name of Company                    | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 21 Holdings Ltd                    | 1003 |              | 32.80        | 0.121                |
| Changfeng Axle (China) Company Ltd | 1039 |              | 24.10        | 2.39                 |
| China Financial Leasing Group Ltd  | 2312 | 23.40        |              | 0.095                |
| Jutal Offshore Oil Services Ltd    | 3303 |              | 23.00        | 0.67                 |

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index lost about 0.13 percent, falling to 665.30 points.

The Total Turnover on this market hit a one-year low of about \$HK149.21 million.

Losing counters outpaced gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.33:One.

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

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 3.89 percent to \$HK2.47 per share

Long Success International (Holdings) Ltd (Code: 8017)

Up 18.54 percent to \$HK0.179 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 0.73 percent to \$HK1.36 per share

ERA Mining Machinery Ltd (Code: 8043)

Down 1.00 percent to \$HK0.495 per share

China Leason Investment Group Company Ltd  
(Code: 8270)

Up 1.61 percent to \$HK0.63 per share

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

| Name of Company                              | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|----------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| AcrossAsia Ltd                               | 8061 |              | 11.90        | 0.111                |
| China Electric Power Technology Holdings Ltd | 8053 |              | 19.30        | 0.071                |
| Computech Holdings Ltd                       | 8081 | 20.60        |              | 0.205                |
| Long Success International (Holdings) Ltd    | 8017 | 18.50        |              | 0.179                |
| MelcoLot Ltd                                 | 8198 |              | 13.00        | 0.127                |
| Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd              | 8026 |              | 10.50        | 0.17                 |
| Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd          | 8150 | 11.30        |              | 1.18                 |
| Venturepharm Laboratories Ltd                | 8225 |              | 13.50        | 0.64                 |

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gave up about 0.06 percent, easing back to 860.11 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average recorded a gain of about 0.04 percent, limping up to ¥10,010.39.

Losing counters outnumbered gaining ones by the ratio of about 2.05:One.

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

|           |                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The HKSAR | Hang Seng Index<br>Minus 0.08 percent to 21,987.29<br>The Growth Enterprise Index<br>Minus 0.13 percent to 665.30 |
| Indonesia | Plus 0.43 percent to 4,068.07                                                                                     |

|                 |                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Japan           | TOPIX Index<br>Minus 0.06 percent to 860.11<br>Nikkei-225 Stock Average<br>Plus 0.04 percent to 10,010.39                |
| Malaysia        | Plus 0.21 percent to 1,565.81                                                                                            |
| The Philippines | Minus 0.60 percent to 4,480.01                                                                                           |
| The PRC         | Shanghai Composite Index<br>Minus 1.01 percent to 2,765.89<br>Shenzhen Composite Index<br>Minus 1.10 percent to 1,206.08 |
| Singapore       | Plus 0.38 percent to 3,138.51                                                                                            |
| South Korea     | Minus 0.46 percent to 2,145.04                                                                                           |
| Taiwan          | Plus 0.13 percent to 8,717.14                                                                                            |
| Thailand        | Plus 0.25 percent to 1,104.15                                                                                            |

## **Friday**

The debt-ceiling talks between The Congress and the White House broke down, last Friday, with the Republican Speaker of the House, walking away from the talks, obviously in disgust.

US President Barack Hussein Obama was visibly shaken, looking outwardly angry at the latest state of play, it was reported.

Mr Speaker John Boehner told a Press Conference that President Obama had moved the goals posts, demanding an increase in US taxes.

Wall Street investors were not amused.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped about 0.34 percent, ending the trading day at 12,681.16 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ, on the other hand, rose about 0.86 percent to 2,858.83 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 1.09:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 1.03:One on The NASDAQ despite the Composite Index of The NASDAQ, being in the black at the close of the trading day.

For the week, the tally for the largest and most-influential equity markets of the world was:

|                                   |      |              |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------|
| The Dow Jones Industrial Average  | Plus | 1.61 percent |
| The Composite Index of The NASDAQ | Plus | 2.47 percent |

On European bourses, stock and share prices rose on the back of the historic agreement to resolve Greece's debt crisis, the advertised details of the draft agreement, being closely scrutinised by analysts and economists, alike.

Aside from saving the burning bacon of Greece, to many economists, it appeared that the Ministers of the 17-nation eurozone were more interested in saving the euro from utter collapse than saving Greece from defaulting on its international obligations.

If the euro were to collapse, with eurozone countries, pulling out of the common currency, there would, undoubtedly, be chaos for quite a time.

In the words of Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany:

*'It is our historical duty to support the euro. The euro is good for us; the euro is part of Germany's economic success; and, a Europe without the euro is unthinkable ...'.*

Nearly all of the key indices of the largest bourses of Europe rose as the following **TARGET** list illustrates:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Plus    0.51 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Plus    0.67 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Plus    0.49 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Plus    0.61 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Plus    0.06 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Minus 0.16 percent

### Currencies

| Currency       | Last    | High    | Low     | Change | Bid     | Ask     |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| <b>EUR/USD</b> | 1.4359  | 1.4437  | 1.4328  | -0.45% | 1.4359  | 1.4364  |
| <b>GBP/USD</b> | 1.6299  | 1.6332  | 1.6266  | -0.18% | 1.6299  | 1.6303  |
| <b>USD/JPY</b> | 78.510  | 78.700  | 78.260  | +0.29% | 78.510  | 78.570  |
| <b>USD/CHF</b> | 0.81900 | 0.82450 | 0.81490 | +0.50% | 0.81900 | 0.81940 |
| <b>USD/CAD</b> | 0.94790 | 0.95280 | 0.94300 | +0.49% | 0.94790 | 0.94840 |
| <b>AUD/USD</b> | 1.0849  | 1.0872  | 1.0823  | +0.08% | 1.0849  | 1.0854  |

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in September rose about 0.75 percent to \$US99.87.

For delivery in October, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US100.20, representing a one-day, price-gain of about 0.74 percent.

On Asian equity markets, there was more than a little bit of bullishness, with investors, noting that the conundrum in respect of Greece had been resolved, went on a buying spree.

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 material gains.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, gained about 2.08 percent, ending the trading day at 22,444.80 points.

The Total Turnover rose to about \$HK72.57 billion.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 3.47:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

|                                                             |                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)                                | Up 2.04 percent to \$HK77.60 per share  |
| HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)                                 | Up 2.77 percent to \$HK78.00 per share  |
| China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)             | Up 2.64 percent to \$HK6.23 per share   |
| CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)                                       | Up 2.73 percent to \$HK17.32 per share  |
| Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)                              | Up 2.28 percent to \$HK3.59 per share   |
| Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd<br>(Code: 1398) | Up 2.80 percent to \$HK5.87 per share   |
| Hutchison Whampoa Ltd (Code: 13)                            | Up 2.17 percent to \$HK86.95 per share  |
| PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)                          | Up 1.39 percent to \$HK11.68 per share  |
| China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)               | Up 2.87 percent to \$HK26.85 per share  |
| Hongkong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd (Code: 388)             | Up 1.37 percent to \$HK162.60 per share |

As for the biggest movers on this, the premier equity market of the HKSAR, they included:

| Name of Company | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|-----------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
|-----------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|

|                                        |     |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Bao Yuan Holdings Ltd                  | 692 |       | 28.60 | 0.05  |
| Dragonite International Ltd            | 329 | 43.00 |       | 0.143 |
| Simsen International Corporation Ltd   | 993 |       | 15.50 | 0.049 |
| Wing Hing International (Holdings) Ltd | 621 | 15.50 |       | 0.56  |

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index put on about 0.98 percent as investors pushed it back to 671.81 points.

The Total Turnover on this market, however, remained very much on the low side, at about \$HK193.79 million.

Advancing counters outran declining ones by the ratio of about 1.68:One.

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

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Up 0.41 percent to \$HK2.48 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 0.74 percent to \$HK1.35 per share

Long Success International (Holdings) Ltd (Code:  
8017)

Up 2.79 percent to \$HK0.184 per share

China Leason Investment Group Company Ltd  
(Code: 8270)

Up 6.35 percent to \$HK0.67 per share

Legend Strategy International Holdings Group  
Company Ltd (Code: 8160)

Up 11.81 percent to \$HK1.61 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers were:

| Name of Company                                          | Code | Increase (%) | Decrease (%) | Closing Price (\$HK) |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Legend Strategy International Holdings Group Company Ltd | 8160 | 11.80        |              | 1.61                 |
| Northeast Tiger Pharmaceutical Company Ltd               | 8197 | 10.20        |              | 0.13                 |
| Pan Asia Mining Ltd                                      | 8173 | 10.10        |              | 0.435                |
| Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd                      | 8150 | 11.90        |              | 1.32                 |
| Zheda Lande Scitech Ltd                                  | 8106 | 10.40        |              | 0.265                |

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

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| The Hang Seng Index         | Plus 2.60 percent  |
| The Growth Enterprise Index | Minus 0.85 percent |

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gained about 1.01 percent, rising to 868.81 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average rose about 1.22 percent to ¥10,132.11.

The ratio of gainers to losers was about 2.94:One.

For the largest equity market of Asia and the second-largest in the world, the tally for the 4-day trading week, ended July 22, 2011, was:

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| The TOPIX Index              | Plus 1.10 percent |
| The Nikkei-225 Stock Average | Plus 1.58 percent |

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

|                 |                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The HKSAR       | Hang Seng Index<br>Plus 2.08 percent to 22,444.80<br>The Growth Enterprise Index<br>Plus 0.98 percent to 671.81        |
| Indonesia       | Plus 0.95 percent to 4,106.82                                                                                          |
| Japan           | TOPIX Index<br>Plus 1.01 percent to 868.81<br>Nikkei-225 Stock Average<br>Plus 1.22 percent to 10,132.11               |
| Malaysia        | Minus 0.05 percent to 1,565.06                                                                                         |
| The Philippines | Minus 0.04 percent to 4,478.36                                                                                         |
| The PRC         | Shanghai Composite Index<br>Plus 0.18 percent to 2,770.79<br>Shenzhen Composite Index<br>Plus 0.42 percent to 1,211.15 |
| Singapore       | Plus 1.42 percent to 3,182.95                                                                                          |
| South Korea     | Plus 1.22 percent to 2,171.23                                                                                          |
| Taiwan          | Plus 0.55 percent to 8,765.32                                                                                          |

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| Thailand | Plus 1.53 percent to 1,121.04 |
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