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**EQUITY MARKETS GO INTO FULL REVERSE GEAR**

With the passage of Hurricane Irene, leaving New York with only a few scratches, unlike the havoc that she caused to some other US states, which received buckets of rain with wind speeds, not seen for many a year, Wall Street got back to business as usual, last Monday.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 254.71 points, equivalent to about 2.26 percent, ending the very light trading day at 11,539.25 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ scored even higher marks than The Dow, gaining 82.26 points, or about 3.32 percent, ending the trading day at 2,562.11 points.

The reason for the very light trading day was due to the fact that not everybody was able to get to work in order to man the largest equity markets of the world as well as the largest stockbrokerage firms in the world, thanks to the whimsical nature of the paths of hurricanes.

That meant that last Monday's gains might have to be taken with a grain of salt: Tuesday will tell the tale, no doubt.

Some of the gurus of Wall Street were not afraid to voice their opinions about the very material movements of the indices of the largest equity markets, and since there was little to report, domestically, there was, always, the news of the previous week on which to comment.

News Wise

- **Bank of America Corporation**, the largest US bank, announced that it had come into an arrangement with a group of investors (unnamed) to offload 13.10 billion shares in the Issued and Fully Paid-Up Share Capital of **China Construction Bank Corporation** () (Code: 939, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd). The price for the share sales was set at \$US8.30 billion and the number of shares that were sold represents about 5 percent of the Issued Share Capital of the bank, which is controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Bank of America Corporation said that it would be able to book a Net Gain on the share sales of about \$US3.30 billion.

On European equity markets, investors went along the same road as Wall Street, with the key indices of the largest and most-important bourses, chalking up very material gains.

Again, there was very little reason for the gains, but, as the saying goes, a penny is a penny, isn't it?

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

Amsterdam's AEX Index

Plus 1.68 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Plus    2.15 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Plus    2.39 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index                      Closed

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Plus    2.28 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index           Plus    2.15 percent

### **Currencies**

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Bid</b>	<b>Ask</b>
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.4513	1.4525	1.4510	+0.04%	1.4513	1.4518
<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.6404	0	0	+0.00%	1.6404	1.6408
<b>USD/JPY</b>	76.820	76.970	76.850	+0.00%	76.820	76.880
<b>USD/CHF</b>	0.81750	0.81840	0.81520	+0.25%	0.81750	0.81800
<b>USD/CAD</b>	0.97630	0.97740	0.97630	-0.03%	0.97630	0.97680
<b>AUD/USD</b>	1.0664	1.0684	1.0656	+0.08%	1.0664	1.0670

On The **New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)**, which is the largest commodity exchange of the world, the price of crude oil was on the move – upwards.

The last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in October came in at \$US87.27, up about 2.23 percent on the final quote of Friday, August 26, 2011.

As for delivery in November, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US87.57, representing an increase of about 2.18 percent on the final quote of the previous Friday.

On Asian equity markets, with the exception of the key indices of the 2 stock markets of the PRC, there were only gainers.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the PRC, while the volume of activity was restrained, the key indices of the territory's 2 stock markets did manage to record gains, but the real action was seen on the premier market.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, rose about 1.44 percent to 19,865.11 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK53.05 billion, while the ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was exactly 1.33:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Up 4.91 percent to \$HK5.55 per share

China Petroleum and Chemical  
Corporation (Code: 386)

Up 6.70 percent to \$HK7.49 per share

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

Up 3.25 percent to \$HK5.08 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Down 3.44 percent to \$HK18.52 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.19 percent to \$HK77.95 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 2.65 percent to \$HK3.10 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Up 0.69 percent to \$HK65.50 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 2.94 percent to \$HK9.44 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 3.47 percent to \$HK14.90 per share

China Shenhua Energy Company Ltd (Code:  
1088)

Up 3.69 percent to \$HK35.10 per share

The biggest movers of this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Boshiwa International Holdings Ltd	1698		17.40	2.33
China Agri-Products Exchange Ltd	149		19.20	0.206
China Qinfu Group Ltd	866	19.60		2.93
CVM Minerals Ltd	705	16.50		0.12
Flyke International Holdings Ltd	1998		34.90	0.95
Green Energy Group Ltd	979		16.70	0.35
Heritage International Holdings Ltd	412	18.20		0.52

Hsin Chong Construction Group Ltd	404	21.10		1.32
UBA Investments Ltd	768	20.50		0.10
World Wide Touch Technology (Holdings) Ltd	1282	20.10		0.275

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index put on only about 0.03 percent, rising to 526.26 points on a Total Turnover of about \$HK159.84 million.

The ratio of declining counters to advancing ones was about 1.10:One.

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

ERA Mining Machinery Ltd (Code: 8043)

Up 25.00 percent to \$HK0.50 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 3.19 percent to \$HK0.97 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 7.45 percent to \$HK1.49 per share

China Technology Solar Power Holdings  
Ltd (Code: 8111)

Up 1.85 percent to \$HK0.55 per share

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

Down 3.40 percent to \$HK0.142 per share

The GEM's biggest movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Asean Resources Ltd	8186		10.80	0.33
ERA Mining Machinery Ltd	8043	25.00		0.50
Global Energy Resources International Group Ltd	8192		11.40	0.171
GreaterChina Professional Services Ltd	8193		14.30	0.30
National Arts Holdings Ltd	8228	15.50		0.67
Netel Technology (Holdings) Ltd	8256	20.80		0.087
Sanmenxia Tianyuan Aluminum Company Ltd	8253		12.50	0.056

WLS Holdings Ltd	8021		12.00	0.088
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On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index rose about 0.37 percent to 758.83 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, moved up ¥53.57, or about 0.61 percent, ending the trading day at ¥8,851.35, compared with the closing level of Friday, August 26, 2011.

Advancing counters outraced declining ones by the ratio of 3.26:One.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.44 percent to 19,865.11 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.03 percent to 526.26
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.37 percent to 758.83 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.61 percent to 8,851.35
Malaysia	Plus 0.17 percent to 1,447.27
The Philippines	Closed
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 1.37 percent to 2,576.41 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.89 percent to 1,159.52
Singapore	Plus 1.59 percent to 2,791.89
South Korea	Plus 2.84 percent to 1,829.50
Taiwan	Plus 1.79 percent to 7,578.01
Thailand	Plus 1.77 percent to 1,055.63

## **Tuesday**

Consumer confidence in the US fell to its lowest level of the past 2 years, according to the statistics, compiled by The Conference Board.

The Conference Board said that its Consumer Index fell to 44.50 points in August, down from 59.20 points in respect of July (revised).

On the back of this announcement, the key indices of the world's largest equity markets went into free-fall, losing about one percent, almost immediately.

However, by the close of the trading day, the key indices had recovered most of the earlier losses.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained about 0.18 percent, ending the light trading day at 11,559.64 points.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index rose about 0.55 percent as investors pushed it up to 2,576.11 points.

The ratio of gaining counters to losing ones was about 1.73:One on The New York Stock Exchange and about 1.08:One on The NASDAQ.

On European equity markets, the key indices of Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index and Italy's MIBTEL Intel both suffered losses, but the other 4 major markets of this part of the world followed the lead of Wall Street.

Helping the prices of stocks and shares in Europe was the price of crude oil which made material gains on the world's commodity exchanges: Many of the equity markets of Europe are healthy with oil and oil-related counters.

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

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Plus    0.79 percent

France's CAC 40 Index                      Plus    0.17 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 0.46 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Plus    2.70 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 0.10 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Plus    0.09 percent

### **Currencies**

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4436	1.4447	1.4420	-0.02%	1.4436	1.4441
GBP/USD	1.6307	1.6312	1.6300	+0.07%	1.6307	1.6311
USD/JPY	76.570	76.75	76.590	-0.20%	76.570	76.630

<b>USD/CHF</b>	0.81870	0.82080	0.81890	-0.15%	0.81870	0.81910
<b>USD/CAD</b>	0.97890	0.97960	0.97830	+0.08%	0.97890	0.97940
<b>AUD/USD</b>	1.0674	1.0687	1.0654	-0.07%	1.0674	1.0680

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in October came in at \$US88.90, representing a one-day, price-gain of about 1.87 percent.

For delivery in November, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US89.19, up about 1.85 percent on the close of trading of Monday.

In Asia, 4 of the equity markets were closed for holidays, but, of the 6 equity markets that remained open, the key indices of 4 of them recorded gains, the key indices of the remaining markets, fell.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the territory stole the show, so to speak, the key indices of the second, most-important Asian stock market, being the biggest winner of the region.

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index put on about 1.71 percent, rising to 20,204.17 points.

The Total Turnover rose to about \$HK89.06 billion, with the ratio of gaining counters to losing ones, being 1.93:One, exactly.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Up 1.80 percent to \$HK5.65 per share

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

Up 0.20 percent to \$HK5.09 per share

Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Up 2.26 percent to \$HK3.17 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Up 0.83 percent to \$HK78.60 per share

AIA Group Ltd (Code: 1299)

Up 5.05 percent to \$HK27.05 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Unchanged at \$HK3.72 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Up 2.70 percent to \$HK19.02 per share

CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)

Up 3.09 percent to \$HK15.36 per share

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

Up 3.07 percent to \$HK62.15 per share

PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)

Up 3.71 percent to \$HK9.79 per share

The biggest movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
China Railsmedia Corporation Ltd	745	16.70		0.084
China Timber Resources Group Ltd	269	16.70		0.315
Giordano International Ltd	709	18.10		6.45
Green Energy Group Ltd	979	22.90		0.43
Mei Ah Entertainment Group Ltd	391	16.10		0.166
MIE Holdings Corporation	1555	15.70		2.14
Simsen International Corporation Ltd	993	21.40		0.017
Sinopoly Battery Ltd	729	17.50		0.47

Over on The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index gained about 2.47 percent as investors pushed it up to 539.23 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was about \$HK162.08 million.

Advancing counters outran declining ones by the ratio of about 1.88:One.

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

ERA Mining Machinery Ltd (Code: 8043)

Up 16.00 percent to \$HK0.58 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 2.06 percent to \$HK0.99 per share

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

Down 8.45 percent to \$HK0.13 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Up 0.67 percent to \$HK1.50 per share

Sun International Group Ltd (Code: 8029)

Up 8.76 percent to \$HK1.49 per share

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



Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Best Miracle International Ltd	8272	11.60		0.077
ERA Mining Machinery Ltd	8043	16.00		0.58
GreaterChina Professional Services Ltd	8193		17.70	0.247
iMerchants Ltd	8009	10.00		0.011
Ming Kei Holdings Ltd	8239		11.70	0.53
Neo Telemedia Ltd	8167	11.80		0.285
Palmpay China (Holdings) Ltd	8047		12.70	0.096
Prosten Technology Holdings Ltd	8026	12.90		0.158
Timeless Software Ltd	8028	13.30		0.094
WLS Holdings Ltd	8021	13.60		0.10

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index put on about 1.12 percent, ending the trading day at 767.30 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average managed a gain of about 1.16 percent, rising to ¥8,953.90.

The ratio of gainers to losers on this market was about 7.53:One.

This was how the key indices of other Asian equity markets ended their respective trading days, last Tuesday:

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.71 percent to 20,204.17 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 2.47 percent to 539.23
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.12 percent to 767.30 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.16 percent to 8,953.90
Malaysia	Closed

The Philippines	Closed
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.38 percent to 2,566.60 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.97 percent to 1,148.29
Singapore	Closed
South Korea	Plus 0.78 percent to 1,843.82
Taiwan	Plus 0.90 percent to 7,646.19
Thailand	Minus 1.01 percent to 1,044.97

### **Wednesday**

There was sweet bugger-all about which to comment, last Wednesday on Wall Street, and so the gurus reverted to the previous week's Jackson Hole, Wyoming 'retreat' of the US Federal Reserve and others and tried to outguess The Central Bank of the US as to what action it 'should' take at its September, 2-day Open Market Committee Meeting.

In the words of Mr Steve Sosnick, Equity Risk Manager of Timber Hill Interactive Brokers Group of Greenwich, Connecticut:

*'The market has been somewhat schizophrenic lately, but the idea of more stimulus lets you put a rosy spin on everything ... Our (bullish) rally has quieted down since the data wasn't great this morning, and we still don't know if that kind of weakness will be enough to trigger "extraordinary action" from The Fed.'*

Mr Steve Sosnick was referring, inter alia, to the intelligence that he had gathered from the statistics in respect of August hiring figures and factory output in the US Midwest, both of which amount to a mountain of peanuts, at most.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose about 0.46 percent to 11,613.53 points in moderate trading conditions.

Over on The NASDAQ, its Composite Index rose about 0.13 percent to 2,579.46 points.

At one point, during the trading day, the key indices dipped into negative territory, but recovered just before the final bell rang.

On European equity markets, however, it was another story.

Every key Index of every major bourse made material gains, led by France's CAC 40 Index and followed closely by Italy's MIBTEL Index.

The gains were despite disappointing news from the United Kingdom. (Please see [News Wise](#), below)

Nothing of any note had changed between Monday and Wednesday, but it was true that the **European Union (EU)** was closeted in meetings, on a daily basis, trying to nut out a method to sail the good ship EU on a straight course to prosperity again.

This was how the key indices of **TARGET**'s select bourses fared, last Wednesday:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Closed

France's CAC 40 Index                      Plus    3.07 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Plus    2.49 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Plus    2.38 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Plus    2.99 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Plus    1.32 percent

#### News Wise

- The forecast for the economy of the **United Kingdom (UK)** is, now, expected to expand by about 1.10 percent in 2011, down from the June estimate of about 1.30 percent. This is in the judgment of The British Chambers of Commerce. Mr David Frost, Director General of The British Chambers of Commerce, has gone on record, stating that the UK Government has to do more in order to help companies to grow.

#### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.4354	1.4383	1.4359	-0.11%	1.4354	1.4359
<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.6233	1.6260	1.6235	-0.09%	1.6233	1.6237
<b>USD/JPY</b>	77	77.040	76.610	+0.46%	77	77.050
<b>USD/CHF</b>	0.80670	0.80810	0.80510	+0.11%	0.80670	0.80710
<b>USD/CAD</b>	0.97860	0.97890	0.97770	+0.08%	0.97860	0.97910
<b>AUD/USD</b>	1.0670	1.0705	1.0675	-0.31%	1.0670	1.0676

On The **New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)**, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in October came in at \$US88.81, down about one tenth of a percentage point, compared with Tuesday's closing level.

As for delivery in November, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US89.16, representing a fall of about 0.03 percent on the day.

In Asia, bullishness prevailed throughout the most-populous part of the world.

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

On the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of this, the premier stock market of the territory, rose about 1.64 percent to 20,534.85 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK75.26 billion, with advancing counters, outracing declining ones by the ratio of about 2.10:One.

The Ten Most Active counters, all of which were substantial winners, were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 2.30 percent to \$HK5.78 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Up 1.58 percent to \$HK3.22 per share
AIA Group Ltd (Code: 1299)	Up 1.11 percent to \$HK27.35 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Up 3.52 percent to \$HK15.90 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 0.59 percent to \$HK5.12 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 0.51 percent to \$HK79.00 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 1.20 percent to \$HK67.25 per share
Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)	Up 0.81 percent to \$HK3.75 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Up 2.55 percent to \$HK10.04 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Up 2.84 percent to \$HK19.56 per share

The biggest movers of this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Enviro Energy International Holdings Ltd	1102	20.80		0.25

Hengxin Technology Ltd	1085		17.80	1.80
Li Ning Company Ltd	2331	15.60		10.70
Mongolia Energy Corporation Ltd	276	20.00		0.84
REXLot Holdings Ltd	555	15.70		0.59
Sam Woo Holdings Ltd	2322	17.40		0.135
Sino Prosper State Gold Resources Holdings Ltd	766	16.90		0.187
Sino-Tech International Holdings Ltd	724	15.20		0.121
Zhongtian International Ltd	2379	18.30		0.84

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 0.45 percent, rising to 541.65 points.

The Total Turnover on this (speculative) market was about \$HK182.95 million.

Gaining counters outnumbered losing ones by the ratio of about 1.64:One.

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

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 6.67 percent to \$HK1.40 per share

ERA Mining Machinery Ltd (Code: 8043)

Down 18.10 percent to \$HK0.475 per share

China LotSynergy Holdings Ltd (Code: 8161)

Up 6.92 percent to \$HK0.139 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 4.04 percent to \$HK1.03 per share

Viva China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8032)

Up 1.61 percent to \$HK0.126 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Best Miracle International Ltd	8272	10.40		0.085
China 3D Digital Entertainment Ltd	8078	12.50		0.018
China Vanguard Group Ltd	8156	26.00		0.305

CIG Yangtze Ports PLC	8233	16.90		0.173
Credit China Holdings Ltd	8207	10.00		0.99
ERA Mining Machinery Ltd	8043		18.10	0.475
M Dream Inworld Ltd	8100	11.20		0.159
National Arts Holdings Ltd	8228	10.30		0.75
Seamless Green China (Holdings) Ltd	8150	20.60		1.23
Tianjin TEDA Biomedical Engineering Company Ltd	8189	11.60		0.53
TLT Lottotainment Group Ltd	8022	13.10		0.095

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is the largest equity market of Asia and the second-largest in the world, its TOPIX Index gained about 0.43 percent, rising to 770.60 points.

The Nikkie-225 Stock Average rose only 0.01 percent to ¥8,955.20.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.03:One.

#### News Wise

- The **inflation rate** in South Korea has risen to a 3-year high, according to official Government statistics. Prices in August rose about 5.30 percent, Year-On-Year. The target rate of The Central Bank of South Korea is 4 percent. August's statistic marked the eighth, consecutive month that the inflation rate has exceeded the 4-percent level, per annum.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 1.64 percent to 20,534.85 The Growth Enterprise Index Plus 0.45 percent to 541.65
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 0.43 percent to 770.60 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 0.01 percent to 8,955.20
Malaysia	Closed
The Philippines	Plus 1.00 percent to 4,348.50

The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Plus 0.03 percent to 2,567.34 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.43 percent to 1,143.34
Singapore	Plus 3.34 percent to 2,885.26
South Korea	Plus 1.97 percent to 1,880.11
Taiwan	Plus 1.24 percent to 7,741.36
Thailand	Plus 2.40 percent to 1,070.05

### **Thursday**

The key indices of Wall Street fell to the bears, last Thursday, with banking and financial entities, taking it in the neck.

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost about 1.03 percent, dropping back to 11,493.57 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ shed about 1.30 percent as investors pulled it back to 2,546.04 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones on The New York Stock Exchange and The NASDAQ was about 2.75:One and 4.00:One, respectively.

The volume of activity was moderate, but less than the average daily turnover of 2010.

### **News Wise**

- **Manufacturing output** in the US dropped to a 2-year low in August, according to The Institute of Supply Management's Index. The August reading, at 50.60 points, was the lowest since July of 2009.

On European bourses, there were only fractional movements of the key indices so that one could say that the equity markets were directionless.

The industrial might of the major economies of the European Union, such as that of Germany and France, have slowed to a crawl; and, investors are worried.

This was how the key indices of the largest and most-important equity markets of this part of the world fared, last Thursday night.

Amsterdam's AEX Index

Closed

France's CAC 40 Index

Plus 0.27 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index Minus 0.93 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index      Plus    0.44 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                  Plus    0.58 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index    Plus    0.15 percent

### News Wise

- **Manufacturing activity** in the European Union, during the month of August, shrank much more than had been previously thought. The Markit Manufacturing PMI Index for August fell to 49 points, down from 50.40 points in respect of July. August's statistic was the lowest since 2009.

### Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
EUR/USD	1.4284	1.4286	1.4259	+0.19%	1.4284	1.4289
GBP/USD	1.6197	1.6197	1.6179	+0.12%	1.6197	1.6201
USD/JPY	76.850	76.950	76.860	-0.08%	76.850	76.900
USD/CHF	0.79430	0.79580	0.79450	-0.14%	0.79430	0.79480
USD/CAD	0.97570	0.97660	0.97570	-0.12%	0.97570	0.97620
AUD/USD	1.0730	1.0731	1.0714	+0.10%	1.0730	1.0736

On the world's commodity exchanges, there was little to report, with the price of crude oil, zigzagging back and forth, but only by tiny fractions.

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in October came in at \$US88.93, representing an increase of about 0.14 percent on Wednesday's final quote.

As for delivery in November, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil was \$US89.24, up about 0.09 percent on the day.

In Asia, last Thursday, the only way to describe the equity markets was to state that they, too, were directionless.

In the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the volume of activity on the premier equity market rose, but the key index only managed a fractional gain.

The Hang Seng Index, which is the benchmark index of the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, managed to make a gain of about one quarter of a percentage point, ending the trading day at 20,585.33 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK87.06 billion.



Gaining counters managed to squeeze out losing counters by the ratio of about 1.06:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)	Up 1.04 percent to \$HK5.84 per share
China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)	Up 1.20 percent to \$HK79.95 per share
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1398)	Up 0.78 percent to \$HK5.16 per share
Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)	Down 1.86 percent to \$HK3.16 per share
HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)	Up 0.22 percent to \$HK67.40 per share
CNOOC Ltd (Code: 883)	Up 0.38 percent to \$HK15.96 per share
Tencent Holdings Ltd (Code: 700)	Up 1.41 percent to \$HK187.60 per share
Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd (Code: 2318)	Up 1.68 percent to \$HK63.40 per share
China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)	Down 2.35 percent to \$HK19.10 per share
PetroChina Company Ltd (Code: 857)	Down 0.20 percent to \$HK10.02 per share

The biggest movers of the day included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Artel Solutions Group Holdings Ltd	931	17.60		0.147
Co-Prosperity Holdings Ltd	707		15.50	0.18
Green Energy Group Ltd	979	21.30		0.54
Opes Asia Development Ltd	810	19.10		0.056
The United Laboratories International Holdings Ltd	3933		16.00	6.23
V.S. International Group Ltd	1002	16.70		0.084

On The **G**rowth **E**nterprise **M**arket (**The GEM**) of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index lost about 0.17 percent, dropping to 540.74 points.

The Total Turnover on this market was almost exactly \$HK140 million.

The ratio of advancing counters to declining ones was about 1.04:One.

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

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

Up 4.65 percent to \$HK0.135 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Down 4.85 percent to \$HK0.98 per share

Viva China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8032)

Down 1.59 percent to \$HK0.124 per share

Credit China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8207)

Down 2.02 percent to \$HK0.97 per share

ERA Mining Machinery Ltd (Code: 8043)

Up 3.16 percent to \$HK0.49 per share

The GEM's double-digit movers were:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
abc Multiactive Ltd	8131		16.30	0.41
Asian Capital Resources (Holdings) Ltd	8025	19.00		0.50
China Eco-Farming Ltd	8166	11.40		0.049
China Netcom Technology Holdings Ltd	8071	10.10		0.087
China Vanguard Group Ltd	8156		22.60	0.236
ITE (Holdings) Ltd	8092		21.50	0.062
M Dream Inworld Ltd	8100	10.10		0.175
Ming Kei Holdings Ltd	8239	17.60		0.60
Oriental City Group Holdings Ltd	8325		13.00	0.60
South China Land Ltd	8155	12.20		0.11

Tianjin TEDA Biomedical Engineering Company Ltd	8189	13.20		0.60
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On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gained one percent, exactly, rising to 778.28 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average put on about 1.18 percent, ending the mildly bullish trading session at ¥9,060.80.

Gainers outraced losers by the ratio of about 2.01:One.

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Plus 0.25 percent to 20,585.33 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.17 percent to 540.74
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Plus 1.00 percent to 778.28 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Plus 1.18 percent to 9,060.80
Malaysia	Closed
The Philippines	Plus 0.42 percent to 4,366.59
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 0.44 percent to 2,556.04 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 0.58 percent to 1,136.75
Singapore	Minus 0.63 percent to 2,867.18
South Korea	Plus 0.03 percent to 1,880.70
Taiwan	Plus 0.21 percent to 7,757.76
Thailand	Minus 0.09 percent to 1,069.13

### **Friday**

Last Friday morning, before US equity markets had opened for business, The Bureau of Labour Statistics, a Division of the US Labour Department, brought out its findings in respect of the August

employment/unemployment figures.

No joy for Wall Street – and the gurus crawled back into their little holes.

No jobs; no money; no honey!

This is a verbatim transcript of The Bureau's findings:

*'Nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged (0) in August, and the unemployment rate held at 9.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment in most major industries changed little over the month. Health care continued to add jobs, and a decline in information employment reflected a strike. Government employment continued to trend down, despite the return of workers from a partial government shutdown in Minnesota.'*

### **'Household Survey Data**

*'The number of unemployed persons, at 14.0 million, was essentially unchanged in August, and the unemployment rate held at 9.1 percent. The rate has shown little change since April.'*

*'Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (8.9 percent), adult women (8.0 percent), teenagers (25.4 percent), whites (8.0 percent), blacks (16.7 percent), and Hispanics (11.3 percent) showed little or no change in August. The jobless rate for Asians was 7.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted.'*

*'The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks and over) was about unchanged at 6.0 million in August and accounted for 42.9 percent of the unemployed.'*

*'The labor force rose to 153.6 million in August. Both the civilian labor force participation rate, at 64.0 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 58.2 percent, were little changed.'*

*'The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) rose from 8.4 million to 8.8 million in August. These individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.'*

*'About 2.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force in August, up from 2.4 million a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.'*

*'Among the marginally attached, there were 977,000 discouraged workers in August, down by 133,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.6 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in August had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.'*

### **'Establishment Survey Data**

*'Total nonfarm payroll employment, at 131.1 million, was unchanged (0) in August. Employment changed little in most major private-sector industries.'*

*'Health care employment rose by 30,000 in August. Ambulatory health care services and*

*hospitals added 18,000 and 8,000 jobs, respectively. Over the past 12 months, health care employment has grown by 306,000.*

*'Employment in mining continued to trend up in August (+6,000). Since reaching a trough in October 2009, employment in mining has risen by 144,000, with mining support activities accounting for most of the gain.*

*'Within professional and business services, computer systems design and related services added 8,000 jobs in August. Employment in temporary help services changed little over the month (+5,000) and has shown little movement on net so far this year.*

*'Employment in the information industry declined by 48,000 in August. About 45,000 workers in the telecommunications industry were on strike and thus off company payrolls during the survey reference period.*

*'Manufacturing employment was essentially unchanged in August (-3,000), following a gain of 36,000 in July. For the past 4 months, manufacturing has added an average of 14,000 jobs per month, compared with an average of 35,000 jobs per month in the first 4 months of the year.*

*'Elsewhere in the private sector, employment in construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; financial activities; and leisure and hospitality changed little over the month.*

*'Government employment continued to trend down over the month (-17,000). Despite the return of about 22,000 workers from a partial government shutdown in Minnesota, employment in state government changed little in August (+5,000). Employment in local government continued to decline. Since employment peaked in September 2008, local government has lost 550,000 jobs.*

*'The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour over the month to 34.2 hours. The manufacturing workweek was 40.3 hours for the third consecutive month; factory overtime increased by 0.1 hour over the month to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down to 33.5 hours in August, after holding at 33.6 hours for the prior 6 months.*

*'In August, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 3 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$23.09. This decline followed an 11-cent gain in July. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 1.9 percent. In August, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees decreased by 2 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$19.47.*

*'The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised from +46,000 to +20,000, and the change for July was revised from +117,000 to +85,000.'*

On The New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost about 2.20 percent, falling back to 11,240.41 points.

The Composite Index of The NASDAQ shed about 2.58 percent, ending the light trading day at 2,480.33 points.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 6.00:One on both equity markets.

The volume of activity was equivalent to about 81 percent of the average daily turnover of 2010.

Banking counters were among the hardest hit, last Friday.

This followed a Release from a US Government agency that, in effect, said that it was out to punish a total of 17 banks and financial institutions for wrongdoing. This agency is seeking tens of billions of dollars from the Defendants. (Please see News Wise, below)

The tally for the week with regard to the largest and most-influential equity markets of the world was:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average	Minus	0.39 percent
The Composite Index of The NASDAQ	Plus	0.02 percent

#### News Wise

- The Federal Housing Finance Agency, a US Government-sponsored enterprise, has issued **legal proceedings** against 17 international banks, including HSBC Holdings plc and Bank of America Corporation, 2 of the largest banks in the world, for the recovery of tens of billions of US dollars. The following is the official announcement from this enterprise, reproduced in full:

*‘Washington, DC -- The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), as conservator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the Enterprises), today filed lawsuits against 17 financial institutions, certain of their officers and various unaffiliated lead underwriters. The suits allege violations of federal securities laws and common law in the sale of residential private-label mortgage-backed securities (PLS) to the Enterprises.*

*‘Complaints have been filed against the following lead defendants, in alphabetical order:*

1. Ally Financial Inc. f/k/a GMAC, LLC
2. Bank of America Corporation
3. Barclays Bank PLC
4. Citigroup, Inc.
5. Countrywide Financial Corporation
6. Credit Suisse Holdings (USA), Inc.
7. Deutsche Bank AG
8. First Horizon National Corporation
9. General Electric Company
10. Goldman Sachs & Co.
11. HSBC North America Holdings, Inc.
12. JPMorgan Chase & Co.
13. Merrill Lynch & Co. / First Franklin Financial Corp.
14. Morgan Stanley
15. Nomura Holding America Inc.
16. The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC
17. Société Générale

*‘These complaints were filed in federal or state court in New York or the federal court in Connecticut. The complaints seek damages and civil penalties under the Securities Act of 1933, similar in content to the complaint FHFA filed against UBS Americas, Inc. on July 27, 2011. In addition, each complaint seeks compensatory damages for negligent misrepresentation. Certain complaints also allege state securities law violations or common law fraud.*

*‘As conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, FHFA is charged with preserving and conserving these companies’ assets and does so on behalf of taxpayers. The complaints filed today reflect FHFA’s conclusion that some portion of the losses that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac incurred on private-label mortgage-backed securities (PLS) are attributable to misrepresentations and other improper actions by the firms and individuals named in these filings. Based on our review, FHFA alleges that the loans had different and more risky characteristics than the descriptions contained in the marketing and sales materials provided to the Enterprises for those securities.*

*'FHFA filed the complaints under the broad authority granted to it by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The U.S. legal system provides for addressing such alleged misrepresentations through the nation's securities laws and traditional common law. FHFA is following those legal remedies in filing these complaints and seeks to recover on losses to the Enterprises that are the legal responsibilities of others.'*

*'Discussions regarding these matters have taken place with several of the firms receiving complaints and, where constructive, they will continue.'*

On European bourses, the shock announcement from The (US) Bureau of Labour Statistics plus confirmation of the lawsuits, issued by The (US) Federal Housing Finance Agency, was just too much for many investors who, on learning the facts, sought refuge out of stocks and shares.

In addition, confirmation of the retrogression with regard to manufacturing activity within the European Union was another cross that European investors had to bear.

The burdens were fast-becoming too heavy.

As a result, the losses in the key indices of the largest and most-important equity markets of this part of the world were substantial as **TARGET**'s select list of bourses makes only too plain:

Amsterdam's AEX Index                      Closed

France's CAC 40 Index                      Minus 3.59 percent

Germany's Frankfurt XETRA DAX Index   Minus 3.35 percent

Great Britain's FTSE 100 Index           Minus 2.33 percent

Italy's MIBTEL Index                      Minus 3.67 percent

Switzerland's Swiss Market Index       Minus 3.06 percent

For More About The US And The European Economies  
And The Likelihood Of Another Recession,  
Please Refer To **TARGET**'s Exclusive Report of Last Wednesday,  
Penned By Our Chief Economic Analyst:

**TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume XIII, Number 164,**

Headlined:

**'DR BEN S. BERNANKE'S CONUNDRUM:  
IS ANOTHER RECESSION, INEVITABLE ?'**

## Currencies

Currency	Last	High	Low	Change	Bid	Ask
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.4204	1.4286	1.4187	-0.37%	1.4204	1.4209
<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.6216	1.6252	1.6175	+0.23%	1.6216	1.6220
<b>USD/JPY</b>	76.790	76.950	76.610	-0.16%	76.790	76.840
<b>USD/CHF</b>	0.78820	0.79580	0.77240	-0.91%	0.78820	0.78870
<b>USD/CAD</b>	0.98500	0.98560	0.97570	+0.83%	0.98500	0.98550
<b>AUD/USD</b>	1.0643	1.0731	1.0629	-0.71%	1.0643	1.0648

On The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil for delivery in October was \$US86.45, off about 2.79 percent, compared with Thursday's final quote.

As for delivery in November, the last settlement of a barrel of light sweet crude oil came in at \$US86.74, representing a one-day, price-fall of about 2.80 percent.

In Asia, there was plenty of red ink, used in penning the final figures of the key indices of equity markets.

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 1.81 percent, sinking back to 20,212.91 points.

The Total Turnover was about \$HK71.60 billion.

The ratio of losing counters to gaining ones was about 2.77:One.

The Ten Most Active counters were:

Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd (Code: 27)

Down 5.25 percent to \$HK17.68 per share

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

Down 0.78 percent to \$HK5.12 per share

China Construction Bank Corporation (Code: 939)

Down 1.71 percent to \$HK5.74 per share

HSBC Holdings plc (Code: 5)

Down 0.37 percent to \$HK67.15 per share

China Mobile Ltd (Code: 941)

Down 1.81 percent to \$HK78.50 per share



Bank of China Ltd (Code: 3988)

Down 2.22 percent to \$HK3.09 per share

China Life Insurance Company Ltd (Code: 2628)

Down 2.41 percent to \$HK18.64 per share

Agricultural Bank of China Ltd (Code: 1288)

Down 1.64 percent to \$HK3.60 per share

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

Down 1.58 percent to \$HK62.40 per share

China Unicom (Hongkong) Ltd (Code: 762)

Up 1.23 percent to \$HK16.48 per share

The biggest movers on this market included:

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
ABC Communications (Holdings) Ltd	30	24.60		0.355
China Financial Leasing Group Ltd	2312	20.30		0.071
China Oriental Culture Group Ltd	2371	16.30		0.57
Pak Tak International Ltd	2668	21.20		0.485
Takson Holdings Ltd	918	15.60		0.37

On The **Growth Enterprise Market (The GEM)** of The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd, its Growth Enterprise Index lost about 0.39 percent, ending the quiet trading day at 538.61 points.

The ratio of losers to gainers was about 1.21:One.

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

China Technology Solar Power Holdings  
Ltd (Code: 8111)

Up 7.41 percent to \$HK0.58 per share

Viva China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8032)

Up 4.84 percent to \$HK0.13 per share

Heng Xin China Holdings Ltd (Code: 8046)

Up 2.04 percent to \$HK1.00 per share

Global Energy Resources International Group Ltd  
(Code: 8192)

Up 1.82 percent to \$HK0.168 per share

Honbridge Holdings Ltd (Code: 8137)

Down 5.84 percent to \$HK1.29 per share

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

Name of Company	Code	Increase (%)	Decrease (%)	Closing Price (\$HK)
Changmao Biochemical Engineering Company Ltd	8208	10.00		1.21
China 3D Digital Entertainment Ltd	8078		11.80	0.015
China Post E-Commerce (Holdings) Ltd	8041	17.10		0.171
Computech Holdings Ltd	8081	21.90		0.239
Shanghai Fudan-Zhangjiang Bio-Pharmaceutical Company Ltd	8231		11.10	1.60
Tai Shing International (Holdings) Ltd	8103	17.60		0.10

The tally for the second-largest, equity market of Asia for the week, ended September 2, 2011, was:

The Hang Seng Index	Plus	3.22 percent
The Growth Enterprise Index	Plus	2.38 percent

On The Tokyo Stock Exchange, its TOPIX Index gave up about 1.09 percent, dropping back to 769.78 points.

The Nikkei-225 Stock Average lost about 1.21 percent, ending the week's trading at ¥8,950.74

Losing counters outpaced gaining ones by the ratio of about 1.21:One.

The tally for the week for the largest equity market of Asia was:

The TOPIX Index	Plus	1.81 percent
The Nikkei-225 Stock Average	Plus	1.74 percent

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

The HKSAR	Hang Seng Index Minus 1.81 percent to 20,212.91 The Growth Enterprise Index Minus 0.39 percent to 538.61
Indonesia	Closed
Japan	TOPIX Index Minus 1.09 percent to 769.78 Nikkei-225 Stock Average Minus 1.21 percent to 8,950.74

Malaysia	Plus 1.85 percent to 1,474.09
The Philippines	Plus 0.60 percent to 4,392.91
The PRC	Shanghai Composite Index Minus 1.09 percent to 2,528.28 Shenzhen Composite Index Minus 1.08 percent to 1,124.44
Singapore	Minus 0.84 percent to 2,843.09
South Korea	Minus 0.69 percent to 1,867.75
Taiwan	Minus 0.01 percent to 7,757.06
Thailand	Minus 0.37 percent to 1,065.18

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