

INDEX	CLOSE	NET CHANGE	DAILY % CHANGE	WEEKLY % CHANGE	% YTD	% LAST 12 MONTHS
Dow Jones Industrial Average	11 516.92	-26.63	-0.23%	0.91%	-13.18%	-13.78%
S&P 500 Index	1 277.58	-5.25	-0.41%	0.48%	-12.99%	-13.33%
Nasdaq Composite Index	2 349.24	-18.28	-0.77%	-0.54%	-11.43%	-9.52%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	13 299.74	-471.51	-3.42%	0.01%	-3.86%	-2.64%
FTSE 100 (UK)	5 620.70	17.90	0.32%	2.74%	-12.95%	-10.83%
DAX (Germany)	6 518.47	96.67	1.51%	2.81%	-19.20%	-14.66%
NIKKEI 225 (Japan)	12 609.47	-224.71	-1.75%	-1.32%	-17.63%	-23.90%
HANG SENG (Hong-Kong)	21 042.46	136.15	0.65%	-0.07%	-24.34%	-12.27%

MARKET REVIEW

Crude oil prices tumble

News that hurricane Gustav caused little damage to oil facilities in the Gulf of Mexico, which account for one-third of the U.S. refining capacity, pushed crude oil prices to as low as \$105.46 per barrel today. Crude prices lost \$5.23 to \$110.23/barrel.

Other commodities also lost ground as weak economic news put downward pressure on prices. Gold pulled back \$13.00 to \$804.70/ounce.

Today's falling commodity prices hit Canadian stocks hard. The S&P/TSX index plummeted, led by the Energy and Materials sectors, which each lost a whopping 5.9%. The S&P/TSX Composite declined 471.51 points, or 3.42%, to 13299.74.

Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.'s profits fell to \$47.2 million (\$0.24 per share) during its most recent quarter, from \$69.1 million (\$0.33 per share) one-year earlier. The decline was due in part to falling profit margins and reduced gasoline sales.

The Canadian dollar registered its fourth consecutive decline today, slipping to its lowest level in over a year against the U.S. dollar. The greenback also gained ground against other major currencies including the Euro and the Japanese Yen.

U.S. equity indexes also edged down today, despite a strong performance by financial stocks. Early morning gains were wiped out, mostly due to declines in the Energy sector. The Dow Jones Industrials Average lost 26.63 points, or 0.23%, to 11516.92. The S&P 500 Composite pulled back 5.25 points, or 0.41%, to 1277.58. The Nasdaq Composite retreated 18.28 points, or 0.77%, to 2349.24.

The latest August ISM manufacturing index reading came in little changed at 49.9 compared to 50 one month earlier. The new orders component rose to 48.3 from 45. However this was offset by declines in production, employment and delivery times.

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P/TSX	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Bombardier Inc (BBD/B)	\$8.06	-\$0.19	11 100 609
Kinross Gold Corp (K)	\$16.04	-\$1.46	6 561 403
Goldcorp Inc (G)	\$33.56	-\$2.56	5 370 867
Suncor Energy Inc (SU)	\$55.08	-\$5.72	4 783 066
Eldorado Gold Corp (ELD)	\$8.25	-\$0.19	4 703 108

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P 500	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	\$27.10	-\$0.19	24 720 562
Dell Inc (DELL)	\$20.83	-\$0.90	20 406 924
Intel Corp (INTC)	\$22.58	-\$0.29	18 768 711
Cisco Systems Inc (CSCO)	\$23.75	-\$0.30	18 155 448
Oracle Corp (ORCL)	\$21.55	-\$0.38	16 938 255

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY GROUP	DAILY % CHANGE	YTD
ENERGY	-5.88%	4.73%
MATERIALS	-5.90%	-3.50%
INDUSTRIALS	-1.13%	4.47%
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	-0.03%	-19.95%
CONSUMER STAPLES	-0.51%	-6.43%
HEALTH CARE	-1.53%	-12.64%
FINANCIALS	-0.86%	-10.63%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-2.59%	4.90%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	-1.62%	-8.73%
UTILITIES	-1.90%	-4.74%

INTEREST RATES	LAST YIELD	PREVIOUS
CAN GOVT 2 YR	2.66%	2.71%
CAN GOVT 5 YR	2.96%	3.03%
CAN GOVT 7 YR	3.19%	3.25%
CAN GOVT 10 YR	3.48%	3.54%
CAN GOVT 30 YR	4.00%	4.02%

CURRENCIES & COMMODITIES	LAST PRICE	PREVIOUS	1 YEAR AGO
OIL WTI (\$/BARREL)	\$110.23	\$115.46	\$74.04
GOLD SPOT (\$/OZ)	\$804.70	\$817.70	\$673.40
CAD per USD	1.0684	1.0667	1.0556
CAD per EURO	1.5505	1.5593	1.4388
USD per EURO	1.4512	1.4617	1.3629
YEN per USD	108.670	108.140	115.770

Source: Bloomberg