

INDEX	CLOSE	NET CHANGE	DAILY % CHANGE	WEEKLY % CHANGE	% YTD	% LAST 12 MONTHS
Dow Jones Industrial Average	11 220.96	32.73	0.29%	-2.79%	-15.41%	-15.67%
S&P 500 Index	1 242.31	5.48	0.44%	-3.16%	-15.39%	-15.62%
Nasdaq Composite Index	2 255.88	-3.16	-0.14%	-4.72%	-14.95%	-13.43%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	12 816.42	2.28	0.02%	-6.93%	-7.35%	-6.34%
FTSE 100 (UK)	5 240.70	-121.40	-2.26%	-7.02%	-18.84%	-16.43%
DAX (Germany)	6 127.44	-152.13	-2.42%	-4.59%	-24.05%	-19.25%
NIKKEI 225 (Japan)	12 212.23	-345.43	-2.75%	-6.58%	-20.22%	-24.42%
HANG SENG (Hong-Kong)	19 933.28	-456.20	-2.24%	-6.25%	-28.33%	-17.18%

MARKET REVIEW

Canadian job market recovers

The Canadian economy added 15,200 posts in August, following two months of declines. More than 16,000 full-time jobs were created during the period, thus averting a fourth consecutive month of declines. That said, 900 part-time posts were lost during the month, a significant improvement from the 48,100 jobs lost in July. Encouragingly, the number of private-sector jobs rose by 40,900, a strong rebound after the 95,300 posts lost the previous month. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.1%.

U.S. payrolls fell for an eight consecutive month in August. Eighty-four thousand posts were lost, a worse performance than the 75,000 losses expected by analysts. The unemployment rate rose to 6.1% during the month (compared to 5.7% in July), the highest rate in over 4-1/2 years. This is the first time in 26 years that the U.S. unemployment rate has risen as high as its Canadian counterpart.

U.S. and Canadian equity markets ended the day virtually unchanged, recovering from early morning sell-offs. The S&P/TSX Composite rose 2.28 points, or 0.02%, to 12816.42. The Dow Jones Industrials Average increased 32.73 points, or 0.29%, to 11220.96. The S&P 500 Composite gained 5.48 points, or 0.44%, to 1242.31. The Nasdaq Composite retreated 3.16 points, or 0.14%, to 2255.88.

The Laurentian Bank reported a 33% rise in its quarterly profits to \$30.9 million (\$1.17 per share) from \$23.2 million (\$0.85 per share) one year earlier. The bank also raised its quarterly dividend by 6.3% to \$0.34 per share.

In the U.S., according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, foreclosure rates increased to 1.19% during Q2, the highest level in over 29 years.

Crude oil prices fell to a five-month low today. Crude prices lost \$1.46 to \$106.43/barrel. Gold gained \$5.63 to \$802.08/ounce.

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P/TSX	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Bombardier Inc (BBD/B)	\$7.53	-\$0.28	18 845 821
First Calgary Petroleum Ltd (FCP)	\$3.55	\$0.65	15 988 191
HudBay Minerals Inc (HBM)	\$9.05	\$0.27	7 816 483
Kinross Gold Corp (K)	\$15.10	\$0.36	6 500 284
Yamana Gold Inc (YRI)	\$9.83	-\$0.02	6 492 011

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P 500	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	\$25.65	-\$0.70	35 241 949
Intel Corp (INTC)	\$20.61	\$0.09	30 083 390
SanDisk Corp (SNDK)	\$17.64	\$4.18	20 139 098
Oracle Corp (ORCL)	\$20.07	\$0.14	19 812 939
Cisco Systems Inc (CSCO)	\$22.26	-\$0.02	19 792 742

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY GROUP	DAILY % CHANGE	YTD
ENERGY	0.19%	0.23%
MATERIALS	1.83%	-8.44%
INDUSTRIALS	-1.22%	-1.02%
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	-0.23%	-22.75%
CONSUMER STAPLES	0.94%	-7.86%
HEALTH CARE	-1.19%	-16.15%
FINANCIALS	-0.66%	-11.75%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-1.25%	-4.03%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	-0.10%	-10.33%
UTILITIES	-1.25%	-8.79%

INTEREST RATES	LAST YIELD	PREVIOUS
CAN GOVT 2 YR	2.71%	2.69%
CAN GOVT 5 YR	2.97%	2.96%
CAN GOVT 7 YR	3.17%	3.18%
CAN GOVT 10 YR	3.45%	3.46%
CAN GOVT 30 YR	3.93%	3.95%

CURRENCIES & COMMODITIES	LAST PRICE	PREVIOUS	1 YEAR AGO
OIL WTI (\$/BARREL)	\$106.43	\$107.89	\$75.73
GOLD SPOT (\$/OZ)	\$802.08	\$796.45	\$681.80
CAD per USD	1.0630	1.0696	1.0538
CAD per EURO	1.5133	1.5324	1.4381
USD per EURO	1.4235	1.4325	1.3646
YEN per USD	107.345	107.080	115.280

Source: Bloomberg