

INDEX	CLOSE	NET CHANGE	DAILY % CHANGE	WEEKLY % CHANGE	% YTD	% LAST 12 MONTHS
Dow Jones Industrial Average	8 835.25	552.59	6.67%	1.60%	-33.39%	-33.60%
S&P 500 Index	911.29	58.99	6.92%	0.71%	-37.94%	-38.47%
Nasdaq Composite Index	1 596.70	97.49	6.50%	-0.75%	-39.80%	-40.28%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	9 352.78	430.21	4.82%	-2.12%	-32.39%	-31.76%
FTSE 100 (UK)	4 169.21	-12.81	-0.31%	-2.42%	-35.43%	-34.47%
DAX (Germany)	4 649.52	28.72	0.62%	-3.41%	-42.37%	-40.22%
NIKKEI 225 (Japan)	8 238.64	-456.87	-5.25%	-7.42%	-46.18%	-45.54%
HANG SENG (Hong-Kong)	13 221.35	-717.74	-5.15%	-4.12%	-52.46%	-52.45%

MARKET REVIEW

U.S. budget deficit hits record levels

The U.S. government reported a record \$273.2 billion deficit during the first month of the new fiscal year, four times larger than the \$56.8 billion shortfall in October 2007. Much of the increase stemmed from funds allocated to rescue the financial system.

Despite news of the huge deficit, U.S. stock indexes rebounded strongly in late afternoon. The Dow Jones Industrials Average increased 552.59 points, or 6.67%, to 8835.25. The S&P 500 Composite advanced 58.99 points, or 6.92%, to 911.29. The Nasdaq Composite gained 97.49 points, or 6.50%, to 1596.7.

Wal-Mart Store Inc reported a 6.6% rise in its profits during Q3 2008 to \$3 billion (\$0.77 per share) compared to \$2.8 billion (\$0.70 per share) one-year earlier. Wal-Mart also said that the stronger U.S. dollar may hit earnings from its international operations during the fourth quarter.

In Canada the S&P/TSX index also gained ground during a volatile session. The S&P/TSX Composite rose 430.21 points, or 4.82%, to 9352.78.

Crude prices increased \$3.24 to \$59.40/barrel. Gold advanced \$24.40 to \$736.70/ounce.

The Canadian trade surplus fell to a nine-month low of \$4.5 billion in September from a downwardly revised \$5.6 billion in August. Exports fell by 1%, a second consecutive decline. The worst performing industries were automotive products (-3.4%), industrial goods and materials (-1.9%) and energy products (-1.4%). Total imports increased by 1.9%, a fifth rise in the last six months. Nominal imports also rose, led by energy (+10.3%) and automotive products (+2%).

In the U.S. the trade deficit fell in September to \$56.5 billion from \$59.1 billion one-month earlier. Imports and exports both fell, the former at a faster pace. Crude oil imports, which fell by \$7 billion, accounted for more than half the \$12.5 billion decline in imports during September.

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P/TSX	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Teck Cominco Ltd (TCK/B)	\$6.95	\$0.32	21 415 919
UTS Energy Corp (UTS)	\$0.90	\$0.10	16 617 918
Eastern Platinum Ltd (ELR)	\$0.33	\$0.02	16 537 567
Manulife Financial Corp (MFC)	\$22.90	-\$0.45	12 692 492
Oilexco Inc (OIL)	\$4.07	\$0.07	12 198 263

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P 500	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	\$21.25	\$0.95	71 489 241
Intel Corp (INTC)	\$14.43	\$0.91	66 005 686
General Electric Co (GE)	\$16.86	\$0.57	50 392 700
Cisco Systems Inc (CSCO)	\$17.26	\$0.71	42 066 373
Citigroup Inc (C)	\$9.45	-\$0.19	34 892 600

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY GROUP	DAILY % CHANGE	YTD
ENERGY	6.22%	-33.51%
MATERIALS	10.00%	-42.52%
INDUSTRIALS	3.10%	-24.98%
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	5.18%	-36.72%
CONSUMER STAPLES	2.53%	-12.59%
HEALTH CARE	0.25%	-28.30%
FINANCIALS	3.06%	-28.24%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1.52%	-50.89%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	2.88%	-13.75%
UTILITIES	2.62%	-22.05%

INTEREST RATES	LAST YIELD	PREVIOUS
CAN GOVT 2 YR	1.92%	1.86%
CAN GOVT 5 YR	2.75%	2.70%
CAN GOVT 7 YR	3.20%	3.13%
CAN GOVT 10 YR	3.74%	3.66%
CAN GOVT 30 YR	4.30%	4.23%

CURRENCIES & COMMODITIES	LAST PRICE	PREVIOUS	1 YEAR AGO
OIL WTI (\$/BARREL)	\$59.40	\$56.16	\$91.17
GOLD SPOT (\$/OZ)	\$736.70	\$712.30	\$802.00
CAD per USD	1.2148	1.2382	0.9590
CAD per EURO	1.5510	1.5485	1.4004
USD per EURO	1.2768	1.2505	1.4602
YEN per USD	97.640	95.010	110.900

Source: Bloomberg