

INDEX	CLOSE	NET CHANGE	DAILY % CHANGE	WEEKLY % CHANGE	% YTD	% LAST 12 MONTHS
Dow Jones Industrial Average	11 348.55	-130.84	-1.14%	-2.52%	-14.45%	-13.23%
S&P 500 Index	1 266.69	-11.91	-0.93%	-1.78%	-13.73%	-12.40%
Nasdaq Composite Index	2 384.36	-32.62	-1.35%	-1.90%	-10.10%	-4.82%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	13 063.85	-55.52	-0.42%	-0.78%	-5.56%	0.11%
FTSE 100 (UK)	5 320.40	-129.80	-2.38%	-3.87%	-17.60%	-12.27%
DAX (Germany)	6 282.43	-150.45	-2.34%	-4.61%	-22.12%	-14.85%
NIKKEI 225 (Japan)	12 865.05	-300.40	-2.28%	-3.30%	-15.96%	-15.77%
HANG SENG (Hong-Kong)	20 484.37	-446.30	-2.13%	-5.34%	-26.35%	0.48%

## MARKET REVIEW

### Financials drag down U.S. indexes

U.S. equities lost ground for a second consecutive day today, weighed down by financials. Concerns over additional write-downs stemming from a turbulent housing sector hit stock prices at some of the largest U.S. banks. The Dow Jones Industrials Average retreated 130.84 points, or 1.14%, to 11348.55. The S&P 500 Composite declined 11.91 points, or 0.93%, to 1266.69. The Nasdaq Composite lost 32.62 points, or 1.35%, to 2384.36.

Record energy prices propelled the U.S. Producer Price Index up by 1.2% in July and by 9.8% over the last 12-months. The core PPI rose by 0.7% during the month and by 3.5% on a year-over-year basis.

In other news, the U.S. housing market continued to slow in July. Housing starts slipped to a 17-year low of 965,000, compared to 1,084,000 one month earlier.

Home Depot reported a 24% drop in its second-quarter profits today. However the home improvement retailer still beat Wall Street expectations. The company's net income fell to \$1.2 billion (\$0.71 per share) during the period, compared to \$1.59 billion (\$0.81 per share) one-year ago. Home Depot also said that the rest of the year looked dismal, due to weak housing and home improvement markets that show few signs of recovery.

In Canada, the S&P/TSX index edged down. The S&P/TSX Composite pulled back 55.52 points, or 0.42%, to 13063.85.

Commodity prices rose today, after recently released data regarding weak housing starts and stronger than expected wholesale prices, weighed on the greenback. Crude prices increased \$2.35 to \$115.22/barrel. Gold advanced \$13.91 to \$813.98/ounce.

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P/TSX	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Eastern Platinum Ltd (ELR)	\$1.35	\$0.01	19 417 037
Yamana Gold Inc (YRI)	\$11.04	\$0.29	7 797 123
UTS Energy Corp (UTS)	\$3.88	\$0.06	6 192 079
Bombardier Inc (BBD/B)	\$7.25	-\$0.21	5 649 857
Barrick Gold Corp (ABX)	\$35.50	\$0.44	4 822 324

MOST ACTIVE BY VOLUME IN S&P 500	LAST PRICE	VAR DAY \$	VOLUME
Intel Corp (INTC)	\$23.59	-\$0.42	30 262 985
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	\$27.32	-\$0.37	18 797 255
Citigroup Inc (C)	\$17.19	-\$0.43	13 944 500
Staples Inc (SPLS)	\$23.55	-\$1.03	12 155 966
Freddie Mac (FRE)	\$4.17	-\$0.22	11 347 000

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY GROUP	DAILY % CHANGE	YTD
ENERGY	1.60%	3.62%
MATERIALS	1.77%	-1.94%
INDUSTRIALS	-2.34%	-0.29%
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	-1.82%	-22.64%
CONSUMER STAPLES	-1.12%	-7.25%
HEALTH CARE	-0.57%	-14.40%
FINANCIALS	-2.99%	-14.93%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-1.47%	9.97%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	-1.06%	-11.98%
UTILITIES	-0.53%	-5.95%

INTEREST RATES	LAST YIELD	PREVIOUS
CAN GOVT 2 YR	2.75%	2.74%
CAN GOVT 5 YR	3.06%	3.06%
CAN GOVT 7 YR	3.29%	3.28%
CAN GOVT 10 YR	3.57%	3.54%
CAN GOVT 30 YR	4.02%	3.99%

CURRENCIES & COMMODITIES	LAST PRICE	PREVIOUS	1 YEAR AGO
OIL WTI (\$/BARREL)	\$115.22	\$112.87	\$71.98
GOLD SPOT (\$/OZ)	\$813.98	\$800.07	\$657.80
CAD per USD	1.0604	1.0646	1.0605
CAD per EURO	1.5679	1.5644	1.4283
USD per EURO	1.4786	1.4694	1.3475
YEN per USD	109.705	110.130	114.360

Source: Bloomberg