

	Index Value	Index	P/E	AUTO	CAPITAL GOODS	CONSTRUC TION	Financial	FMCG	Info Tech	LOGISTICS	Metals	Oil & Gas	Pharma	POWER	Telecom
INDIA	4274.60	3.84	15.41	2.91	4.16	6.15	5.15	0.27	2.89	N.A	4.65	3.46	2.35	4.97	2.58
NIKKEI	9438.77	1.37	(94.08)	N.A	N.A	3.09	1.56	0.95	(0.09)	N.A	(1.58)	(1.72)	0.81	(0.08)	N.A
KOSPI	1362.02	(0.73)	27.41	N.A	(1.84)	(1.25)	(1.06)	(0.70)	N.A	(0.95)	1.05	(1.95)	(2.81)	0.38	(2.32)
SHANGHAI	2632.93	1.71	26.45	N.A	0.76	N.A	2.61	0.65	(0.81)	N.A	1.41	1.06	0.74	(0.59)	0.17
TAIWAN	6890.44	3.10	65.14	3.81	N.A	4.75	5.36	2.63	2.57	4.73	2.01	(0.63)	1.06	3.16	N.A
HANGSENG	17885.27	5.26	16.09	N.A	1.69	4.69	5.19	2.06	4.27	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	1.27	4.84
CAC	3292.53	0.69	11.67	N.A	0.27	N.A	0.41	0.31	0.72	N.A	1.29	0.43	0.01	0.43	0.64
FTSE	4419.91	0.19	28.36	1.71	2.40	0.11	1.88	(0.08)	1.40	(0.77)	4.28	(0.32)	(1.24)	0.45	0.49
DAX	5015.20	0.59	25.92	0.67	1.27	2.27	0.58	2.52	(0.16)	1.88	1.27	0.27	0.23	0.27	(0.37)
US	8473.49	2.37	20.95	3.57	2.63	6.42	5.27	4.20	2.78	3.86	2.57	2.11	1.11	2.76	3.21
AUSTRALIA	3113.40	0.31	18.98	N.A	3.00	6.85	1.65	1.13	3.18	3.66	3.64	1.32	0.28	N.A	1.06
BRAZIL	51840.80	2.02	21.70	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	1.82	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	1.40
MEXICO	24640.08	1.82	16.02	N.A	1.23	Tim	3.51	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim

KEY HIGHLIGHTS...

European, Asian Shares Advance...

Stocks in Europe and Asia rose, extending a six-month high for the MSCI World Index, on speculation the worst of the global recession is over. U.S. index futures fluctuated between gains and losses.

Sales of Existing U.S. Homes Probably Increased in April...

Home resales in the U.S. probably rose in April as foreclosure auctions and improved affordability spurred bargain hunters. Purchases of existing homes rose 2 percent to a 4.66 million annual pace from 4.57 million a month earlier. Houses have sold at an average 4.6 million pace since November, raising speculation the market may be stabilizing after declining 38 percent from its peak in 2005. Record-low mortgage rates, tax credits and falling prices may keep boosting demand and trim the glut of unsold homes. In turn, a pickup in sales will help stem the slump in property values, which is key to shoring up household finances and construction as the economy begins to emerge from the recession.

U.S. Recession May End Next Quarter, Business Economists Say...

The U.S. recession will probably end in the third quarter, a survey of business economists showed, even as rising joblessness indicates the recovery will be weaker than previously estimated. The world's largest economy will begin to expand next quarter, according to 74 percent of economists in a National Association for Business Economics survey. Growth will be slower and unemployment will be higher in the second half of this year and through 2010. Government stimulus spending and Federal Reserve efforts to thaw credit markets are helping pull the economy out of the worst slump in half a century.

DOMESTIC...

- Pranab says hope to stick to Interim Budget borrowing plan in FY10. Finance secretary says govt to borrow more in FY10 if needed.
- Govt allows duty-free import of 1 mln capsules of Tamiflu 75 mg.
- India Apr tourist arrivals 0.371 mln vs 0.384 mln yr ago.

SECTOR...

- India's power generation capacity might have gone up by about 3,500 MW in fiscal 2009, but the capacity addition was dismal as it was over 68 percent below the target of 11,061 MW set for the period. Power generation is, however, expected to grow by 4.6 per cent this fiscal as projects with a capacity of 7,730 MW are likely to commence generation in FY10.

COMPANY...

- **Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd** has posted a net profit of Rs 6076.20 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 compared to Rs 2253.30 million for the same quarter of 2008. Total income (net of excise) decreased to Rs 66059.50 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 from Rs 95320.00 million last year.
- **Simplex Projects Ltd** recently bagged some major contracts for construction of bridges over rivers and Automatic Multi-level Car Parking facility from:
 - 1) PWD Dept Govt. of Tripura for construction of bridges over rivers under different packages for an approximate value of Rs 113 crores.
 - 2) New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) for design, construction, operation and maintenance (for a period of 20 years) of Multi-level Automatic Car Parking facility at Sector-38, Noida for at approximate value of Rs 93 crores.
- With this, the total outstanding order book position as on date stands Rs 3000 crores, (which includes international order of Rs 2000 crores) and to be completed within a time span of 36 months.
- **KEI Industries Ltd** has cancelled \$4 million, 1% Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCB) of \$5000 each due 2011.
- **Gammon Infrastructure Projects Ltd** has informed that Rajahmundry Godavari Bridge, the special purpose vehicle incorporated for implementing the project for designing, constructing, financing, operating and maintaining a major bridge across the river Godavari connecting Rajahmundry and Kovvur in Andhra Pradesh has achieved the 'Financial Closure' for its project with a consortium of bankers for an aggregate loan amount of upto Rs.566 crores. The estimated project cost is Rs. 861 crores. The project is entitled to a central government grant of Rs. 118.6 crores and a grant of Rs.88.95 crores from the government of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Corporation Bank** to review interest rates by the end of month.
- **Tata Motors** to repay \$900 mln JLR debt via secured NCD funds.
- **Tata Realty** plans \$1 bln infrastructure fund in 1 year.
- **Century Textile** sees exports in Jul-Sep rising 10-15% on qtr.
- **Nucleus Software Exports Ltd** announced that the Bank of Philippine Islands has chosen the company's FinnOne Customer Acquisition System - Corporate SME module to support loans evaluation and origination process for the bank's small and medium enterprise clients. The bank is already using Nucleus Exports' FinnOne CAS, CCAPS and Collections.
- **IVRCL Infrastructures & Projects Ltd.** has bagged orders valued at Rs.299.00 crore awarded by the government of Bihar, Public Health Engineering Department.
- **MRF Ltd** has informed that the lock-out declared at the company's manufacturing plant at Arkonam in Tamil Nadu from May 17, 2009, on account of labour unrest, has been lifted with effect from the 1st shift of Wednesday May 27

PRECIOUS METALS (SPOT PRICES)			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
GOLD	949.07	0.57	1.89
SILVER	14.52	1.12	1.34
PLATINUM	1138.45	0.37	(0.90)

ENERGY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
CRUDE OIL	63.05	0.98	4.93
NATURAL GAS	3.55	0.42	(9.25)

BASE METALS			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	4680	0.64	3.53
Aluminum	1443	(0.69)	(3.87)
Nickel	13625	1.75	9.25
Lead	1452	0.55	(2.15)
Zinc	1501	0.08	(1.41)

LME INVENTORY (metric tonnes)			
Name	Inventory	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	319275	(2.24)	(8.47)
Aluminum	4211975	0.23	3.73
Nickel	108642	(0.87)	(1.04)
Lead	75750	0.87	1.85
Zinc	323425	0.20	1.02

CURRENCY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
RS/\$	47.72	0.37	(0.36)
\$/€	1.40	(0.63)	(2.18)
DOLLER INDEX	80.23	0.18	(2.27)
¥/\$	95.34	(0.38)	0.50

Today's Major Economic Events			
IST	Data	Expected	Prior
16:30	MBA Mortgage Applications	--	2.30%
19:30	House Price Index MoM	0.20%	0.70%
19:30	Existing Home Sales	4.66M	4.57M
19:30	Existing Home Sales MoM	2.00%	-3.00%
19:30	House Price Purchase Index	--	--

COMMODITY & CURRENCY...

- **Gold little changed for a second day** in London on speculation a halt in the dollar's drop may reduce the precious metal's appeal as an alternative investment. The U.S. Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against six other monies, increased as much 0.4 percent today, the third consecutive gain. The metal typically moves inversely to the dollar, which fell every day last week to the lowest this year as measured by the index. Movement in foreign exchange is the main driver for gold. We've seen a bit of a recovery in the U.S. Dollar Index." Bullion for immediate delivery fell \$3.32, or 0.4 percent, to \$948.68 an ounce by 9:48 a.m. local time. June futures lost \$5.10, or 0.5 percent, to \$948.20 on the New York Mercantile Exchange's Comex division.
- **Copper traded near a two-week high in Asia** as an equity rally and the biggest jump in U.S. consumer confidence in six years boosted demand for industrial metals. The metal used in pipes and wires gained as much as 1.1 percent on the London Metal Exchange after U.S. stocks advanced for the first time in five days following the surge in consumer sentiment. The U.S. is the second-largest copper user. There isn't much downside risk to copper, with the U.S. economy expected to improve gradually. The metal is likely to go up even when the summer lull kicks in," he said, referring to the traditional slowdown in demand from processors in China during the summer months. Copper for three-month delivery on the London Metal Exchange advanced to \$4,710 a metric ton before trading at \$4,665 at 10:30 a.m. in Singapore.
- **Crude oil traded near \$63 a barrel after rising yesterday** as a report showing a jump in U.S. consumer confidence spurred optimism the worst of the recession is over in the world's largest oil-consuming nation. Oil rose to its highest settlement in more than six months in New York yesterday as U.S. benchmark stock indexes climbed for the first time in five sessions. U.S. gasoline inventories probably fell for a fifth week as refinery operations lagged behind year-ago levels and as fuel deliveries increased to meet holiday demand. It's the latest in a string of data which has suggested that a recovery is imminent. If equities can march higher and the dollar weakens then perhaps oil might be able to build a base around \$60 a barrel.
- **The pound rose, surpassing \$1.60 for the first time in almost seven months**, as optimism the worst of the financial crisis is over stoked demand for assets denominated in the British currency. The pound rallied versus the euro as the FTSE 350 Banks Index advanced 2.2 percent. The yen fell against higher-yielding currencies such as the Brazilian real and Australian dollar as a rebound in U.S. consumer confidence drove stocks higher. The South Korean won tumbled after North Korea threatened military action and said it's no longer bound by the 1953 armistice. The global investor store of idle cash reserves will continue to gravitate towards the pound and away from the dollar and the yen. The pound gain has further momentum ahead.
- **The yen fell against higher-yielding currencies** as a rebound in U.S. consumer confidence drove Asian stocks higher, damping demand for safer assets. The yen weakened versus Brazil's real and the Taiwan dollar before a U.S. report today that economists said will show sales of existing homes rose, boosting optimism the worst of the global recession is over. The euro declined for a second day against the dollar after European Central Bank **council member Erkki Liikanen** said policy makers shouldn't set a floor for interest rates. Hopes that the U.S. is on the road to recovery and strong global equities are reinvigorating risk appetite. This is reducing 'safe-haven' demand for the dollar and the yen.
- **India's rupee and Malaysia's ringgit led gains among Asian currencies** as increasing evidence a global recession is abating bolstered demand for emerging-market assets. The rupee snapped a two-day slide after reports showed U.S. consumer confidence jumped the most in six years and Japan's export slump moderated. The ringgit gained after the central bank kept its overnight rate unchanged yesterday, citing prospects for recovery. South Korea's won extended a slump after North Korea threatened military action in response to its southern neighbor joining a pact against the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The U.S. numbers last night really helped to drive the risk appetite again in Asia, not just in currencies but in stocks as well. The rupee rose 0.5 percent to 47.6775 per dollar. The won dropped 0.5 percent to 1,269.35.

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