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Today

A look at Midwestern manufacturing

The Chicago Purchasing Managers' index will give an assessment of how manufacturing did in the Midwest during September. Economists and investors view the Chicago PMI as an indicator of what the national report on manufacturing from the Institute for Supply Management will say. That report comes out Monday. The forecast is for a slight dip in the Chicago index, to 55.9 from 56.5 in August.



Another reading on consumers

The Thomson-Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment index is being released three days after the Conference Board reported another drop in consumer confidence during September. So investors' expectations are low for today's report. Economists expect it to be unchanged from the last reading of 57.8. Consumers were watching stocks plunge during August and September. That has made many of them uneasy about the future.

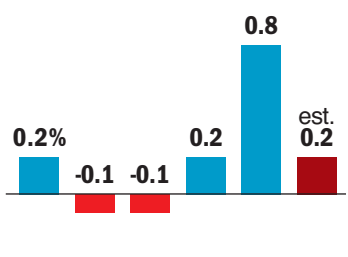


Personal income and spending

The Commerce Department's report for August will show whether consumers' income rose or fell last month, and what they did with their money. It will show whether they were cutting back spending on expensive items like cars and computers as they worried about the economy. It will also show how much they are saving. During the recession, many consumers socked away money instead of spending.

Personal spending

Month-over-month change



Source: FactSet J. Rosenberg, J. Sohn - AP

Exchange Traded Funds

Table with columns: NAME, TICKER, LAST, CHG, YTD. Lists various ETFs like AdvSDent, ColCoreBd, etc.

Question of the day

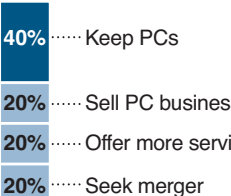
What are you doing with Apple stock?

- A. Buying B. Holding C. Selling D. Increasing position

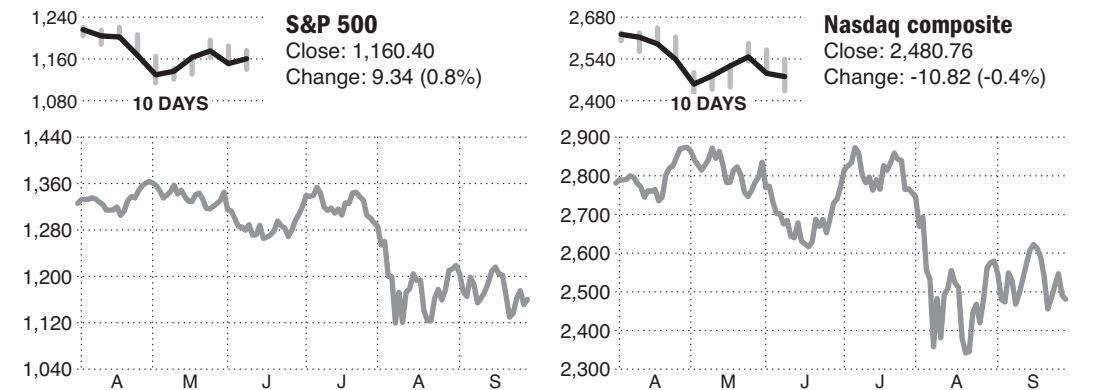
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YESTERDAY'S POLL

What changes should Hewlett-Packard make?



Results do not reflect a scientific poll. They show only how readers responded. Figures may not total 100 due to rounding.



Stocks Recap

Table with columns: NYSE, NASD, HIGH, LOW, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, WK, MO, QTR, YTD. Lists various stock indices and their performance.

Local Stocks

Large table with columns: NAME, TICKER, 52-WK RANGE, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, WK, MO, QTR, YTD, 1YR, VOL, P/E, DIV. Lists numerous local stocks and their performance.

Story Stocks

Stocks mostly rose after applications for unemployment benefits fell to a five-month low and Germany voted to expand the powers of Europe's bailout fund. Banks, which would have the most to lose if Europe's debt crisis gets worse, rose more than the rest of the market. JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose 3 percent and U.S. Bancorp rose 3.7 percent. The government also raised its estimate of economic growth in the April-June period. The Commerce Department said the economy grew at a 1.3 percent annual rate in the second quarter, up from its previous estimate of 1 percent. The Dow rose 1.3 percent. The S&P 500 index rose 0.8 percent. The Nasdaq fell 0.4 percent.

Advanced Micro (AMD) and Nokia (NOK) stock profiles. Includes price, change, volume, and 52-week range charts.

Worthington Industries (WOR) and H&R Block (HRB) stock profiles. Includes price, change, volume, and 52-week range charts.

Harleysville Group (HGIC) and Insituform (INSU) stock profiles. Includes price, change, volume, and 52-week range charts.

Umpqua Holdings (UMPQ) and NuVasive (NUVA) stock profiles. Includes price, change, volume, and 52-week range charts.

Interest rates

Table showing interest rates for Treasuries, Bonds, and other instruments. Columns include YEST, PVS, NET CHG, WK, MO, QTR, 1YR AGO.

Company Spotlight

McCormick (MKC) company spotlight. Includes price, earnings ratio, dividend, and total return information.

Spicing it up

Investors are worried about higher costs for spice maker McCormick. Everything from cinnamon and pepper to packaging is costing it more, and the company is hiking prices for the second time in a year to compensate. Customers stocked their cupboards with seasonings last quarter in advance of McCormick's price increases. So analysts say sales may dip this quarter; yet many suggest sticking with the stock. McCormick pays a \$1.12 dividend, which eases the wait for a sales recovery, Jefferies analysts say. McCormick also is introducing products, such as reduced-sodium seasoning mixes, that will help drive new demand, says Janney Capital Markets. The weak economy has more consumers eating at home and using spices.



Total returns through Sept. 28 SOURCES: Morningstar, FactSet

Fund Focus

This volatile stock fund requires patience. It's lost more than 30 percent this year. But investors who stick with it through down markets are often rewarded with huge gains during rallies.

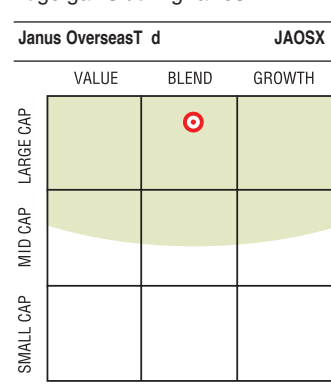


Table with columns: CATEGORY, MORNINGSTAR RATING, ASSETS, EXP RATIO, MANAGER, SINCE, RETURNS 3-MO, YTD, 1-YR, 3-YR ANNL, 5-YR ANNL, PCT. Lists fund details for Janus Overseas Td.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: FAMILY, FUND, OBJ, NAV, CHG, YTD, PERCENT RETURN 1YR, 3YR, 5YR, 1YR, 3YR, 5YR, PEER RANK. Lists various mutual funds and their performance.

Commodities

Table with columns: FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE. Lists commodity prices and changes for various items like Crude Oil, Gold, etc.

Foreign Exchange

Table with columns: MAJORS, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, 6MO. AGO, 1YR. AGO. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

Quotable

"Investors need to be very careful, because there is still a vast labyrinth of potential challenges that remain to be cleared with regard to Europe." - Frank Barbera, a portfolio co-manager of the Sierra Core Retirement Fund