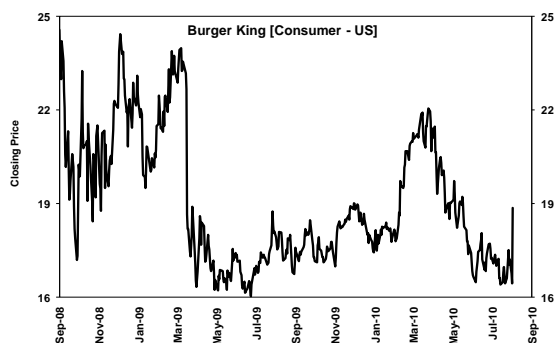
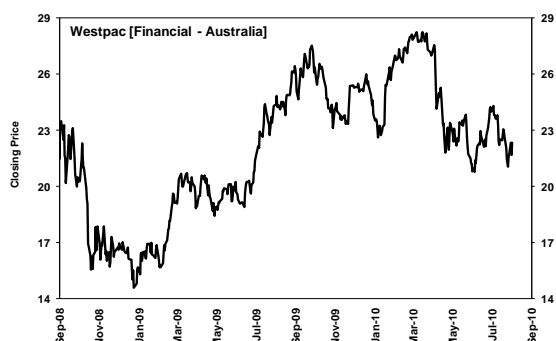


Index	Close	Day (%)	Week (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
S&P/ASX 200	4495.70	2.08	4.06	2.08	-7.70
ASX 200 Property	887.70	1.61	3.51	1.61	-1.07
S&P 500 Comp	1080.29	2.95	2.37	2.95	-3.12
NASDAQ	2176.84	2.97	1.65	2.97	-4.07
Nikkei 225	8927.02	1.17	0.92	1.17	-15.36
Euro Stoxx 50	2715.27	3.52	4.94	3.52	-8.42
MSCI Wid \$US	2610.94	-0.21	0.16	-3.76	-6.08
EPRA/NAREIT GI	1193.54	2.11	3.03	2.11	8.28
Oil (WTI) \$US bl	73.91	2.77	2.77	2.77	-6.87
Commodities US\$	4097.86	2.00	2.69	2.00	-9.62
AUD/USD	0.91	0.60	2.50	2.42	1.11
UBS Bank Bill	6976.89	0.02	0.09	0.02	3.02
UBS Comp Bond	6268.33	-0.20	0.05	-0.20	7.00
Citi WGBI Hgd \$A	1509.16	-0.42	-0.41	-0.42	8.69



Australian shares surged in the first session of September as a flurry of positive data, both domestic and from China, painted a rosy picture for the domestic economy and lifted confidence. The S&P/ASX 200 index was up 91.5 or 2.1% to 4495.7 at the close in Sydney. Approximately 1.2 billion shares worth around A\$5.9 billion were traded.

The uplifting news flow for the day included, a better than expected domestic gross domestic product, a robust increase in household consumption in the June quarter and a higher than estimated reading of the Chinese purchasing manufacturing index.

Financial stocks lifted 2.2% as a group and led the advance. The major banks were all stronger with Commonwealth Bank rising 2%, National Australia Bank ascending 2.8%, Westpac recovering 3% and ANZ climbing 2.4%. QBE added 1.4% after the insurer denied it was on the lookout for a new CEO.

The materials and energy sectors rebounded despite softer commodity prices. BHP Billiton gained 2.3% and rival Rio Tinto jumped 3.1%. Gold miner Newcrest put on 1.7% even as bullion prices fell. Among the oil producers, Woodside Petroleum increased 2.5% and Santos improved 0.6%.

Nufarm tumbled 6.8% as the company said net debt will be higher than previously estimated.

US equities rose the most in almost two months as better than estimated growth in American and Chinese manufacturing bolstered confidence in the global economic recovery. The S&P 500 index lifted 3% to 1080.29, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rallied 254.75 or 2.5% to 10269.47 and the Nasdaq Composite put on 3% to 2176.84.

All ten S&P 500 industry groups ended in the black as the expansion in manufacturing tempered concern that the global economy will slow as governments withdraw stimulus measures.

Caterpillar helped lead industrial companies in the S&P 500 index to a 3.9% gain as US and Chinese factory production grew at a faster pace last month.

Alcoa increased 3% and Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold surged 5.8% as copper climbed to a four month high. Aluminium, nickel and other metals also gained.

Energy stocks advanced 3.6% as a group, third most among ten S&P 500 industries, after crude oil rebounded from its lowest level in a week as a declining US dollar and rising equity markets tempered concern that US fuel supplies are excessive.

Apple firmed 3% after introducing an updated iPod and a revamped television set top box.

Burger King jumped 15% on takeover speculation.

European stocks rallied by the most in more than three months after reports showed growth in US and Chinese manufacturing accelerated. The Stoxx Europe 600 index climbed 2.7% to 258.19.

Mining companies Xstrata and Antofagasta advanced more than 6% as copper climbed to a four month high.

Vivendi jumped 5% as the owner of the world's largest record company raised its earnings forecast,

Vinci put on 4.8%, leading a measure of construction shares 3.4% higher. The builder reported a 1.9% increase in first half profit.

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