

# THE DAY AHEAD

## MARKET RECAP at 4 pm ET

**Stocks** ended little changed as a deal between Sears and Amazon weighed on home improvement retailers while gains in Regeneron and Microsoft buoyed the Nasdaq. The **dollar** slipped against the **euro** after European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi's comments, while **gold** advanced. **Treasuries** traded in thin range. **Oil** fell on oversupply concerns.

STOCKS	Close	Chng	%Chng	Yr-high	Yr-low
DJIA	21615.75	-25.00	-0.12	21681.53	19677.94
Nasdaq	6390.00	4.96	0.08	6387.73	5397.99
S&P 500	2473.63	-0.20	-0.01	2473.83	2245.13
Toronto	15264.64	19.93	0.13	15943.09	14319.11
FTSE	7487.87	56.96	0.77	7598.99	7093.57
Eurofirst	1509.01	-4.64	-0.31	1559.66	1420.78
Nikkei	20144.59	123.73	0.62	20318.11	18224.68
Hang Seng	26740.21	68.05	0.26	26682.64	21883.82

TREASURIES	Yield	Price
10-year	2.2642	1/32
2-year	1.3562	0/32
5-year	1.8229	0/32
30-year	2.8330	8/32

FOREX	Last	% Chng
Euro/Dollar	1.1622	0.94
Dollar/Yen	111.94	-0.01
Sterling/Dollar	1.2968	-0.38
Dollar/CAD	1.2590	-0.11
TR/HKEX RMB	93.95	-0.11

COMMODITIES (\$)	Price	Chng	% chng
Front Month Crude /barrel	46.73	-0.33	-0.70
Spot gold (NY/oz)	1243.77	3.40	0.27
Copper U.S. (front month/lb)	0.0271	0.0001	0.22
Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index	180.31	-0.26	-0.14

S&P 500	Price	\$ Chng	% Chng
<b>GAINERS</b>			
Kinder Morgan	20.56	0.89	4.52
Mallinckrodt	46.71	1.84	4.10
Perrigo Co	75.51	2.86	3.94
BB&T	46.26	1.50	3.35
<b>LOSERS</b>			
Alliance Data	238.62	-24.91	-9.45
PPG Industries	106.72	-6.88	-6.06
Lowe's	72.56	-4.27	-5.56
CH Robinson	65.01	-3.68	-5.36

## Coming Up



**General Electric** is expected to post a rise in profit and sales for the second quarter, but investors are focused on the company's ability to generate cash after a first-quarter cash performance that came in below expectations. Investors also are looking for cost cutting as the maker of power plants, locomotives, jet engines and other industrial equipment seeks to lift profit to \$2 a share in 2018. This is the last earnings report under CEO Jeff Immelt, who turns over the top job to GE veteran John Flannery on Aug. 1. Flannery plans to conduct a speedy review of GE's portfolio, and the results are due to be announced in the second half.

Aero parts maker **Honeywell International Inc** is expected to report higher second-quarter profit, partly due to a rise in sales in its commercial aviation after-sales business, which provides repair and overhaul activities and spares for aircraft. Honeywell's commercial aviation after-sales business, part of its aerospace unit, is benefiting from robust air travel in the United States due to improving economic growth. The company said in May it would decide by fall this year whether to separate its aerospace business, a move hedge fund Third Point LLC wants the U.S. industrial conglomerate to pursue. Investors will look

for any developments regarding the spinoff of the unit and comments on full-year financial forecast.

**Schlumberger Ltd**, the No. 1 oilfield service provider, is expected to report profit in the second quarter compared with a loss a year earlier driven by cost-control measures and uptick in drilling activity. Schlumberger's results sets the tone for oil companies' earning season and investors will be looking out for comments about the industry.

**Kansas City Southern**, which gets nearly half of its revenue from Mexico, is expected to report higher second-quarter profit and revenue, partly due to improved carload volumes of coal. Investors will look for comments on full-year financial forecast, and how President Donald Trump's policies might impact trade with Mexico.

**Brazil** is expected to show a **current account** surplus of \$1.33 billion in June after it posted a surplus of \$2.90 billion in May. The country is expected to attract \$2.80 billion in **foreign direct investment** in June. **Mexico's** statistics agency will release **unemployment data**, which is expected to show that the seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained unchanged at 3.50 percent in June from the previous month.

### LIVECHAT-WEEKAHEAD

Reuters EMEA markets editor Mike Dolan discusses the upcoming week's main market inflection points. (0600 ET/1000 GMT) To join the Global Markets Forum, [click here](#)

## KEY ECONOMIC EVENTS

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
ECRI Weekly Index	1030	--	143.9
ECRI weekly annualized	1030	--	2.4 pct

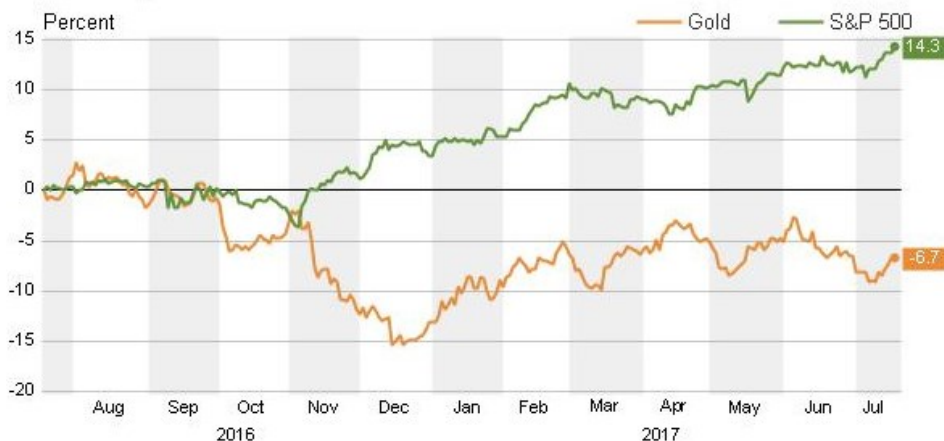


# Market Monitor

**Stocks** ended little changed on Wall Street as a deal between Sears and Amazon weighed on home improvement retailers while gains in Regeneron and Microsoft buoyed the Nasdaq. **Home Depot** fell 4.09 percent. **Sears** soared 10.6 percent and **Best Buy** fell 3.93 percent. **Amazon** added 0.18 percent and **Facebook** rose 0.24 percent. **Qualcomm** fell 4.95 percent after the chipmaker's forecast missed estimates. Analysts are estimating an 8.6 percent rise in second-quarter earnings and a 4.6 percent increase in revenue for the S&P 500 companies from a year earlier, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. "Earnings are going to surprise to the upside and so far it's been good," said Brent Schutte, chief investment strategist for Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company. "I think the one thing that's changed is now we're getting revenue growth because in many cases the world is doing better. That's the big change to the economy over the past year and that's what will keep the fire burning in the future." The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** was down 0.12 percent, at 21,615.75, the **S&P 500** edged lower 0.01 percent, at 2,473.65. The **Nasdaq Composite** was up 0.08 percent, at 6,390.0.

**Government debt yields** were little changed as buying tied to the European Central Bank's pledge of easy money stemming from inflation concerns faded after a poor auction of 10-year Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. "Inflation is the main concern right now. Until something changes, it will rule the world," said Thomas Roth, head of U.S. Treasury trading at MUFG Securities America in New York. Concerns over low inflation will likely keep the Federal Reserve from raising U.S. rates at its policy meeting next week, analysts said. The ratio of bids to \$13 billion of 10-year TIPS offered, which is a proxy on auction demand, came in at 1.98, which was the lowest since July 2008, according to Treasury data. The **benchmark 10-year notes** was up 1/32, yielding 2.26 percent. The **5-year notes**

## Gold vs. the S&P 500 12-Month performance



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were flat, yielding 1.82 percent. The **30-year bonds** added 8/32, to yield 2.83 percent.

The **dollar** fell the **euro** after European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi said policymakers would discuss possible changes to its bond-buying scheme in the autumn. Though Draghi said no date had been set for discussing any changes to the program and that ECB rate-setters had been unanimous in their decision not to change their guidance on monetary policy, investors suspected discussions in the autumn would lead to monetary tightening next year. Against the **dollar**, the **euro** climbed 0.94 percent to \$1.1622. The **dollar index** fell 0.49 percent, to 94.31. "The dollar is now suffering and lagging due to the (Trump) administration's inability to push through any kind of reforms," said Jason Leinwand, founder of FirstLine FX Currency Strategy in Randolph, New Jersey. in policy from the Bank of Japan," Leinwand said.

**Oil** fell in choppy trading, as nagging worries about abundant global crude supplies sank prices after an early rally boosted Brent above \$50 per barrel for the first time since June 7. Traders predicted

prices would hold near current levels ahead of Monday's meeting between key OPEC and non-OPEC producers in St. Petersburg, Russia. The market has been watching reports that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude producer, is considering an additional supply cut to bring markets into balance. **Brent futures** stood at \$49.27 a barrel, down 0.87 percent. **U.S. crude futures** fell 0.70 percent to \$46.73 a barrel.

**Gold** prices rose after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said ECB policymakers would discuss potential changes to the bank's bond-buying scheme in the autumn, lifting the euro. "Draghi's speech was essentially dovish, emphasizing a 'very substantial degree of accommodation' and reaffirming the commitment to quantitative easing," Mitsubishi analyst Jonathan Butler said. "The ECB will defer the decision on QE tapering until the autumn – the euro gained ground on this news and the resulting fall in the dollar helped gold recover from some of its earlier losses," he added. **Spot gold** was up 0.24 percent at \$1,243.40 an ounce. **Gold futures for August delivery** were up 0.10 percent at \$1,243.30 an ounce.



# Top News

## Abbott profit forecast gets a lift from St. Jude integration

Abbott Laboratories raised its full-year profit forecast as the company benefits from its St. Jude Medical acquisition, and said it was confident that the Alere purchase would close this year. Meanwhile, Abbott, which reported second-quarter profit just ahead of analysts' estimates, is reaping the benefits of its integration of the \$25 billion St. Jude acquisition. Sales in Abbott's overall medical devices business surged about 89 percent to \$2.60 billion on a reported basis, but cardiac rhythm management (CRM) product sales were weighed down by competition from MRI-compatible devices in the United States. Abbott is seeking MRI-conditional labeling from the U.S. health regulator for a clutch of CRM devices. Global nutrition sales dipped 0.6 percent on a reported basis. Abbott raised its full-year adjusted earnings from continuing operations by 3 cents to a range of \$2.43 per share to \$2.53 per share.

## Microsoft's quarterly profit more than doubles

Microsoft reported a quarterly profit that more than doubled, helped by a tax benefit and strong growth in its cloud business. The company's net income rose to \$6.51 billion, or 83 cents per share, in the fourth quarter ended June 30 from \$3.12 billion, or 39 cents per share, a year earlier. On an adjusted basis, revenue rose 9.1 percent to \$24.7 billion.

## Sears to sell Kenmore appliances on Amazon

Sears Holdings' shares soared after the struggling retailer said it would sell its Kenmore home appliances on Amazon.com and integrate the brand's smart gadgets with the online giant's Alexa digital assistant. The deal will expand the distribution reach of Kenmore products at a time when the retailer is shutting stores following years of declining sales amid intensifying competition from Wal-Mart Stores and Amazon. Sears sells big-ticket Kenmore appliances such as refrigerators and air-conditioners only in

its Sears, Kmart and Sears Hometown stores. Syncing Kenmore gadgets with Alexa, which will allow users to control the gadgets with voice commands, could add to the brand's appeal. The deal to sell Alexa-activated devices could provide a modest boost to Sears' sagging sales, Retail Metrics President Ken Perkins said. Sears' stock was up 10.6 percent, at \$9.60 for the day.

## Visa's revenue surges 26 percent

Payments processor Visa's quarterly revenue jumped nearly 26 percent as more people made payments using its network. Net operating revenue rose to \$4.57 billion in the third quarter ended June 30, from \$3.63 billion a year earlier, Visa said. Net income rose to \$2.06 billion, or 86 cents per Class A share in the third quarter, from \$412 million, or 17 cents per Class A share. Visa's results in the prior-year quarter included expenses of nearly \$1.9 billion related to its acquisition of Visa Europe.

## U.S. bank card companies to seek licenses to operate in China in months

U.S.-based payment card companies, including American Express, MasterCard and Visa, are preparing to submit license requests to operate in China within

months, according to three people with direct knowledge of the matter. The long wait for the U.S. companies is, though, unlikely to end soon. It may take as long as two years or more for the companies to clear all official scrutiny, including from banking regulators, and for them to pass a security review, as well as meeting other conditions, the sources said. The move comes against a backdrop of growing economic friction between China and the United States, after the two countries failed on Wednesday to agree on major new steps to reduce the U.S. trade deficit with China. U.S. payment network operators have been waiting for more than a decade to get access to China. It is set to become the world's largest bank card market by 2020, when the number of cards in circulation is forecast to rise to 9 billion from 6 billion in 2016, according to research firm GlobalData Plc.

## Rising freight lifts Union Pacific profit, beats expectations

Union Pacific reported a better-than-expected quarterly net profit, driven by an 11 percent increase in freight revenue, and said it expected business volumes would pick up in the second half of the year. The company's second-quarter freight revenue included a 25 percent jump in coal. >>>



A file photo shows a Sears logo at a store in Schaumburg, Illinois, September 23, 2013. REUTERS/Jim Young



>>> The railroad said it expects full-year 2017 freight volumes to grow in the "low single digits," but that freight would be "closer to flat" in the third quarter. The railroad's operating ratio improved to a record of 61.8 percent, from 65.2 percent in the same quarter in 2016. The company posted second-quarter net income of \$1.2 billion, or \$1.45 per share, up 20 percent from \$1 billion, or \$1.17 per share, a year earlier. Analysts had, on average, expected earnings per share of \$1.39. Union Pacific's revenue in the quarter rose around 10 percent to \$5.3 billion from \$4.8 billion. Analysts had expected revenue of \$5.2 billion.

#### **U.S. says Exxon under Tillerson violated Russia sanctions in 2014**

The United States admonished Exxon Mobil for "reckless disregard" of U.S. sanctions in dealings with Russia in 2014 when Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was the global oil company's chief executive, and fined it \$2 million. ExxonMobil said the decision was "fundamentally unfair," and sued the U.S. government in Texas in an effort to overturn the decision. The fine came after a U.S. review of deals Exxon signed with top Russian oil producer Rosneft weeks after Washington imposed

sanctions on Moscow for annexing Ukraine's Crimea region. Between May 14 and May 23, 2014, top U.S.-based ExxonMobil executives signed eight documents with Igor Sechin, the head of state-run Rosneft, the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) said in a statement on its website.

#### **U.S. Cardinal Health puts \$1.5 billion China business on block – sources**

U.S. drug distributor Cardinal Health has put its China business up for sale, drawing keen interest from state-backed Chinese pharmaceutical firms in a deal that may be worth up to \$1.5 billion, sources familiar with the matter said. Shanghai Pharmaceutical Holding, China Resources Pharmaceutical Group and Sinopharm Group are among those wanting to buy Cardinal Health China, one of the nation's largest drug distributors, said the first source who had direct knowledge of the matter. A second source confirmed the sale process. Cardinal wants to exit over worries China's upcoming drug distribution reform could slow its growth, according to the first source. It has hired Lazard as an adviser for the China sale, according to the sources. The first round of bidding is due

around Friday, said the first source. The U.S. company could fetch a price in the range of \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, said the first source.

#### **Buyout firm Blackstone Q2 earnings grow but miss forecasts**

Buyout firm Blackstone Group reported quarterly earnings that grew but was a touch lower than expected, as strong gains in real estate holdings were eroded by a pullback in credit investment performance. Blackstone earned an economic net income (ENI) of \$705 million in the second quarter, or 59 cents a share, up 36 percent from a year ago, but below the 62 cents a share forecast of analysts, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. Distributable earnings, or actual cash available for paying dividends, climbed 58 percent to \$781.4 million from a year ago. That, in turn, translated to 63 cents a share. In terms of performance, Blackstone's real estate arm, which made up 28 percent of its total business, stood out as the firm sold property investments such as European warehouse firm Logisor for \$14 billion in the quarter.

#### **Omnicom results top Street on UK, Europe growth**

Omnicom Group reported better-than-expected quarterly results as the No. 1 U.S. advertising company benefited from higher spending from businesses in Europe and the United Kingdom. That helped allay some concerns about growth abroad following Britain's decision to leave the European Union. International sales made up about 43 percent of total revenue in the quarter. The company said organic revenue rose 9.3 percent in UK and 7.8 percent in Europe in the quarter ended. In North America organic revenue rose only 0.2 percent. The company's revenue fell 2.4 percent to \$3.79 billion in the second quarter, but beat estimates of \$3.74 billion, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. Omnicom said net income attributable to the company rose to \$328.6 million, or \$1.40 per share, from \$326.1 million, or \$1.36 per share, a year earlier. Analysts had expected a profit of \$1.38 per share.



Logos of ExxonMobil are seen in its booth at Gastech, the world's biggest expo for the gas industry, in Chiba, Japan April 4, 2017. REUTERS/Toru Hanai



*A chimney stands amidst remains of a home destroyed by the Detwiler fire in Mariposa, California U.S. July 19. REUTERS/Stephen Lam*

## Insight and Analysis

### **COLUMN-Fed's bond market footprint smaller even after QE: McGeever**

That the Federal Reserve is about to reduce its footprint in the U.S. bond market will surprise no one. What may surprise many is this: that footprint is smaller today than it was before the global financial crisis. It begs a question about why the Fed feels compelled to shrink its balance sheet at all. Or at least why it would even consider any outright selling of the securities on its book. The U.S. central bank owns \$2.46 trillion of Treasuries, more than three times the amount it held in 2007 just before the global banking system froze and brought the world economy to its knees, and around five times more than it did in 2000.

### **COLUMN-Investing in health savings accounts: Not ready for prime time**

Will health savings accounts be the new 401(k)? Boosters of health savings accounts (HSAs) in the financial services industry and in the U.S. Congress think so. They argue that the tax advantages of health savings accounts (HSAs) make them a superior option for saving - especially to cover the rising cost of healthcare in retirement. And expansion of access to HSAs and contribution limits have been a centerpiece of most Republican health reform plans ricocheting around Washington this year. But a new report suggests that most HSA offerings are not yet ready for prime time.

### **Goldman's rotten trading quarter is a familiar smell on Wall Street**

Big Wall Street banks have spent billions of dollars and untold man-hours in recent years transforming their trading desks from hedge-fund like operations trading on their own account into market-making businesses offering a price based on what customers want to buy or sell. But the shift in business model, prompted by reforms following the 2008 financial crisis, has done little to shield banks from suffering big losses when markets move against them, traders and risk managers told Reuters this week. Goldman Sachs' second-quarter results also included the worst commodities trading quarter in its history as a public company.

# CANADA

## Coming Up

Canada's annual **inflation** rate is expected to slide further away from the central bank's target to 1.0 percent in June, compared with 1.3 percent in May, while the common core measure is seen remaining subdued at 1.3 percent. The Bank of Canada, which hiked interest rates last week for the first time in nearly seven years, has said it expects tame inflation to be temporary but economists will watch the report to try to gauge the timing of the central bank's next rate increase. Canadian **retail sales** are expected to have increased

by just 0.2 percent in May, compared with a rise of 0.8 percent in April but that is still likely enough to maintain analysts' expectations that the economy had strong momentum in the second quarter. Retail sales, excluding automobiles, are likely to remain flat for May.

Oil and gas producer **Encana Corp** releases second-quarter earnings and holds a conference call for investors. The company has been streamlining its portfolio and last month agreed to sell its

Piceance natural gas assets in the United States. Investors will be looking for any indications of further asset sales and details on the company's strategy and outlook as oil lingers below \$50 a barrel.

**Husky Energy Inc** releases its second-quarter results and holds a conference call. Like its oil sands peers, Husky is grappling with lower-than-expected benchmark oil prices and investors will be looking out for changes to its 2017 capital spending plans.

### MARKET MONITOR

Canada's **main stock index** edged up on Thursday, boosted by a bump in shares of Rogers Communications after it beat earnings expectations, while energy shares lost ground as oil prices fell. **Hydro One** was up 0.62 percent. The **TSE's S&P/TSX**

**composite index** rose 0.13 percent, to 15,264.64. **Canadian Pacific Railway** was 0.54 percent higher. **BlackBerry** fell 0.08 percent.

The **U.S. dollar** fell 0.11 percent against the **Canadian dollar**, at C\$1.2590.

TSE's S&P/TSX composite	Price	\$ chng	% chng
<b>GAINERS</b>			
Linamar	71.56	3.00	4.38
Ivanhoe Minerals	4.79	0.16	3.46
Tahoe Resources	7.12	0.23	3.34
<b>LOSERS</b>			
Exchange Income	30.33	-2.69	-8.15
Hudbay Minerals	8.18	-0.40	-4.66
Crescent Point	9.40	-0.43	-4.37

## Top News

### Rogers' profit beats on wireless strength but cable drags

Rogers Communications reported a greater-than-expected 35 percent jump in second-quarter profit, as a gain in wireless subscribers offset declines in its cable TV business. The company said it added 93,000 net postpaid wireless subscribers in the second quarter, compared with 65,000 a year earlier. It was the company's first earnings report since Joe Natale took over as CEO in April. Net income rose to C\$531 million, or C\$1.03 per share, from C\$394 million, or 77 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue rose nearly 4 percent to C\$3.59 billion.

### Brookfield in talks to buy Odebrecht's Brazil toll roads -sources

Brookfield Asset Management is in talks with Odebrecht to buy seven Brazilian highways operated by the conglomerate's transportation unit, two sources with knowledge of the matter said. Brookfield

and Odebrecht signed an exclusivity agreement to negotiate the acquisition, the sources said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

### BlackBerry wins right to sell secure messaging tools to U.S. government

BlackBerry said it has won the right to sell tools for encrypting phone calls and text messages to the U.S. federal government, garnering an endorsement from the National Security Agency for the products. The company said it received the endorsement from the NSA's National Information Assurance Partnership, or NIAP, which reviews commercial technology products to see if they meet enhanced security standards for government use.

### Bombardier wins dismissal of Comerica aircraft payments lawsuit

Bombardier has won the dismissal of a

U.S. lawsuit in which Comerica sought millions of dollars after the Canadian aircraft maker was unable to find buyers for four planes whose leases had expired. In a decision made public, U.S. District Judge Paul Gardephe in Manhattan said the bank had not shown that the planes had been returned to the lessor, a "condition precedent" to requiring that Bombardier make the payments it sought.

### Canada, Mexico urge quick NAFTA talks to end uncertainty

Top Canadian and Mexican diplomats expressed optimism that a NAFTA deal could be reached early next year and cautioned that widespread uncertainty over the future of the three-way trade agreement had slowed business investment. Mexican sources say the plan is to hold seven rounds of talks at three-week intervals, a schedule that trade experts warned was aggressive and not easily attainable.



# WEALTH NEWS

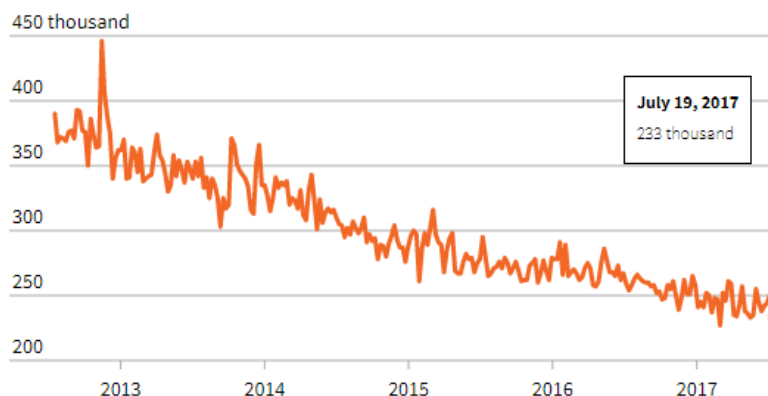
## ECON DATA

### U.S. labor market strengthening; mid-Atlantic manufacturing slows

The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, touching its lowest level in nearly five months, suggesting strong job gains that should continue to underpin economic growth. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 233,000 for the week ended July 15, the Labor Department said. That was the lowest level since February, when claims fell to 227,000, which was the best reading since March 1973. The four-week moving average of claims fell 2,250 to 243,750 last week. In a separate report, the Philadelphia Fed said its index of current business conditions in the mid-Atlantic region fell to a reading of 19.5 this month, the lowest since last November, from 27.6 in June.

## Weekly U.S. jobless claims

### INITIAL CLAIMS



Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream  
By Jiachuan Wu and Stephen Culp | REUTERS GRAPHICS

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## BANKS ON BREXIT

### Banks hope to keep staff in London if soft Brexit deal struck

Banks which are shifting operations to avoid disruption once Britain leaves the European Union hope only a handful of people will eventually have to leave London, industry sources say.

## BILL GROSS CAUTIONS

### Bill Gross warns of recession risk if highly levered economies hike rates

Highly levered domestic and global economies including the United States, which have "feasted" on easy monetary policies in recent years, cannot withstand a normalizing of short-term interest rates without running the risk of a recession, influential bond investor Bill Gross of Janus Henderson Investors warned.

## CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS

### U.S. rule on class-action suits against banks under fire in Congress

Republicans in the U.S. Congress are moving quickly to try to eliminate a new regulation that bars financial firms from forcing consumers into arbitration to settle disputes that otherwise may turn into class-action lawsuits.

## MONETARY POLICY OUTLOOK

### POLL-Major central banks to turn up policy heat despite low-burn inflation

Expectations are firming for major central banks to turn further away from ultra-easy monetary policy despite scant evidence of a pickup in inflation, Reuters polls of more than 500 economists showed.

## REGULATIONS

### White House deregulation push clears out hundreds of proposed rules

The White House said it had withdrawn or removed from active consideration more than 800 proposed regulations that were never finalized during the Obama administration as it works to shrink the federal government's regulatory footprint.

## REVENUE EXPECTATIONS

### Alibaba's revenue to jump 45-48 percent this year - executive chairman

Alibaba expects its revenue to expand by 45 to 48 percent in its fiscal year from April as more small businesses join its online community in search of sales, Executive Chairman Jack Ma said.

## KEY RESULTS

Company Name*	Quarter	ET	Smart Estimates	EPS Estimates**	Year Ago	Rev Estimates (mln)
Citizens Financial Group	Q2	07:00	\$0.59	\$0.59	\$0.46	\$1,399.55
Colgate-Palmolive	Q2	BMO	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.70	\$3,895.17
Fifth Third Bancorp	Q2	BMO	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$0.41	\$1,525.73
General Electric	Q2	BMO	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.51	\$29,015.28
Honeywell International	Q2	BMO	\$1.78	\$1.78	\$1.66	\$9,885.85
Huntington Bancshares	Q2	BMO	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.19	\$1,073.91
Kansas City Southern	Q2	BMO	\$1.30	\$1.28	\$1.22	\$626.27
Moody's	Q2	BMO	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.30	\$959.16
Regions Financial	Q2	BMO	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.20	\$1,422.90
Schlumberger NV	Q2	07:00	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.23	\$7,242.07
SunTrust Banks	Q2	BMO	\$0.99	\$0.99	\$0.94	\$2,289.91
Synchrony Financial	Q2	BMO	\$0.58	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$3,588.57

\*Includes companies on S&P 500 index. \*\*Estimates may be updated or revised; release times based on company guidance or past practice.

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