

**Asian Indices**

	% Change				
	8/20/2010	1D	1M	3M	6M
SENSEX	18,401.8	-0.3	2.9	11.4	13.7
NIFTY	5,530.7	-0.2	3.0	11.8	14.2
NIKKEI	9,179.4	-2.0	-1.3	-8.5	-9.3
TOPIX	829.6	-1.7	-0.3	-7.6	-6.7
TAIEX	7,927.3	0.0	2.8	6.8	6.5
SHANGHAI	2,642.3	-1.7	4.5	3.4	-12.5
KOSPI	1,775.5	-0.2	2.2	11.0	11.4
Hang Seng	20,981.8	-0.4	3.5	7.3	5.5
JAKARTACOMPOSITE	3,117.7	0.4	4.1	15.7	22.1
THSETRI INDEX	4,193.5	1.3	7.8	17.2	31.7
Bursa	1,395.0	0.2	4.3	7.0	10.9

**Global Indices**

	% Change				
	8/20/2010	1D	1M	3M	6M
DOW JONES	10,271.2	-1.4	0.4	2.0	-1.3
NASDAQ	2,179.0	-1.7	-2.0	-1.1	-2.9
DJ EURO	2,639.9	-1.3	0.5	2.7	-5.5
FTSE	5,164.6	-0.9	0.5	1.8	-3.6

**Commodities**

	USD	% Change		
		1D	1M	1Y
GOLD (\$/oz)	1,230.9	-0.1	3.3	30.9
OIL WTI (\$/BBL)	73.4	-1.4	-5.4	-6.8
OIL Brent (\$/BBL)	74.5	-0.3	-1.0	-6.8
Copper (%lbs)	7,305.0	-1.2	12.2	22.1
Alum (cents/lb)	2,066.0	-1.9	4.8	5.9
Silver (\$/oz)	18.2	-0.5	2.9	30.7

**FX Rates**

	Rates		Rates
USDSGD CURRENCY	1.3586	USDINR CURRENCY	46.685
USDHKD CURRENCY	7.7753	USDEUR CURRENCY	0.7873
USDGBP CURRENCY	0.6456	USDJPY CURRENCY	85.37
USDCNY CURRENCY	6.7905	GBPEUR CURRENCY	1.2194
USDCAD CURRENCY	1.0474	GBPUSD CURRENCY	1.5489

**Asian Market CB Overview**

**Wockhardt shares surge on settlement hopes:** Share prices of drug major Wockhardt Ltd rose 19.98 per cent on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) today to close at a 52-week high of Rs 223.95 as investors anticipated the company would soon resolve its foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCB) issues with lenders. Wockhardt's board had this week approved a preferential issue of up to \$400 million of convertible or non-convertible redeemable preference shares and to also issue foreign currency mandatorily convertible bonds (FCMCBs) up to \$74.09 million, in exchange of existing FCCBs of the same amount. A group of investors are pursuing a case in the high court here, demanding winding up of the company for paying its bondholders only 35 per cent of FCCB dues. Wockhardt had to repay FCCBs worth \$110 million due for redemption in October last year. Of these FCCBs, majority bondholders holding \$42 million worth have agreed to subscribe for the FCMCBs and the same offer will be given to the remaining bondholders.

**ITC Properties to raise HK\$ 146mn via Private Placement:** ITC Properties Group Ltd. announced today that the company is planning to raise HK\$ 146mn via private placement for working capital and business development. The company is expected to place as many as 94 million shares at HK\$ 1.60 each.

**CapitaLand Sells Properties:** Singapore property developer CapitaLand Ltd. Friday said its wholly-owned unit The Ascott Ltd. will sell 28 of its services residences to Ascott Residence Trust, or Ascott REIT, for 969.6 million Singapore dollars (US\$715 million). The divestment includes 26 properties in Europe and one each in Singapore and Vietnam and will yield a net gain of about \$52.1 million. CapitaLand, through The Ascott Ltd., has a 47.7% in Ascott REIT. The Ascott will also purchase Ascott REIT's entire interest in its Ascott Beijing property for S\$214 million. Ascott REIT plans to raise S\$560.6 million through an equity raising to partially fund its acquisition. Ascott REIT will issue 487.5 million new units.

**Korea Power sells USD 100mn of 2 year Floating Notes:** Korea Electric Power Corp. sold \$100 million of two-year floating-rate notes priced to yield 137 basis points more than the London interbank offered rate.

**Suzlon India posts USD 191mn loss:** The world's third largest wind turbine-maker, India's Suzlon has posted a loss of Rs 912 crore (US\$191.1 million) for the quarter ended June 30 on account of lower sales and a notional foreign exchange loss of Rs 2.50bn. Suzlon Energy has registered a loss of Rs 9.12bn due to lower volumes and a notional forex loss of Rs 2.50bn, the company informed the Bombay Stock Exchange. The company had suffered a net loss of Rs 4.53bn in the same period last fiscal year (2009-10). Total income of the company declined by 42 per cent to Rs 24.04bn during the review period from Rs 41.7bn in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal year.

**Asia Corporate News**

**Korea National Oil Makes \$2.9 Billion Bid for Dana:** Korea National Oil Corp. made a hostile 1.87 billion-pound (\$2.9 billion) bid for U.K. explorer Dana Petroleum Plc after its takeover offer was rejected. The state-owned energy explorer offered 1,800 pence a share and to buy Dana's convertible bonds. The company received letters of support from shareholders representing about 49 percent of Dana stock, according to the statement. Korea National plans to spend about \$6 billion on acquisitions and projects this year to more than double output by 2012 as Asia's fourth-biggest oil importer competes with China and India for resources.

**McDonald's Sets Benchmark for China in Yuan Bond Sale:** McDonald's Corp.'s yuan bond sale, the first by a foreign company in Hong Kong, may pave the way for a new global debt market as China seeks to capitalize on its status as the engine of the world's economic recovery. McDonald's, which opened its first 1,000 restaurants in China faster than any other country outside the U.S., sold 200 million yuan (\$29 million) of 3 percent notes due in September 2013. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, has said it's considering issuing such notes.

**Cnooc Banks on Acquisitions, China Oil Output for Growth as Profit Doubles:** Cnooc Ltd., China's biggest offshore oil producer, said overseas acquisitions and discoveries at home will drive the company's future growth after record output helped more than double profit in the first six months. Cnooc rose the most in almost three months in Hong Kong trading after reporting oil production outside China more than doubled to 17 million barrels in the first half. Fu bought a \$3.1 billion stake in Argentina's Bidas Corp. this year, expanding Cnooc's interests beyond Australia, Africa and Southeast Asia as he seeks to boost 2010 output by 28 percent.

**Asian Convertible Bond Gainers & losers of the day**

Ticker	Company	Stock Last Price	1D %	5D %	Vol (mn)	3M %
BUMI IJ	BUMI RESOURCES	1500.0	16.3	-5.1	368.2	-32.6
27 HK	GALAXY ENTERTAIN	6.1	6.1	14.4	15.7	84.0
TRUB IJ	TRUBA ALAM ENG	70.0	6.1	-10.3	105.1	-38.1
2633 TT	TAIWAN HIGH SPEE	5.5	4.8	22.2	12.0	34.8
3339 HK	LONKING HOLDINGS	6.3	4.3	9.4	15.1	37.6
2618 HK	TCL COMM TECH HL	4.6	3.6	19.3	8.0	43.2
PDN AU	PALADIN ENERGY	3.9	-3.3	-1.8	2.9	2.7
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SBM AU	ST BARBARA LTD	0.3	-3.3	-1.7	6.2	5.4
TPI AU	TRANSPACIFIC IND	1.1	-3.6	1.9	1.2	-10.7
754 HK	HOPSON DEV	9.7	-5.1	-8.2	5.1	10.0
BIOT SP	BIO-TREAT TECH	0.1	-6.3	-6.3	11.5	-6.2

**Indian Convertible Bond Gainers & losers of the day**

Ticker	Company	Stock Last Price	1D %	5D %	Vol (mn)	3M %
WPL IN	WOCKHARDT LTD	247.2	10.0	53.2	8.0	91.3
ASAM IN	ASSAM CO INDIA	19.5	6.0	10.5	3.0	-4.2
SABTN IN	SRI ADHIKARI BRO	40.0	5.0	17.5	0.3	44.0
PRIF IN	PRIME FOCUS LTD	536.5	5.0	-0.5	0.1	98.2
RMW IN	RELIANCE MEDIAWO	212.2	4.9	4.1	0.8	23.8
BILC IN	BILCARE LTD	536.2	4.3	7.6	0.2	13.7
BILT IN	BALLARPUR INDUS	36.9	-3.8	3.1	13.9	21.8
HCC IN	HINDUSTAN CONST	64.4	-3.9	-10.7	6.5	17.5
SKPI IN	SHAKTI PUMPS LTD	237.1	-3.9	15.3	0.1	31.1
FZT IN	FAZE THREE LTD	16.9	-4.0	-5.6	0.0	14.2
KFL IN	KOHINOOR FOODS	50.8	-4.1	-4.4	0.8	-15.4
UTTM IN	UTTAM GALVA STEE	129.1	-4.3	3.1	0.1	17.5

**GA Universe: CB Equity Play**

Company Name	Rating	Vol (mn)	Last Price	1D%	5D%	1M%	3M %
BARTRONICS	Equity Play: BUY	0.5	131.6	2	-7	-12	-7
L&T	Equity Play: BUY	2.2	1868.8	3	3	-2	14
Noble GROUP	Equity Play: BUY	14.5	1.6	-1	4	-4	-4
OLAM INT	Equity Play: BUY	8.9	2.5	-2	-2	-6	7
SESA GOA	Equity Play: BUY	5.2	328.5	0	-7	-7	-6
SOHO CHINA	Limited Equity: BUY	4.9	4.8	0	0	-1	21
TATA MOTORS	Equity Play: BUY	4.7	1015.4	-2	0	25	43
WELSPUN-GUJ	Equity Play: BUY	0.2	248.6	0	-2	0	7
WILMAR	Equity Play: BUY	6.7	6.3	1	2	2	14

**Economic News**

**Food inflation in India drops to 10.35%:** Food inflation, as measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), has moderated to 10.35 per cent in the week ended August 7, primarily due to high statistical base effect as food prices continued to rise on a week-on-week basis. Food prices rose by 0.2 per cent on a week-on-week basis as prices of fruits increased by 13 per cent during the week. Food inflation had shot to 11.4 per cent, after being in single digits for two consecutive weeks, in the previous week ended July 31. It stood at 14.18 per cent during the first week of August last year.

**India sees early solution to US visa imbroglio:** Weeks after the US passed the contentious work visa law, India sees a softening of stance by that country even as it hopes for a solution before the India-US trade policy meeting, likely to take place next month. While the government is hoping for an early answer to stop the imbroglio from spreading, US State Department spokesman P J Crowley has already given a statement that it would discuss the matter with Indian officials and examine whether the bill is compliant with the World Trade Organization (WTO) norms.

**Monsoon rains 6 pc below normal:** Vital monsoon rains were 6 per cent below normal in the week to August 18, sources at the weather office said on Thursday. Rainfall dipped to 26 per cent below normal in the week to August 11, but analysts and weather officials said heavy showers in the past had boosted soil moisture sufficiently, making crops sturdy enough to withstand a relatively dry patch for another seven days.

**Thailand May Raise Interest Rate a Second Month as Exports Hold Up Economy:** Thailand may raise interest rates a second straight month and report economic growth of more than 7 percent as surging exports drive a recovery after political turmoil prompted a crackdown on protesters last quarter. Eleven of twelve economists surveyed by Bloomberg News predict the central bank will increase its benchmark rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.75 percent on Aug. 25. Gross domestic product rose 8 percent in the three months to June 30 from a year earlier after growing 12 percent in the previous quarter, according to the median of 11 estimates ahead of a report due Aug. 23.

**CB Pipeline**

	Ticker	Country	Proposed Amount
Essar Shipping	ESRS IN	India	USD 280 mn
Flytech Technology	6206 TT	Taiwan	NT\$ 800 mn
Sercomm	5388 TT	Taiwan	NT\$ 600 mn
Kuen Ling	4527 TT	Taiwan	NT\$ 300 mn

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