

World stocks sink

AP, New York
Stock futures were lower Monday as a \$41 billion deal between drugmakers Merck and Schering-Plough did little to jolt investors out of their pessimistic mood.
World stock markets sank amid concerns about the length and depth of the global economic downturn and renewed fears about the financial industry.

their shares. The price represents a 34 percent premium to Schering-Plough's closing stock price on Friday.
Schering-Plough shares jumped \$2.37, or 13.4 percent, to \$20 in premarket trading, while Merck shares dropped \$1.98, or 8.7 percent, to \$20.76.
In better economic times, a big acquisition tends to galvanize the stock market. But investors hoping for signs the economy may turn around sooner rather than later have found little lately to give them any optimism. At the same time, investors have become frustrated with Washington, discouraged by a lack of evidence that the government's stimulus efforts are working. With the major indexes at levels not seen in more than 11 years, investors wonder how much lower the market has to go.
"Seeing more consolidation is good for sure, but at the same time it doesn't really address the core issues of what is

going on in the marketplace," said Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist at BNY ConvergEX. "It's more of a nice to happen than need to have."
Ahead of the market's open, Dow Jones industrial average futures fell 109, or 1.63 percent, to 6,565. Standard & Poor's 500 index futures fell 12, or 1.74 percent, to 675.80, while Nasdaq 100 index futures fell 14.50, or 1.35 percent, to 1,062.
The deal between Merck and Schering-Plough comes just six weeks after Pfizer Inc. agreed to pay \$68 billion for fellow drugmaker Wyeth. Analysts have forecast increased consolidation in the pharmaceutical industry for some time, as companies struggle with slumping sales and fierce competition. So Monday's announcement didn't come as much of a surprise, Colas said, which could be part of the reason why there wasn't much spillover in the broader market.



Dhaka Bank launches a new product named 'bundled savings accounts' at a ceremony on Sunday to offer attractive interest rates to its clients. Khondker Fazle Rashid, managing director of the bank, was present among others.



Gamin Dhamasari, deputy general manager (corporate banking) of Commercial Bank of Ceylon, speaks at the bank's annual staff conference 2008 in Dhaka recently.

Advertisement for AKM Sajedur Rahman, Managing Director of BASIC Bank Ltd, speaking at a workshop on non-performing loans.

Dollar higher

AFP, London
The dollar rose against major rivals on Monday, while the yen weakened on news of a record current account deficit in Japan, the world's second biggest economy after the United States.
The European single currency fell to 1.2626 dollars in London trade, from 1.2652 dollars late in New York on Friday.
Against the Japanese currency, the dollar rose to 98.70 yen from 98.27 yen on Friday.

Currency

Table showing Monday's (March 9, 2008) forex statement by Standard Chartered Bank, including major currency exchange rates and exchange rates of some currencies.

Shipping

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels as on 9/3/2009, including vessel names, cargo, local agents, and dates of arrival and departure.

Table showing vessels at outer anchorage, including vessel names, cargo, local agents, and dates of arrival and departure.

Table showing vessels not ready, including vessel names, cargo, local agents, and dates of arrival and departure.

Table showing vessels awaiting employment/instruction, including vessel names, cargo, local agents, and dates of arrival and departure.

Market Highlights

Table showing market highlights for March 09, 2009, including DSE All Share Index, DSE General Index, and various indicators.

Turnover Leaders

Table showing turnover leaders for March 09, 2009, listing companies and their turnover values.

Capital Gainers/Losers

Table showing capital gainers and losers for March 09, 2009, listing companies and their price changes.

Book Closer/Dividend/IPO

Table showing book closer, dividend, and IPO information for March 09, 2009.

News from Trade Servers

Normal Trade Start from 11-03-09: ACI Trade Suspended from 11-03-09: SAMCRST, IDLC, CITYGENNIS, DHAKABANK
Spot Trade Start from 11-03-09: MERCANBANK
Spot Trade Suspended from 11-03-09: All of the Members and Employees of DSE are requested to attend the 'Mild Mahfir'.

Non Traded Issues

Table showing non-traded issues for March 09, 2009, including company names, prices, and dates.

TRADED ISSUES March 09, 2009

Table showing traded issues for March 09, 2009, including company names, prices, and dates.

FOOD & ALLIED

Table showing food and allied products for March 09, 2009, including items like rice, oil, and sugar.

TEXTILE

Table showing textile products for March 09, 2009, including items like cotton and wool.

INDUSTRIES

Table showing various industrial products for March 09, 2009, including items like cement and steel.

Source: Capital Gainers/Losers table is prepared on the basis of the closed price change of the traded issues. EPS=Earnings per Share, BV=Book Value per Share, * indicates CDBL Listed. Category is mentioned beside company name after the CDBL mark. All EPS & BV are disclosed (if applicable cases). Year end is mentioned beside the declared dividend figure which may not related to the year end of EPS & BV. EPS & BV would be updated after getting the audited annual report of that financial year. EPS/BV of Life Insurance was calculated by special formula which is approximate just to compare those figures among the companies under life insurance industry. These figures could not compare with other industry's figures.