

Asian markets higher

AFP, Hong Kong
A lack of specific measures from European leaders to prop up fiscally strapped Greece prompted caution in Asian markets Friday as the euro slid against the dollar, but stocks offered more optimism.
Shares across the region were mostly higher in quiet trade ahead of Sunday's Lunar New Year and the start of a week-long holiday in China, with resources and commodity stocks shining, but gains were held by the eurozone uncertainty.
Asian shares were mostly higher on such hopes. Tokyo returned from a public holiday to end 1.29 percent higher, adding 128.20 points to 10,992.19.
Hong Kong will resume trading on Wednesday.
Shanghai rose 32.63 points, or 1.09 percent, to 3,018.13 led by metal and mining

firms as investors expected commodity prices to remain strong during next week's Lunar New Year holiday.
Indian markets were closed for a public holiday and Taiwan's bond and stock markets were shut for the Lunar New Year.
Seoul closed 0.26 percent, or 4.15 points, lower at 1,593.66.
Singapore closed 5.27 points, or 0.19 percent higher, at 2,758.90.
Kuala Lumpur gained 3.97 points, or 0.32 percent, to 1,253.39.
Indonesia gained 26.38 points or 1.05 percent to 2,534.13, helped by foreign bargain buying in bank and automotive blue chips after recent falls.
Manila closed up 1.40 percent, or 40.77 points, at 2,949.65.
Wellington rose 0.49 percent, or 15.20 points, to 3,080.47.
Bangkok ended 0.38 percent, or 2.62 points, at 698.03.

Weekly Currency Roundup

Feb 7 - Feb 11, 2010
International Markets
This was a very volatile week due to the swirling speculation about the extent of support for Greece, although currency moves have calmed down ahead of the meeting in Brussels of the European Union's 27 leaders, along with economic advisers, the head of the European Central Bank and other officials. It is expected that a political agreement will be reached on helping Greece. The euro edged higher on Thursday, underpinned by that expectation of a potential rescue package for Greece. Elsewhere, Australia's jobless rate hit an 11-month low and Chinese inflation moderated, prompting a rally in the Australian dollar and supporting risk-taking sentiment. Concern over how Athens will service its debt has hampered the euro; it is down nearly 10 percent versus the dollar since late 2009, but it has found its footing this week as expectations of an aid package have firm. The euro was supported by tighter yield spreads between Greek government bonds and their German counterparts considered the safest in the euro zone on optimism an agreement on Greece would be reached later. Investors remain wary that Greece is not the only euro zone country suffering from fiscal woes, as indicated by simmering concerns about debt-impaired Portugal and Spain.



Arla Foods Ingredients Bangladesh, owner of milk powder brand Danone, held its annual distributors' conference 2010 recently at Hotel Naz Garden in Bogra. Frede Juulsen, senior vice president of Arla Foods, JW Pedersen, sales director, and Sten Rasmus Nielsen, regional manager, attended the programme.



M Mobasher Rahman, director general of Bangladesh Postal Department, and Ahsanul Islam, managing director of Sandhani Life Insurance Company Ltd, sign an agreement in Dhaka recently. Insurance policyholders of the company will receive various facilities through the postal department across the country.

Local Money Market
The call money rate traded in the range of 3.25-4.5 this week. However majority of the deals traded at 4%, with some stray deals at higher rates.
Local Market FX
The USD moved higher against the BDT this week. The market was active and while there was ample liquidity, it was tighter than the previous week.
Standard Chartered Bank

Oil prices slide as dollar firms

AFP, London
World oil prices plunged on Friday as traders took their cue from the strengthening US dollar, analysts said.
News late in the day that US crude stocks had risen more than expected last week added to the downward pressure.
New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in March, showed a loss of 1.90 dollars to 73.38 dollars a barrel at 1700 GMT.
Brent North Sea crude for March delivery slumped 1.88 dollars to 72.24 dollars a barrel.
Oil sank after the European single currency fell close to a nine-month dollar low, as markets took a dim view of eurozone growth data and unclear EU proposals to help debt-ridden Greece.
In late morning London trade, the euro tumbled to 1.3532 dollars, the lowest level since May 19. That compared with 1.3695 in New York late on Thursday.
A stronger dollar tends to dampen demand for oil because it makes dollar-priced crude more expensive for buyers using weaker currencies.
EU leaders stopped short Thursday of offering a bailout to rescue eurozone member Greece. Deep problems in Greece's public accounts have highlighted the parlous debt of other crisis-hit countries such as Italy and Spain.

Stock

Weekly Market Highlights February 07 - 11, 2010
DSE All Share Index: 4622.47012 (+) 3.32%
DSE General Index: 5635.72979 (+) 3.71%
DSE 20 Index: 3215.50251 (+) 4.85%
CSE All Share Index: 16372.3953 (+) 3.81%
CSE 30 Index: 12177.5871 (+) 4.27%
CSE Selected Index: 10707.9851 (+) 4.24%

Weekly Turnover Leaders
Company, Turnover (Vol., M.Tk.), Closing Av. Pr.
Greenphone-N 16,228,800,499,942.54 7.92 308.57
BEXIMCO Ltd.-A 7,022,368,37,380.06 5.92 301.59

Weekly Capital Gainers/Losers
Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, Turnover M.Tk.
Peoples Insur.-A -39.61 -39.89 855.00 162.139
BDCOM Online-A -12.47 11.14 65.30 137.87

Weekly News Highlights from Trade Servers
GP: The company has informed that Greenphone Ltd. (GP) and The AXIATA (Bangladesh) Limited (AKTEL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on February 7, 2010 to start a joint venture...

Bank

AB Bank - A 1005 18972.262 16115.1954 1954-1208
DSE All Share Index - A 1005 4622.47012 4622.47012 1005-0000
DSE General Index - A 1005 5635.72979 5635.72979 1005-0000

Prime Finance

Prime Finance - A 1005 4137.14293 4137.14293 1005-0000
DBH 1000 - A 1005 0000.0000 0000.0000 1005-0000
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000

Engineering

Altao Auto - A 1005 22.80 278.84 1005-0000
C 2135 1.599 205 2067 1518 2015 188768
B 12 11.5 208 101 101 101 101 101

Shimkora Cement

Shimkora Cement - A 1005 100.00 100.00 1005-0000
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000
R.N. Spinning - A 1005 84.77 75.11 1005-0000

Investment

ICB - A 1005 32.92 264.03 1005-0000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355
C 3410 2.299 3440 3510 3410 41355

Food & Allied

Alpha Tobacco - A 1005 41.06 97.25 No Dir - 2008
C 2300 4.725 2401 10794 2900 1042 488900
C 2430 4.319 2510 2430 2500 2430 18100

Fuel & Power

BOC (BD) Ltd - A 1005 23.01 99.28 11776 1208
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355

Pharmaceutical & Chemical

Ambee Chemical - A 1005 17.23 26.30 1005-0000
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355

Non Banking FI

IDL FC - A 1005 135.46 537.10 1954 2094B-1208
C 4387 10.089 4387 4387 4400 4275 59651
C 4293 0.199 4401 4293 4400 4275 59651

Textile

ICB - A 1005 32.92 264.03 1005-0000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355
C 3410 2.299 3440 3510 3410 41355

Leather

Ambee Chemical - A 1005 17.23 26.30 1005-0000
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355

Paper & Packaging

Haldipaper Paper - A 1005 116.12 1286.10 1005-0000
C 2120 43.209 2109 2275 2100 3000
C 2130 1.109 3497 3488 3500 3401 41355

S/Note: Capital Gainer/Loser tables are prepared on the basis of the close price change of the traded issues. EPS/Earnings per Share, BV=Book Value per Share, ...