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Indices	Close	Change (Pts)
SENSEX	13929.33	-36.53
NIFTY	4120.30	-14.00
DJIA	13383.84	37.06
NASDAQ	2525.29	-21.15

Currency	Close	Change (%)
1 USD	40.87	0.15
1 EURO	55.39	0.05

Commodity	Close \$
Gold	673.50
Silver	13.27
Crude	63.05

	Institutional Equity		Investment (Rs Cr)
	11/05/07	14/05/07	May. Total
FII's	-336.20	60.50	81.90
MFs	75.20	N A	587.50

US Listings	Close (\$)	Change (%)
NYSE		
Dr Reddy	15.73	0.45
HDFC Bank	73.20	0.16
ICICI Bank	44.53	1.78
MTNL	7.36	-0.54
Patni	24.64	-0.81
Satyam	24.36	-0.08
Tata Motors	17.54	0.23
VSNL	21.80	-0.46
WIPRO	16.31	0.18
NASDAQ		
Infosys	51.32	-0.27

VIEW POINT: ALTOPHOBIA

Dow Jones failed to sustain at higher levels and closed just 30 odds point higher after an initial surge of 140 points. We have been facing selling pressure near 14000 levels for the two consecutive sessions. Markets need to close decisively above 14181 to proclaim bulls as master of Dalal street. Support today lies at 4100 in nifty and 13860 in Sensex. In last 10 sessions whenever markets fell below 4050 (13750 in sensex) levels, it has sprung back sharply. Any close below 4050 or 13750 mark will have a severe bearish implications.

As USA goes into presidential election at the end of this calander year, we have seen beginning of signs of politicians expressing concerns over the outsourcing. Rupee has shown signs of depreciating, which is positive for the IT sector in short-run, these concerns will keep coming; to haunt the sector from time to time for the rest of the year. Domestically, the SBI subsidiaries could continue to gain on hopes that this time the left would not put a spanner in the legislation that will open the doors for their dematerialisation, splitting and removal of the curbs in individual holdings. This improves sentiment on banking sector and augers well.

**TRADING PICKS:
Buy Recommendations for today:**

BSE Code	Scrip	BSE Quotes	Enter Around	Stop-Loss
532809	FSL	92.00	91.20	90.00
532522	Petronet LNG	50.75	49.70	48.00

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At the street

The Lok Sabha passed the SBI Subsidiary Bank (Amendment) Bill. The five amendments in the Bill are as under:

- The unlisted subsidiaries of the SBI can now go public.
- The face value of the shares of the subsidiaries can be split from Rs 100 to Rs 10.
- Currently the individual holding is restricted to 200 shares, which will be removed.
- SBI's stake in the subsidiaries can go down to 51%. SBI owns stakes ranging from 74% to 100%.
- The listed subsidiaries, which are only available in physical form, would be allowed for demat trading.

Other Announcements by FM

- Sale of RBI's stake to Government in SBI by August
- The Government will not cut its stake in public sector below 51%
- It might not be possible to merge all SBI arms with SBI, as it is fraught with opposition
- The cap on non-GoI voting rights in SBI subsidiary banks is being raised from 1% to 10%, thereby implying that the non-government investors can exercise their 10% voting rights in SBI arms
- Need to infuse Rs 3,160 Cr in SBI to fulfill Basel-II norms

Quarterly Financials

BANKS	Mar-07		YOY (%)		QOQ (%)		EPS		Price	TTM P/E
	SALES	NP	SALES	NP	SALES	NP	Ann.	TTM		
St Bk of Bikaner & Jaipur	741.0	102.6	41.0	194.0	16.4	31.7	820.5	611.6	4050.0	6.6
St Bk of India	11541.5	1493.2	35.6	75.0	18.5	40.2	113.5	86.3	1222.5	14.2
St Bk of Mysore	530.1	84.0	47.7	6.5	16.9	52.8	933.1	692.3	6725.0	9.7
St Bk of Travanc	806.8	140.5	33.0	47.6	12.0	185.1	1123.7	652.6	4090.0	6.3

Important Figures

BANKS	BV	P/BV	NPA (%)	FII Holding (%)	CAR %	NIM (%)	
						2006-07	2005-06
St Bk of Bikaner & Jaipur	3307.4	1.22	1.09	2.0	13	3.64	4.18
St Bk of India	589.6	2.07	1.56	18.0	12	3.31	2.92
St Bk of Mysore	3170.4	2.12	0.45	0.0	11	3.28	3.59
St Bk of Travanc	3199.0	1.28	1.08	2.0	12	3.38	3.27

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Contending that the H-1B visa programme is being abused to displace qualified American workers, two US lawmakers have asked nine foreign-based firms, including some leading Indian companies that used 20,000 of such visas, to disclose details about their workforce and their use of the special programme

HDFC buys out Chubb's 26% in JV

The four-year-old partnership between Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) and US-based Chubb which had formed HDFC Chubb General Insurance came to an end on Tuesday. Both companies have signed an agreement by which HDFC will be buying out the 26% stake of Chubb in the general insurance venture .

RIL finds gas reserves

Reliance Industries announced the discovery of two natural gas reserves on the east and west coasts, adding to the vast hydrocarbon assets it has found in the past few years. Reliance made its 18th discovery in the prolific KG-D6 block (KG-DWN-98/3) in the Krishna Godavari basin off the east coast, when well KG-D6-R1 encountered two gas-bearing zones.

6000 crore of highway projects cleared

The government has cleared seven highway projects worth Rs 6,000 crore under the National Highways Development Programme (NHDP). The seven projects are the first set to be cleared under phase-V of NHDP, which involves six-laning of 6,500 km of national highways including the Golden Quadrilateral.

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KS Oils Ltd Board to meet on May 23, 2007 to consider Stock Split

Motherson Sumi Systems, through its subsidiaries, acquired Empire Rubber (Bendigo, Victoria, Australia) from Huon Corporation.

Suryavanshi Spinning Board Approved the Scheme of Amalgamation of Suryavanshi Textiles Ltd with the Company. The Swap ratio stood in a ratio of 54:100 (54 equity shares in the Company for every 100 equity shares held in Suryavanshi Textiles Ltd).

During Market Hours

Aplab Ltd bagged an order worth Rs 32.75 Cr from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) for supply of Petrol Pumps.

Arvind Mills has signed joint venture agreement with Diesel for launching a new company, Diesel India Fashion Arvind.

BSEL Infrastructure Realty Board to meet on 6 June 2007 to consider the proposal to allot 59 lakh warrants to promoters.

Dolphin Offshore has received a contract worth Rs 5.8 crore from Societa Cooperativa Nazionale Sommozzaton (CNS) for saturation diving work in China.

HDFC has entered into an agreement with Chubb Global Financial Services Corporation, USA (Chubb Global) to acquire its stake in HDFC Chubb General Insurance Company (HCGICL), following which HCGICL will become a 100% subsidiary of HDFC.

Hindustan Construction and Coastal Projects' joint venture has received a contract worth Rs 735.21 crore from Andhra Pradesh Government for constructing a tunnel.

Indiabulls Real Estate Wholly-owned Subsidiary Diana Buildwell Pvt Ltd, has acquired a sea-facing hotel property together with land admeasuring about 21 acres situated at Vagator Beach, Goa, from Sterling Holiday Resorts.

Infotech Enterprises Ltd. has acquired 74 % stake in Geospatial Integrated Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for Rs 2.96 Cr.

Jaihind Projects consortium has bagged order of Rs 153 Cr from GAIL for executing Dabhol Panvel-Pipeline Project (Phase-II)-Part-A.

Lupin Receives US FDA Approval for Simvastatin Tablets

OM Metals Infraprojects has secured an order worth Rs 158 crore from National Hydroelectric Power Corporation for executing hydro mechanical works for two power projects.

Reliance Industries had made two gas discoveries in separate blocks off the east and west coasts of the country.

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RTS Power Corporation bagged Orders worth Rs 18.25 Cr in its Power & EHV Units at Jaipur for the supply of Power Transformers.

Stanley Electric Co has issued an open offer to the shareholders of **Lumax Industries** to acquire 18,69,547 fully paid up equity shares (20%) at Rs 540.03 per share. The offer will open on 4 July 2007 and close on 23 July 2007.

Videocon Plan to invest US \$1.5 bn to set up a liquid crystal display unit in China

Zicom Electronic Security Systems has acquired 49% stake in Dubai's Unisafe Fire Protection Specialists LLC.

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Results Declared After Market Hours

Companies	Q4FY07		YOY (%)		QOQ (%)	
	Sales	NP	Sales	NP	Sales	NP
Blue Star Info.	22.35	3.38	31.39	107.36	12.54	338.96
Dewan Housing	102.04	13.51	52.25	22.15	15.14	-0.07
M M Forgings	50.18	3.73	24.49	49.80	11.64	12.01
Shringar Cinemas	13.55	2.26	92.75	LP	-9.36	-37.91
Tata Teleservice	380.43	-51.38	23.88	LL	4.89	LL
TIL	169.15	7.18	9.32	42.74	13.48	42.74

Results Declared During Market Hours

Companies	Q4FY07		YOY (%)		QOQ (%)	
	Sales	NP	Sales	NP	Sales	NP
Havell's India	440.31	29.44	23.52	44.95	12.64	14.11

THE INDICATOR**Board Meetings Today**

DATE	COMPANY	PURPOSE
16/05/2007	Balaji Telefilms Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Bhagyanagar India Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Bharat Gears Ltd.	Audited Results
16/05/2007	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Century Plyboards (I) Ltd.	Audited Results
16/05/2007	D-Link India Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Entertainment Network (India) Ltd.	Audited Results
16/05/2007	ICI (India) Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Indo Rama Synthetics (India) Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	JB Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	Audited Results & Final Dividend
16/05/2007	JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd	Audited Results Dividend
16/05/2007	Maharashtra Scooters Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend
16/05/2007	Shanthi Gears Ltd.	Audited Results & Dividend

Today's Quarterly Results

Date	Companies
16-May	Balaji Telefilms
	Bhagyanagar Indi
	Bharat Gears
	Bongaigaon Ref.
	D-Link (India)
	Entertainment Nt
	ICI (India)
	Indo Rama Synth.
	JK Lakshmi
	J B Chem & Pharm
	Shanthi Gears

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Forthcoming Corporate Action

Scrip Code	Company Name	Ex-Date	Purpose	Div (Rs.)
523229	Bharat Seats	16/05/2007	Dividend	3.00
526921	21st Cent. Mgmt.	17/05/2007	Interim Dividend	1.20
505036	Auto.Corp.of Goa	17/05/2007	Dividend	10.00
500180	HDFC Bank	17/05/2007	Dividend	7.00
501471	Mack Trading Co	17/05/2007	Dividend	0.50
532215	UTI Bank	17/05/2007	Dividend	4.50
532491	ECE Inds.	18/05/2007	Dividend	2.50
531869	Sacheta Metals	18/05/2007	Interim Dividend	0.25
526610	Vans Info.	21/05/2007	Scheme of Arrangement	
500780	Zuari Inds.	22/05/2007	Dividend	2.50
590059	Bihar Tubes	24/05/2007	Bonus issue(1:1)	
506285	Bayer CropScien.	25/05/2007	Dividend	2.40
500185	Hind.Construct.	25/05/2007	Dividend	0.75
509820	Paper Products	25/05/2007	Stock Split (1:5)	
509055	Visaka Inds.	25/05/2007	Dividend	3.00
531807	ING Vysya Bank	28/05/2007	Dividend	0.65
532525	Bank of Mah.	30/05/2007	Dividend	2.00
511196	Can Fin Homes	30/05/2007	Dividend	2.50
500168	Goodyear India	30/05/2007	Dividend	5.00
511288	GRUH Finance	30/05/2007	Dividend	3.00
500330	Raymond	30/05/2007	Dividend	5.00
500111	Reliance Capital	30/05/2007	Dividend	3.50

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Date	Companies	Date	Companies
17-May	Bajaj Auto	18-May	Federal Bank
	Dabur Pharma		GTC Inds.
	Hitachi Home		Jaiprakash Assoc
	Max India		JBF Inds.
	OCL India		KEI Inds.
	Oriental Hotels		NELCO
	Tata Steel		Sun Pharma.
	Unichem Labs.		Tata Motors
	Usha Martin	19-May	DCW
	Wyeth		Geojit Fin. Ser.
18-May	Aarti Drugs		Hind.Sanitarywar
	BOC India		Kalpataru Power
	Deepak Fert.		Karnataka Bank
	Dr Reddy's Labs.		Nava Bharat Vent

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Bulk Deals on BSE

Date	Scrip Name	Name of Client	Buy/Sell	Quantity	Price	% Equity
15-May	BIHAR TUBES	MUVIN INFOTECH LTD	BUY	30000	169.41	0.94
15-May	EMMSONS INTL.	RAJCHANDRA CAPITAL SERVICES	BUY	35799	63.20	0.70
15-May	EMMSONS INTL.	COMCO TRADING AND INV.	SELL	35799	63.20	0.70
15-May	ESAB INDIA	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS	SELL	82161	380.00	0.53
15-May	EURO CERAMICS	DUNGARPUR CAPITAL SERVICES	BUY	97201	131.00	0.57
15-May	EVEREADY INDS.	DEUTSCHE SECURITIES MAURITIUS	BUY	770000	54.80	1.06
15-May	FEDERAL BANK	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS MF AC	BUY	524470	264.00	0.61
15-May	FEDERAL BANK	GOLDMAN SACHS INVESTMENT	SELL	524470	264.00	0.61
15-May	GOLDSTONE TECH.	KEN SECURITIES LTD	SELL	69927	82.77	0.54
15-May	SALORA INTL.	MANORI PROPERTIES PVT	BUY	84000	97.50	0.95
15-May	SALORA INTL.	NEETU JIWARAJKA	BUY	612028	95.51	6.94
15-May	SALORA INTL.	JIWARJKA KRISHNA KUMAR HUF	SELL	359500	95.00	4.08
15-May	SALORA INTL.	KRISHNAKUMAR JIWARAJKA	SELL	175852	97.50	1.99
15-May	SALORA INTL.	LAXMIDEVI JIWARAJKA	SELL	161176	95.50	1.83
15-May	SALZER ELECTRON.	PRESCIENT SECURITIES PVT.	BUY	49500	90.28	0.84
15-May	SALZER ELECTRON.	HEMANT JAGDISH ASHAR	SELL	91365	88.98	1.55
15-May	SHALIMAR PAINTS	JALCO FINANCIAL SERVICES	SELL	110974	193.06	2.93
15-May	TRENT	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS MF AC	BUY	156132	720.00	0.99
15-May	TRENT	GOLDMAN SACHS INVESTMENT	SELL	83624	720.00	0.53
15-May	TRENT	PASSPORT INDIA INVESTMENT	SELL	193079	720.00	1.23

Bulk Deals on NSE

Date	Scrip Name	Name of Client	Buy/Sell	Quantity	Price	% Equity
15-May	ADHUNIK METAL	CARLSON FUND EQUITY-ASIAN SMALL CAP	SELL	650000	56.69	0.71
15-May	EDUCOMP SOLUTION	OPPENHEIMER FUNDS INC. AC	BUY	100000	1829.67	0.63
15-May	FEDERAL BANK	GOLDMAN SACHS INVESTMENT	SELL	583000	264.04	0.68
15-May	G S F C	CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS	BUY	1000000	163.00	1.25
15-May	G S F C	PRUDENTIAL ICICI MUTUAL FUND A/C	SELL	679780	163.00	0.85
15-May	MAWANA SUGARS	SIG ESTATE PRIVATE LIMITED	BUY	214198	38.05	0.50
15-May	NIIT TECH.	MERRILL LYNCH CAPITAL MARKETS	BUY	198700	520.17	0.51
15-May	QUINTEGRA SOLN.	ROSE BURG INC	SELL	136309	81.20	0.51
15-May	RAJ TELEVISION	SUNDARAM MF A/C SMALL CAP FUND	BUY	100382	217.62	0.77
15-May	RAJ TELEVISION	SUNDARAM MF A/C SMILE FUND	BUY	78118	217.62	0.60

THE INDICATOR**DERIVATIVE SUMMARY**

Nifty lost 14 points or 0.34% and closed at 4120.30. Nifty future closed at 4130.50, a premium of 10 points.

Open interest increased by Rs 839 Cr or 1.53% at Rs 55,672 Cr. Open interest in number of shares went up by 6% from 134.92 Cr to 140.68 Cr shares. Open interest in futures, calls and puts changed by 1%, 3% and 2% respectively in value terms and 5%, 1% and 0.25% respectively in number of shares.

IV of Nifty 4150 Call & 4100 Put was 23.9% & 24.5% respectively. Previous day IVS were 23.2% & 25.0% respectively for near strike options.

OI in Nifty futures calls & puts changed by -2%, 1.3% and 2% respectively. Nifty 4150 Call added 1734 contracts in OI. Nifty 4000 put added 1417 contracts in OI.

Put /Call Ratio (OI)

	15/05/07	14/05/07
Overall	0.33	0.34
Nifty	1.19	1.18

Put /Call Ratio (Volume)

	15/05/07	14/05/07
Overall	0.72	0.91
Nifty	0.93	1.17

Turnover Details

Particular	15/05/07	14/05/07
Index Futures	8008.05	8390.90
Stock Futures	15592.13	15081.32
Index Options	2415.12	3502.17
Stock Options	895.23	1068.14
Total	26910.53	28042.53

SECURITIES IN BAN PERIOD

The derivative contracts in the underlying **ARVINDMILL, PARSVNATH, NAG.FERT & TTML** have crossed 95% of the market-wide position limit and are currently in the ban period.

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Forthcoming Corporate Action

Company Name	Ex-Date	Purpose	Div (Rs.)
UTI Bank	17/05/2007	Dividend	4.50
HDFC Bank	19/05/2007	Dividend	7.00
HCC	25/05/2007	Dividend	0.75
Rel.Cap	30/05/2007	Dividend	3.50
J&K Bank	31/05/2007	Dividend	11.50
BHEL	31/05/2007	Bonus(1:1)	
Nicholas Piramil	31/05/2007	Dividend	0.25

FII Activity on 15-MAY

	Buy		Sell		NET(Rs)	Open Interest	
	Contracts	Value(Rs Cr)	Contracts	Value(Rs Cr)		Contracts	Values (Cr.)
Index Futures	39741	820.02	34307	706.72	113.30	732756	15143.56
Index Options	5556	113.28	2105	41.49	71.79	291990	6015.43
Stock Futures	16792	494.75	29860	787.73	-292.98	608358	16576.91
Stock Options	19	0.73	197	6.10	-5.37	3240	86.14
					-113.26		

FII OI

Date	Index Future	Index Option	Stock Future	Stock Option
15-May	732756	291990	608358	3240
14-May	751208	288465	600522	3030

Cumulative FII positions as a percentage of total gross market position in the derivative segment, as on May 14, 2007 is 34.58%.

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SECTOR WATCH:

	% Cg in futures OI	% Cg in Price		% Cg in futures OI	% Cg in Price
AUTO			Media		
M&M	10	-1.61	Sun TV	7	-3.57
			ZEE TV	8	3.13
Banking/Finance					
Andhra Bank	13	0.62	OIL/GAS		
BOB	5	1.63	Bongaigaon	-7	0.09
BOI	7	2.00	BPCL	10	2.48
Corporation	20	1.85	IOC	8	2.83
ICICI Bank	-5	1.89	Reliance	7	-1.34
Indian Bank	6	-1.98			
LIC Housing	-9	5.00	Pharma		
PFC	9	-2.30	Aurobindo	13	-1.09
REL Capital	5	1.17	Dr Reddy	11	1.10
Syndicate Bank	8	0.00	Lupin	6	1.15
Vijaya Bank	15	2.75	Matrix	-28	1.70
			Orchid Chem	6	2.11
CEMENT					
GUJAMBCEM	-9	-0.24	Power		
			Suzlon	15	-9.11
CONS/INFRA					
J P Associates	-5	0.83	Sugar		
			Renuka	-14	-5.25
ENGINEERING			Triveni	-15	-1.71
BEML	-5	2.10			
Crompton Greave	5	1.57	TECH		
Voltas	-6	0.15	Infosys	9	-1.42
			Patni	15	-2.00
FERT/CHEM			Wipro	13	-1.65
GNFC	6	2.99			
Guj Alkali	5	2.74	TELECOM		
Nagar Fert.	-12	-1.96	IDEA	25	1.05
Tata Chem	5	-1.00	RCOM	8	-1.43
FMCG			Others		
HLL	-5	0.49	Aban	5	5.20
Mcdowell	6	-2.52	Ind. Hotel	26	5.32
Tata Tea	7	3.13			

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Open Interest & Price Change of Newly added 31 Stocks

Stocks	% Change in futures OI	% Change In Price	OI Rs Cr
ABIRLANUVO	170	6	19
ADLABSFILM	106	6	24
AIAENG	80	6	24
AIRDECCAN	12	-4	15
ANSALINFRA	48	-5	5
APIL	20	0	29
BINDALAGRO	167	4	25
BIRLAJUTE	100	-2	0
BRFL	56	1	6
DENABANK	34	-1	24
EDUCOMP	86	-1	21
EKC	44	-5	17
FINANTECH	403	5	18
GESCOCORP	13	-2	9
HOTELEELA	12	-1	28
INDIAINFO	113	3	9
KESORAMIND	178	-4	2
MOSERBAER	218	6	25
PANTALONR	162	6	12
PATELENG	35	-4	7
PENINLAND	108	2	3
PETRONET	121	8	79
RAJESHEXPO	45	4	8
RNRL	94	6	129
ROLTA	83	-2	27
SHREECEM	42	1	1
SKUMARSYNF	90	-1	6
STERLINBIO	31	-2	69
STROPTICAL	19	-2	5
UNIPHOS	64	0	4
UNITECH	69	4	26

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Top Gainers & Losers Open Interest Wise
Top Gainers

Company	Future(%)	Price (%)	15-May	14-May	COC Chg.	OI Rs. Cr.
INDHOTEL	26	5	16	22	-5	97
IDEA	24	1	21	18	3	348
CORPBANK	20	2	28	20	8	19
SUZLON	15	-9	20	-7	27	203
PATNI	15	-2	9	15	-6	66

Top Losers

Company	Future(%)	Price (%)	15-May	14-May	COC Chg.	OI Rs. Cr.
MATRIXLABS	-28	2	6	3	3	55
TRIVENI	-15	-2	2	14	-11	14
RENUKA	-14	-5	4	8	-5	48
NAGARFERT	-12	-2	0	19	-19	110
GUJAMBCEM	-9	0	-1	-5	4	193

Top Gainers & Losers Price Wise
Top Gainers

Company	Future(%)	Price (%)	15-May	14-May	COC Chg.	OI Rs. Cr.
INDHOTEL	26	5	16	22	-5	97
ABAN	5	5	13	18	-5	185
LICHSGFIN	-9	5	5	18	-13	41
HINDPETRO	2	5	12	18	-5	109
TATATEA	7	3	21	23	-2	151

Top Losers

Company	Future(%)	Price (%)	15-May	14-May	COC Chg.	OI Rs. Cr.
SUZLON	15	-9	20	-7	27	203
BAJAJHIND	3	-5	11	16	-5	123
RENUKA	-14	-5	4	8	-5	48
BALRAMCHIN	-2	-5	16	16	0	75
SUNTV	7	-4	21	16	5	58

THE INDICATOR**Across the Atlantic**

U.S. stocks finished mixed on Tuesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average closing at a record high on the back of weaker-than-expected consumer prices, while the broad market succumbed to selling late in the session. The inflation data boosted hopes that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates to boost a slowing economy and initially helped offset disappointing results from Home Depot Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores.

Sixteen of the Dow's 30 components finished ahead. Leading the way was a 4.4% rise in shares of General Motors .

Meanwhile, the **S&P** 500 lost 1.96 points, or 0.13%, to 1501.19, and the tech-heavy Nasdaq gave back 21.15 points, or 0.83%, at 2525.29, pressured by a decline in chip stocks. Both indices had been positive until the market weakened.

Breadth was **negative** for a second straight session. About 3.09 billion shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange, where decliners beat advancers by a 3-to-2 margin. Volume on the Nasdaq reached 2.26 billion shares, and losers outpaced winners 7 to 3.

During the first half of the session, stocks got a boost from a government report that said **consumer-level inflation was benign** last month. The Labor Department's consumer price index was up 0.4%, slightly below expectations, while the core index, which excludes food and energy prices, rose 0.2% and was in line with estimates. On the positive side, the closely monitored core inflation figure is now up 2.3% over the past 12 months, down 0.2 percentage points from March's level.

Elsewhere on the economic docket, the New York Fed said its **Empire State Manufacturing Index** rose to a reading of 8.0 in May, compared with 3.8 in April. However, the index was expected to jump to 9.0.

Before the session got underway, two Dow components were in the headlines, but neither did much to inspire the bull camp. **Wal-Mart** said its fiscal first-quarter profits were in line with analysts' estimates. Second-quarter earnings, the world's biggest retailer said, should be 75 cents to 79 cents a share. The consensus forecast is 79 cents. Wal-Mart ended down 22 cents, or 0.5%, at \$47.62.

Home Depot, the largest seller of home-improvement goods, was even less impressive, missing expectations by a sizable margin and saying its full-year earnings would likely be at the low end of its previous guidance. Home Depot lost 71 cents, or 1.8%, to close at \$38.30

Merger activity remained in the headlines, with Reuters approving a planned acquisition by Thomson in a deal worth \$17.2 billion. Reuters added \$2.72, or 3.8%, to close at \$74.34. After opening lower, Thomson managed to gain 16 cents, or 0.4%, to \$42.16.

The takeover is the latest in a recent string of deals, the most recent one occurring earlier this week when Germany's **DaimlerChrysler** said it would sell an 80% stake in its Chrysler Group unit to private-equity firm Cerberus Capital for \$7.4 billion.

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Support-Resistance Levels – May 16, 2007

	Close	Support 1	Support 2	Resist. 1	Resist. 2	3 Mths High	3 Mths Low
SENSEX	13929.33	13820.00	13660.00	14120.00	14320.00	14723.88	12316.10
NIFTY	4120.30	4087.00	4050.00	4166.00	4200.00	4239.20	3554.50
ACC LTD	875.80	863.00	854.00	890.00	900.00	1072.00	678.10
ALLAHABAD	82.80	82.00	81.00	85.00	86.00	89.95	66.50
ANDHRA BK	88.80	87.00	86.00	90.00	91.00	90.10	69.50
BAJAJ AUTO	2635.70	2591.00	2540.00	2695.00	2730.00	3375.20	2250.00
BANK OF BAR	274.50	268.00	261.00	280.00	287.00	278.90	185.85
BANK OF IND	204.40	196.00	191.00	210.00	214.00	205.60	131.75
BHARAT PETR	374.70	369.00	362.00	380.00	387.00	377.00	281.85
BHARTI AIR	833.90	821.00	815.00	840.00	854.00	882.05	628.00
BHEL	2520.80	2484.00	2460.00	2555.00	2575.00	2594.00	1938.00
CANARA BANK	237.15	232.00	227.00	243.00	250.00	242.95	174.15
CENTURY TEX	586.80	576.00	567.00	597.00	605.00	678.45	432.10
COLGATE PAL	370.50	367.00	359.00	376.00	387.00	404.90	291.00
ESSAR OIL	55.55	54.00	53.00	57.00	58.00	63.40	46.80
ESSAR STEEL	40.50	40.00	39.00	42.00	43.00	45.70	34.25
GAS AUTHOR	289.50	285.00	280.00	293.00	298.00	318.40	251.05
GUJ AMBUJA	123.40	122.00	120.00	125.00	127.00	143.15	99.60
GUJ NARMAD	106.80	104.00	102.00	108.00	110.00	114.80	88.50
HERO HONDA	697.60	690.00	682.00	705.00	714.00	754.00	611.00
HIND LEVER	193.10	191.00	188.00	195.00	199.00	218.75	165.05
HIND PETRO	302.30	295.00	290.00	309.00	315.00	303.90	237.15
ICICI BANK	886.85	873.00	860.00	904.00	922.00	1010.00	791.00
INDIA CEMENT	183.00	179.00	176.00	187.00	190.00	221.90	140.30
INDIAN HOTEL	146.55	143.00	140.00	150.00	153.00	158.90	121.55
INDIAN OIL CO	479.35	470.00	463.00	489.00	500.00	481.95	361.00
INDIAN OVERS	117.15	114.00	112.00	121.00	124.00	121.20	91.00
INDIAN PETRO	317.70	311.00	305.00	323.00	330.00	325.00	226.00
INFOSYS	1973.45	1954.00	1930.00	2000.00	2020.00	2415.00	1910.00
ITC LTD	162.00	159.00	155.00	165.00	168.00	180.00	130.00
IVRCL INFRA	308.90	302.00	296.00	318.00	322.00	424.95	241.10
LARSEN & T	1673.60	1657.00	1626.00	1710.00	1740.00	1775.90	1375.00
MAHANAGAR	154.25	152.00	149.00	158.00	162.00	170.00	128.25
MAHINDRA &	716.25	706.00	693.00	730.00	740.00	941.70	693.30
MARUTI	806.55	800.00	790.00	815.00	825.00	963.00	741.00
MATRIX LABS	227.95	221.00	211.00	240.00	250.00	229.45	148.60
NDTV LTD	381.65	375.00	365.00	393.00	400.00	393.00	267.05
NTPC	156.05	153.00	150.00	159.00	162.00	163.75	129.00
ONGC CORPN	889.45	870.00	856.00	910.00	925.00	990.00	726.50
ORCHID CHEM	274.00	268.00	263.00	277.00	285.00	284.95	204.00
ORIENTAL BK	207.40	203.00	199.00	212.00	217.00	239.90	156.10
POLARIS	165.40	163.00	159.00	170.00	175.00	229.90	152.00
PNB	546.85	530.00	516.00	560.00	575.00	550.95	380.35
RANBAXY	395.40	391.00	384.00	404.00	410.00	424.05	304.50
RELIANCE IND	1598.50	1573.00	1550.00	1626.00	1650.00	1636.00	1248.20
SATYAM	452.55	443.00	435.00	459.00	467.00	505.00	405.10
SIEMENS LTD	1239.75	1210.00	1185.00	1252.00	1270.00	1270.00	967.05
STATE BANK	1227.45	1195.00	1165.00	1260.00	1280.00	1241.00	898.10
STEEL AUTHO	138.15	135.00	133.00	142.00	147.00	144.40	91.25
SUZLON	1137.35	1103.00	1071.00	1170.00	1203.00	1283.00	931.00
SYNDICATE	82.00	79.00	77.00	84.00	87.00	85.00	57.05

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TATA CHEM	228.25	224.00	220.00	234.00	237.00	239.70	187.00
TATA MOTORS	714.35	702.00	692.00	726.00	735.00	930.00	661.05
TATA POWER	580.05	563.00	553.00	590.00	597.00	625.00	472.35
TATA STEEL	592.25	585.00	575.00	605.00	618.00	597.85	399.15
TATA TEA	823.15	801.00	785.00	835.00	850.00	872.00	555.30
TCS	1238.05	1225.00	1208.00	1260.00	1280.00	1335.00	1150.00
UNION BANK	119.25	117.00	115.00	123.00	126.00	120.75	84.00
WIPRO LTD	535.05	529.00	519.00	545.00	553.00	691.00	515.00
ZEE	293.00	286.00	282.00	301.00	309.00	319.40	208.00

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