

ASIA OUTLOOK: Regional stock markets likely lifted by Wall Street gains Friday; worse-than-expected payrolls data heightened expectations of more quantitative easing from Fed, cheering market. In FX market, investors on guard for possible intervention from Japanese authorities after USD/JPY touches new 15-year low in early Asia, though Japan markets shut for Health-Sports Day, should curtail trading volumes in Asian session, possibly make for more volatility. USD/JPY at 81.46 vs 82.08 in late NY trade Friday; EUR/JPY at 114.40 vs 114.33, EUR/USD at 1.3987 vs 1.3929. On data slate: Australia housing finance at 0030 GMT, Malaysia manufacturing sales, industrial production at 0400 GMT. Later there's France industrial production, Italy industrial production, UK RICS housing market survey, BRC-KPMG retail sales monitor, New York Fed president Dudley speaks. (colin.ng@dowjones.com)

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