

Market Review



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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	28,248.48	-59.98	-0.21%	29568.57	18213.65	-1.02%
S&P 500	3,443.65	12.37	0.36%	3432.09	2191.86	6.59%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	11,466.47	86.75	0.76%	11462.05	6631.42	27.79%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	16,617.48	-9.16	-0.06%	17970.51	11172.73	-2.61%
STOXX EUROPE 50	2,996.51	-11.79	-0.39%	3539.89	2260.11	-11.95%
FTSE 100	6,037.01	-67.72	-1.11%	7689.67	4898.79	-19.96%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	13,061.62	-4.92	-0.04%	13795.24	8255.65	-1.41%
CAC40	5,008.27	0.38	0.01%	6111.41	3632.06	-16.22%
Nikkei 225 Index	23,296.77	311.26	1.35%	24115.95	16358.19	-1.52%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,486.22	-65.36	-0.26%	29174.92	21139.26	-9.59%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,373.58	-12.06	-0.36%	3458.79	2646.80	10.60%

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U.S. consumer confidence falls to a 6-year low

The U.S. major averages were mixed on Tuesday as early investor optimism fueled by U.S. and Chinese officials reaffirmed their commitment to a Phase 1 trade deal was tempered by a slide in Apple shares and disappointing consumer confidence data. The S&P500 and Nasdaq fluctuated between gains and losses. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average underperformed on news of a major shakeup in the price-weighted index. The changes are a result of Apple's 4:1 stock split that will reduce its weight in the index. Shares of the Salesforce.com, Amgen and Honeywell International surged after it was announced they will join the index on August 31. They will replace Exxon Mobil, Pfizer and Raytheon Technologies, whose shares all slid on the news. In earnings news, Medtronic advanced after its quarterly profit fell less than feared and the company said demand for medical devices was improving as elective surgeries picked up pace. J.M. Smucker Co jumped after it raised its fiscal 2021 sales and profit forecast. Best Buy Co shares declined after it warned of slowing sales after the work-from-home boom. Salesforce.com and Hewlett Packard are scheduled to report earnings after the closing bell. In other corporate news, American Airlines shares dropped after announcing involuntary staffing reductions, starting October 1, due to expectations for weak travel demand.

Today's economic data was mixed. U.S. new home sales rose 13.9% in July to a seasonally adjusted rate of 901,000 units, from an upwardly revised June. This was well ahead of economist expectations of a gain of 1.3% and pointed to the underlying strength of the housing sector. Separately, the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller home price index rose 3.5% in June, a slightly slower pace from May's 3.6% increase and slightly below economist expectations. Finally, the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index unexpectedly fell to a six-year low of 84.8 in August to 84.8, from a downwardly revised 91.7 for July. This was well below economist expectations for a print of 93.0. Investors await Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's speech from the Jackson Hole Symposium on Thursday for hints on the central bank's next steps to support economic recovery. Powell is expected to outline a new inflation policy framework.

Canada's TSX Composite Index retreated on Tuesday. The materials sector was the biggest drag on the index, pressured by losses in precious metals producers as gold prices fell. The energy sector was flat higher despite strength in crude oil prices, which were boosted by massive production cuts in the U.S. Gulf Coast as Tropical Storm Laura strengthened to a Category 1 hurricane. Canadian bank quarterly earnings season kicked off with Bank of Montreal and Bank of Nova Scotia this morning. Bank of Montreal shares rose after its third quarter adjusted profit beat analyst expectations amid strength in its wealth management and capital markets operations. Bank of Nova Scotia fell after missing analyst profit estimates as Latin America, where its international banking unit is focused, was hit by the pandemic later than North America.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Bank of Montreal	\$81.23	\$4.38	5.70%
Cameco Corp	\$14.56	\$0.51	3.63%
Shopify Inc	\$1,365.11	\$44.18	3.34%
Sienna Senior Living Inc	\$10.92	\$0.33	3.12%
Lightspeed POS Inc	\$42.20	\$1.15	2.80%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc	\$20.73	-\$0.90	-4.16%
Pason Systems Inc	\$6.04	-\$0.26	-4.13%
Canfor Corp	\$17.46	-\$0.72	-3.96%
North West Company Inc	\$29.73	-\$1.08	-3.51%
West Fraser Timber Co Ltd	\$71.17	-\$2.55	-3.46%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	83.4	0.08	0.10%	-42.86%
MATERIALS	336.46	-2.74	-0.81%	25.36%
UTILITIES	295.39	-1.82	-0.61%	2.29%
FINANCIALS	275.3	1.10	0.40%	-12.73%
INDUSTRIALS	301.28	-0.57	-0.19%	5.35%
HEALTH CARE	50.95	0.13	0.26%	-33.33%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	193.3	-1.41	-0.72%	-3.86%
CONS. STAPLES	652.52	-7.88	-1.19%	5.39%
INFO TECH.	167.85	0.20	0.12%	42.33%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	165	-0.46	-0.28%	-7.92%
REAL ESTATE	278.41	-1.16	-0.41%	-19.63%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.29%	0.42%	0.59%	1.10%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.16%	0.29%	0.69%	1.39%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$43.35	\$0.730	1.71%	-29.05%
NATURAL GAS	\$2.49	-\$0.028	-1.11%	13.52%
GOLD	\$1,912.00	-\$15.700	-0.81%	25.83%
COPPER	\$2.93	\$0.008	0.27%	4.89%
CAD / USD	\$0.7588	\$0.0024	0.32%	-1.45%
CAD / EUR	€0.6413	-€0.0003	-0.05%	-6.60%
USD / EUR	€0.8451	-€0.0031	-0.37%	-5.23%
USD / JPY	¥106.41	¥0.44	0.42%	-2.03%

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