

# Market Review



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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	28,331.92	83.48	0.30%	29568.57	18213.65	-0.72%
S&P 500	3,478.73	35.11	1.02%	3444.21	2191.86	7.67%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	11,665.06	198.59	1.73%	11468.26	6631.42	30.01%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	16,789.97	172.49	1.04%	17970.51	11172.73	-1.60%
STOXX EUROPE 50	3,016.66	20.15	0.67%	3539.89	2260.11	-11.35%
FTSE 100	6,045.60	8.59	0.14%	7689.67	4898.79	-19.85%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	13,190.15	128.53	0.98%	13795.24	8255.65	-0.44%
CAC40	5,048.43	40.16	0.80%	6111.41	3632.06	-15.55%
Nikkei 225 Index	23,290.86	-5.91	-0.03%	24115.95	16358.19	-1.55%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,491.79	5.57	0.02%	29174.92	21139.26	-9.57%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,329.74	-43.84	-1.30%	3458.79	2646.80	9.17%

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### Mega-Cap stocks lift the S&P500 and Nasdaq to fresh record highs

The S&P500 and Nasdaq hit record highs on Wednesday, driven by continued momentum in mega-cap stocks that have thrived during the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the information technology, communications services and consumer discretionary sectors led the gains on the S&P500. Energy and utilities were the worst performing sectors. Corporate earnings were also in focus. Salesforce.com, which is set to enter the blue-chip Dow index next week, surged to a record high after reporting a top and bottom-line beat, and it raised its full year revenue forecast on surging demand for its online business software. Hewlett Packard Enterprises rose after its quarterly results and profit guidance exceeded expectations. Retailers reported mixed results. Dick Sporting Goods jumped after reporting better than expected earnings and revenues as it saw increased demand for exercise equipment. Urban Outfitters surged after reporting a surprise quarterly profit. Meanwhile, Nordstrom shares sank after reporting a bigger than expected loss and a 53% fall in sales. In other corporate news, Moderna rose after reporting encouraging interim data from early stage COVID-19 vaccine study. The company said its experimental vaccine induced an immune response that was similar in older and in younger participants.

The U.S. dollar was little changed a day ahead of a highly anticipated speech by U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell at the virtual Jackson Hole Symposium before markets open on Thursday. Investors expect Mr. Powell to address the central bank's policy framework review, and that he may outline a more accommodative approach to inflation which would open the door for easier monetary policy for a longer period. Meanwhile, today's economic data showed new orders for U.S. durable goods increased in 11.2% July, well ahead of economist expectations of a 4.8% print. July's growth stemmed mostly from a 35.6% increase in the transportation category. Excluding transportation, orders were up 2.4% in July, versus consensus at 2.0%. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, increased 1.9% last month, a slower pace than the 4.3% gain in June. Separately, the weekly MBA Mortgage Applications Index declined 6.5% following a 3.3% decrease in the prior week.

Canada's TSX Composite Index rose on Wednesday, however, sector performance was mixed. The financials sector provided the biggest boost to the index, supported by gains in National Bank of Canada and Royal Bank of Canada after they reported stronger than expected third quarter results. The materials sector rose, as base metals and precious metals producers tracked the commodity prices higher. The energy sector traded sharply lower, even as crude oil prices edged higher. Crude oil prices hovered near a 5-month high as U.S. producers shut in 84% of its production in the offshore Gulf of Mexico ahead of Category 4 Hurricane Laura. However, renewed concerns about the demand outlook during the COVID-19 pandemic limited gains.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
BlackBerry Ltd	\$6.70	\$0.40	6.35%
Aritzia Inc	\$19.14	\$1.13	6.27%
Silvercrest Metals Inc	\$12.23	\$0.62	5.34%
Shopify Inc	\$1,434.41	\$69.30	5.08%
Hudbay Minerals Inc	\$5.60	\$0.27	5.07%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Westshore Terminals Investment Corp	\$16.15	-\$2.00	-11.02%
Seven Generations Energy Ltd	\$4.22	-\$0.23	-5.17%
Whitecap Resources Inc	\$2.50	-\$0.13	-4.94%
Enerplus Corp	\$3.66	-\$0.18	-4.69%
Crescent Point Energy Corp	\$2.40	-\$0.10	-4.00%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	81.52	-1.88	-2.25%	-44.15%
MATERIALS	344.02	7.56	2.25%	28.17%
UTILITIES	295.45	0.06	0.02%	2.31%
FINANCIALS	280.05	4.75	1.73%	-11.23%
INDUSTRIALS	301.75	0.47	0.16%	5.52%
HEALTH CARE	50.79	-0.16	-0.31%	-33.54%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	195.37	2.07	1.07%	-2.83%
CONS. STAPLES	650.15	-2.37	-0.36%	5.01%
INFO TECH.	173.45	5.60	3.34%	47.08%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	164.29	-0.71	-0.43%	-8.32%
REAL ESTATE	278.31	-0.10	-0.04%	-19.66%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.30%	0.42%	0.61%	1.12%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.15%	0.29%	0.69%	1.41%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$43.38	\$0.030	0.07%	-29.00%
NATURAL GAS	\$2.41	-\$0.075	-3.01%	10.28%
GOLD	\$1,926.10	\$14.300	0.75%	26.76%
COPPER	\$2.96	\$0.029	0.97%	5.92%
CAD / USD	\$0.7605	\$0.0015	0.20%	-1.23%
CAD / EUR	€0.6428	€0.0015	0.23%	-6.38%
USD / EUR	€0.8451	€0.0002	0.02%	-5.23%
USD / JPY	¥105.97	-¥0.39	-0.37%	-2.43%

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