

Market Review



INVESTING

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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	27,288.18	140.48	0.52%	29568.57	18213.65	-4.38%
S&P 500	3,315.57	34.51	1.05%	3588.11	2191.86	2.62%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	10,963.64	184.84	1.71%	12074.07	6631.42	22.19%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	16,142.89	161.12	1.01%	17970.51	11172.73	-5.39%
STOXX EUROPE 50	2,900.31	7.51	0.26%	3539.89	2260.11	-14.77%
FTSE 100	5,829.46	25.17	0.43%	7689.67	4898.79	-22.71%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	12,594.39	51.95	0.41%	13795.24	8255.65	-4.94%
CAC40	4,772.84	-19.20	-0.40%	6111.41	3632.06	-20.16%
Nikkei 225 Index	23,360.30	Market Closed		24115.95	16358.19	-1.25%
HANG SENG INDEX	23,716.85	-233.84	-0.98%	29174.92	21139.26	-15.87%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,274.30	-42.63	-1.29%	3458.79	2646.80	7.35%

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U.S. dollar extends recent gains; focus on Fed commentary

The U.S. dollar climbed to a near two-month peak on Tuesday, as investors sought safe-haven assets amid political and economic uncertainty. The surge of virus cases and new lockdown measures in Europe and the U.K. weighed on the prospects for global economic growth. Increased doubts that Washington would reach an agreement to deliver another fiscal stimulus package before the November 3rd presidential election, also weighed on sentiment. Investors were focused on remarks from U.S. Federal Reserve officials. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell testified before a congressional panel to address questions about the emergency measures the central bank has taken to support the economy during the pandemic. In prepared remarks Mr. Powell said that America's economy had shown "marked improvement" since the coronavirus pandemic drove it into a recession, but the path ahead for the economy remains uncertain and the U.S. central bank will do more if needed. He also said that further aid for small businesses impacted by the pandemic, should probably not be funneled through the central bank and that it should be addressed with fiscal stimulus. Separately, Chicago Federal Reserve President Charles Evans said further quantitative easing may not provide additional lift to the economy and that he doesn't see open-ended quantitative easing as an important part of the answer. He said that the U.S. economy risks a longer, slower recovery and "recessionary dynamics" if Congress fails to pass another fiscal support package.

The U.S. major averages traded higher on Tuesday. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite outperformed, boosted by sharp gains in mega-cap FAANG stocks and Microsoft. The consumer discretionary, technology and communications services sectors provided the biggest boost to the S&P500; whereas financials and energy were the biggest drags. In corporate news, Amazon.com shares surged more than 4% following an upgrade to outperform by Bernstein. Tesla shares fell ahead of its Battery Day event this afternoon and Oracle slipped on reports that Beijing was unlikely to approve its proposed deal for ByteDance's TikTok. Economic data showed U.S. home sales surged to their highest level in nearly 14 years in August as housing demand remains robust. Existing home sales rose 2.4% in August, in line with economist expectations. Sales were up 10.5% from a year ago and is back to pre-COVID-19 levels of early 2020. Home prices rose 11.7% from a year ago in August supported by a lack of supply and low interest rates.

Canada's TSX Composite Index rose in a choppy trading session. The energy sector fluctuated between gains and losses, tracking crude oil prices, but ended the day up more than 1%. Financials demonstrated relative weakness, pressured by concerns of lower profitability and lower interest rates after economists said that Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem is likely signing up for inflation running above target as he seeks an economic recovery, making the Bank of Canada just as dovish as the U.S. Federal Reserve. Investors await

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Aurora Cannabis Inc	\$9.73	\$1.28	15.15%
Metro Inc	\$63.57	\$3.09	5.11%
Aritzia Inc	\$17.45	\$0.78	4.68%
Mullen Group Ltd	\$9.41	\$0.42	4.67%
Gildan Activewear Inc	\$26.55	\$1.10	4.32%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Eldorado Gold Corp	\$14.19	-\$0.64	-4.32%
Trillium Therapeutics Inc	\$19.43	-\$0.72	-3.57%
Bausch Health Companies Inc	\$21.24	-\$0.75	-3.41%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd	\$12.90	-\$0.43	-3.23%
Martinrea International Inc	\$9.50	-\$0.23	-2.36%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	68.56	0.70	1.03%	-53.03%
MATERIALS	341.34	1.41	0.41%	27.18%
UTILITIES	298.94	4.47	1.52%	3.52%
FINANCIALS	265.41	0.11	0.04%	-15.87%
INDUSTRIALS	300.93	3.68	1.24%	5.23%
HEALTH CARE	49.15	0.10	0.20%	-35.68%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	185.78	2.54	1.39%	-7.60%
CONS. STAPLES	670.3	21.41	3.30%	8.26%
INFO TECH.	162.84	3.36	2.11%	38.08%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	158.61	2.15	1.37%	-11.49%
REAL ESTATE	270.35	0.36	0.13%	-21.96%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.27%	0.37%	0.56%	1.08%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.14%	0.26%	0.67%	1.42%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$39.60	\$0.240	0.61%	-35.19%
NATURAL GAS	\$1.84	\$0.004	0.22%	-15.99%
GOLD	\$1,913.10	\$11.900	0.63%	25.90%
COPPER	\$3.07	\$0.044	1.44%	9.99%
CAD / USD	\$0.7515	\$0.0002	0.03%	-2.40%
CAD / EUR	€0.6416	€0.0034	0.53%	-6.55%
USD / EUR	€0.8537	€0.0043	0.51%	-4.26%
USD / JPY	¥104.92	¥0.28	0.27%	-3.40%

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