

# Market Review



INVESTING

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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	26,815.44	52.31	0.20%	29568.57	18213.65	-6.04%
S&P 500	3,246.59	9.67	0.30%	3588.11	2191.86	0.49%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	10,672.27	39.28	0.37%	12074.07	6631.42	18.94%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	15,912.26	95.15	0.60%	17970.51	11172.73	-6.75%
STOXX EUROPE 50	2,888.27	-29.12	-1.00%	3539.89	2260.11	-15.13%
FTSE 100	5,822.78	-76.48	-1.30%	7689.67	4898.79	-22.80%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	12,606.57	-36.40	-0.29%	13795.24	8255.65	-4.85%
CAC40	4,762.62	-39.64	-0.83%	6111.41	3632.06	-20.33%
Nikkei 225 Index	23,087.82	-258.67	-1.11%	24115.95	16358.19	-2.40%
HANG SENG INDEX	23,311.07	-431.44	-1.82%	29174.92	21139.26	-17.31%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,223.18	-56.53	-1.72%	3458.79	2646.80	5.67%

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### Growth stocks gain on concerns of slowing economic recovery

The U.S. major averages rose in a choppy trading session on Thursday, as investors continue to grapple with uncertainties surrounding the U.S. election, a surge in coronavirus cases, fiscal stimulus, and the slowing economic recovery. The major indices opened lower but rebounded as investors returned to the mega cap growth stocks that are perceived to perform better in periods of economic uncertainty. In corporate news, E.W. Scripps surged after the broadcaster agreed to buy entertainment firm ION Media in a US\$2.65 billion deal. Accenture slid after reporting a revenue miss and disappointing guidance. CarMax dropped, despite reporting a top and bottom-line beat, as it faces an inventory shortage of used cars. Darden Restaurants jumped after reporting a profit beat and raising its earnings guidance.

Focus was on U.S. jobless claims, which unexpectedly rose last week, supporting the view that the recovery from the pandemic was losing momentum as fiscal stimulus fades. Weekly jobless claimed increased by 4,000 to 870,000 compared to economist expectations for 840,000 claims. Data for the previous week was revised to show 6,000 more applications than previously reported. Continuing claims dropped 167,000 to 12.58 million, which economists attributed to people exhausting their eligibility for benefits. The report showed that the job losses have spread to industries such as financial services and technology that were not initially impacted by the mandated business closures in mid-March because of insufficient demand. Today's data underscored the distress in the labour market and put pressure on Congress and the White House to come up with another fiscal relief bill. However, the prospect of this occurring ahead of the November 3rd election continues to diminish, despite Federal Reserve officials' warnings this week that fiscal stimulus was required to support the economic recovery. A separate report showed the underlying strength of the housing market. U.S. new home sales surged 4.8% to a 14-year high in August, blowing past economist estimates for a 1% drop to 895,000 units. July's sales pace was revised upward to 965,000 units from the previously reported 901,000 units.

Canada's TSX Composite Index reversed early losses, lifted by a rebound in energy and materials stocks. Investors continued to weigh the impact of the Liberal government's Throne Speech on Wednesday, where it pledged boost public spending to support a domestic economic recovery, while giving few details on the cost of those plans and how it plans to finance the additional spending. An economic update, including fiscal projections, will be released later this fall.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Kinross Gold Corp	\$11.79	\$0.79	7.18%
MAG Silver Corp	\$20.61	\$1.37	7.12%
Teranga Gold Corp	\$13.79	\$0.87	6.73%
Iamgold Corp	\$5.11	\$0.30	6.24%
Lundin Gold Inc	\$11.52	\$0.63	5.79%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Aphria Inc	\$5.62	-\$0.31	-5.23%
Ballard Power Systems Inc	\$18.99	-\$0.99	-4.95%
Great Canadian Gaming Corp	\$22.95	-\$0.86	-3.61%
Bausch Health Companies Inc	\$20.32	-\$0.74	-3.51%
Seven Generations Energy Ltd	\$3.94	-\$0.10	-2.48%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	67.83	0.96	1.44%	-53.53%
MATERIALS	332.28	8.29	2.56%	23.80%
UTILITIES	295.79	0.70	0.24%	2.43%
FINANCIALS	263.24	0.99	0.38%	-16.56%
INDUSTRIALS	299.69	1.11	0.37%	4.80%
HEALTH CARE	45.58	-0.99	-2.13%	-40.36%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	188.26	1.70	0.91%	-6.37%
CONS. STAPLES	671.95	1.11	0.17%	8.53%
INFO TECH.	159.86	-0.43	-0.27%	35.55%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	157.17	0.59	0.38%	-12.29%
REAL ESTATE	267.08	2.18	0.82%	-22.90%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.26%	0.35%	0.56%	1.08%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.14%	0.28%	0.66%	1.40%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$40.22	\$0.290	0.73%	-34.17%
NATURAL GAS	\$2.18	\$0.054	2.54%	-0.46%
GOLD	\$1,864.50	\$4.600	0.25%	22.70%
COPPER	\$2.96	-\$0.032	-1.07%	5.99%
CAD / USD	\$0.7490	\$0.0021	0.28%	-2.73%
CAD / EUR	€0.6417	€0.0013	0.20%	-6.54%
USD / EUR	€0.8567	-€0.0007	-0.08%	-3.93%
USD / JPY	¥105.40	¥0.03	0.03%	-2.96%

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