

Market Review



INVESTING

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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	28,425.51	122.05	0.43%	29568.57	18213.65	-0.40%
S&P 500	3,446.83	27.38	0.80%	3588.11	2191.86	6.69%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	11,420.98	56.38	0.50%	12074.07	6631.42	27.29%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	16,534.54	106.24	0.65%	17970.51	11172.73	-3.10%
STOXX EUROPE 50	2,934.70	22.83	0.78%	3539.89	2260.11	-13.76%
FTSE 100	5,978.03	31.78	0.53%	7689.67	4898.79	-20.74%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	13,042.21	113.64	0.88%	13795.24	8255.65	-1.56%
CAC40	4,911.94	29.94	0.61%	6111.41	3632.06	-17.83%
Nikkei 225 Index	23,647.07	224.25	0.96%	24115.95	16358.19	-0.04%
HANG SENG INDEX	24,193.35	-49.51	-0.20%	29174.92	21139.26	-14.18%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,218.05	-6.31	-0.20%	3458.79	2646.80	5.51%

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Bank of Canada keeps door open to possibility of negative rates.

Canadian equities rose today, following U.S. peers higher. Energy shares advanced as Oil futures rose more than 3% after Gulf of Mexico producers shut in 1.5 million barrels a day of crude production ahead of the storm that's expected to slam into the Louisiana coast on Friday. Pot stocks also rose after Kamala Harris comment during the U.S. Vice-Presidential debate yesterday. Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem via videoconference defended the Bank's monetary policy during the pandemic, saying it supported the recovery, but cautioned the necessary moves will heighten vulnerabilities in the future. He also added that negative interest rates remain an option, even if policy makers aren't currently considering such a move. The comments showed investors that the central bank remains open to the possibility of further rate cuts. The Bank of Canada's current policy rate is at a record-low 0.25%. The Canadian dollar was little changed following the comments. On the economic front, Canadian housing starts fell by more than expected in September compared with the previous month as groundbreaking tumbled on multiple unit urban homes, data from the national housing agency showed today. The seasonally adjusted annualized rate of housing starts fell by 20.1% to 208,980 units from a revised 261,547 units in August.

U.S. stocks rose to almost five-week highs as traders shifted through conflicting comments on additional stimulus measures, while economic data showed a recovery in the labor market struggled to gain momentum. Two days after calling off talks on a comprehensive bill, Trump said some discussions were ongoing with Democrats about boosting support for U.S. airlines and providing Americans with \$1,200 stimulus checks. Meanwhile, Pelosi said there won't be a standalone bill on airlines without a guarantee the other stimulus items are going to be addressed. Still, market gains were largely led by the real estate and utilities sectors, both considered defensive plays. U.S. Treasury prices also edged higher, suggesting a cautious mood across financial markets. International Business Machines Corp rose 5.1% after saying it was splitting itself into two public companies, capping its years-long effort to diversify away from its legacy businesses to focus on high-margin cloud computing. Eaton Vance Corp surged almost 50% after Morgan Stanley agreed to buy the asset manager for about \$7 billion in a cash-and-stock deal.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Canopy Growth Corp	\$23.24	\$2.67	12.98%
Bausch Health Companies Inc	\$23.84	\$2.50	11.72%
Aphria Inc	\$7.49	\$0.70	10.31%
Aurora Cannabis Inc	\$6.73	\$0.61	9.97%
Vermilion Energy Inc	\$3.75	\$0.32	9.33%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Ballard Power Systems Inc	\$23.29	-\$1.03	-4.24%
Brookfield Renewable Partners LP	\$67.63	-\$2.81	-3.99%
Westshore Terminals Investment Corp	\$14.46	-\$0.45	-3.02%
Real Matters Inc	\$25.37	-\$0.62	-2.39%
Dollarama Inc	\$51.65	-\$0.86	-1.64%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	69.77	3.35	5.04%	-52.20%
MATERIALS	330.04	3.34	1.02%	22.97%
UTILITIES	313.02	-0.58	-0.18%	8.39%
FINANCIALS	275.17	-0.04	-0.01%	-12.77%
INDUSTRIALS	311.48	-1.05	-0.34%	8.92%
HEALTH CARE	52.51	3.92	8.07%	-31.29%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	205.96	3.24	1.60%	2.43%
CONS. STAPLES	669.34	-2.41	-0.36%	8.11%
INFO TECH.	169.4	-0.31	-0.18%	43.64%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	161.3	1.42	0.89%	-9.99%
REAL ESTATE	282.71	2.95	1.05%	-18.39%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.23%	0.38%	0.62%	1.22%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.15%	0.33%	0.78%	1.58%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$41.26	\$1.310	3.28%	-32.47%
NATURAL GAS	\$2.64	\$0.029	1.11%	20.37%
GOLD	\$1,890.80	\$7.200	0.38%	24.44%
COPPER	\$3.04	\$0.007	0.21%	8.84%
CAD / USD	\$0.7577	\$0.0001	0.01%	-1.60%
CAD / EUR	€0.6443	€0.0001	0.02%	-6.16%
USD / EUR	€0.8503	€0.0000	0.00%	-4.64%
USD / JPY	¥106.02	¥0.01	0.01%	-2.38%

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