



# Asian Stocks Edge Up, US Dollar Weakens on ECB Remarks Boosting Investor Confidence

## Description

Asian shares saw a slight increase on Tuesday, while the dollar continued to weaken for the third consecutive session. This comes as expectations of a European rate cut rise, boosting risk appetite among investors. However, gains were limited as investors await key inflation readings later in the week.

European markets are expected to open slightly stronger, with EUROSTOXX 50 futures up 0.2%. The European Central Bank's indication of potential interest rate cuts due to slowing inflation has influenced market sentiment. Wall Street stock futures also rose in anticipation of two rate cuts by October this year.

In Asia, the MSCI broadest index outside Japan rose 0.2%, following a 0.9% increase on Monday. While Taiwanese shares reached a record high, Japan's Nikkei slipped 0.2%. Analysts suggest that the Hang Seng has room for further growth, supported by positive data on the Chinese economy.

Looking ahead, key events this week include U.S. figures on core personal consumption expenditures and eurozone inflation data on Friday. The dollar remained weak against major currencies, while oil prices and gold prices saw gains.

Overall, market participants are cautiously optimistic as they navigate through potential rate cuts and economic data releases. The global economy continues to show signs of recovery, albeit with some uncertainty.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Consecutive** // (adjective): Following continuously in order.
2. **Anticipation** // (noun): The act of looking forward to or expecting something.
3. **Sentiment** // (noun): A view or attitude towards a situation or event.
4. **Optimistic** // (adjective): Having a positive outlook on a situation.
5. **Uncertainty** // (noun): The state of being unsure or not definite.
6. **Influence** // (noun): The capacity to have an effect on the characterbehavior or development of someone or something.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to events happening one after the other without interruption?  
Option: Consecutive  
Option: Influence  
Option: Anticipation  
Option: Threshold
2. Which term is used when someone makes a statement without providing proof?  
Option: Manipulating  
Option: Lawsuit  
Option: Allegation  
Option: Relocation
3. Which term refers to an attitude thought or judgment?  
Option: Surge  
Option: Optimistic  
Option: Sentiment  
Option: Participant
4. Which word describes an event causing severe emotional distress?  
Option: Racial discrimination



- Option: Complaint
- Option: Traumatic
- Option: Humiliating

5. Which term means resolved or concluded?

- Option: Settled
- Option: Alternative
- Option: Short Squeeze
- Option: Screenshot

6. Which term refers to the capacity to have an effect on the character development or behavior of someone or something?

- Option: Influence
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Contraception
- Option: Threshold

7. What is the term for trading in the stock exchange based on confidential information?

- Option: Investor
- Option: Insider trading
- Option: Uncertainty
- Option: Dominating

8. Which term describes a significant development or discovery?

- Option: Breakthrough
- Option: Contraception
- Option: Surge
- Option: Violation

9. What term describes the action of moving to a new place or position?

- Option: Participants
- Option: Threshold
- Option: Relocation
- Option: Consecutive

10. Which word describes information that is intended to be kept secret or private?

- Option: Alternative
- Option: Confidential
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Lawsuit



**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to hesitation and indecision.
12. A \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when a heavily shorted stock moves sharply higher forcing traders to buy it to avoid further losses.
13. If you have a \_\_\_\_\_ you should report it to the relevant authorities.
14. In some sports a team can be so strong that it becomes \_\_\_\_\_.
15. There was a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ in the number of visitors to the website after the new feature was launched.
16. The audience waited in eager \_\_\_\_\_ for the announcement of the winner.
17. Our environment \_\_\_\_\_ our behavior more than we realize.
18. Some people have a low \_\_\_\_\_ for pain while others can tolerate much more.
19. Accusations of \_\_\_\_\_ market prices can lead to serious consequences.
20. The plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_ that the defendant breached the contract.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. A legal action started by a plaintiff against a defendant based on a complaint.
22. Unfair treatment based on race that may occur in various settings.
23. Causing someone to feel ashamed or foolish.
24. An option or choice that can be substituted for another.
25. Someone who takes part in an event or activity.
26. Methods or devices used to prevent pregnancy.



27. Someone who takes part in an event or activity.
28. The level at which something begins to have an effect or the minimum required.
29. Having control or power over others.
30. To initiate legal proceedings against someone.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Consecutive 2. Allegation 3. Sentiment 4. Traumatic 5. Settled 6. Influence 7. Insider trading 8. Breakthrough 9. Relocation 10. Confidential

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Uncertainty 12. Short Squeeze 13. Complaint 14. Dominating 15. Surge 16. Anticipation 17. Influences 18. Threshold 19. Manipulating 20. Alleges

**Matching sentence:** 1. Lawsuit 2. Racial discrimination 3. Humiliating 4. Alternative 5. Participant 6. Contraception 7. Participant 8. Threshold 9. Dominating 10. Sue

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