



Latest updates on the stock market

Description

Last week, the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) saw a sharp rise in its 10-day rate of change indicator, reaching its highest level since April. Analyst Michael Welch from Canaccord Genuity highlighted that in the past two years, whenever this indicator hit the level of 32, the stock market experienced a pullback of 2% to 10%, except for one instance. The VIX, known as Wall Street's "fear gauge," provides insight into market volatility.

Looking ahead, the launch of Ether ETFs in the U.S. on Tuesday is anticipated, following the successful debut of bitcoin funds six months ago. Major asset managers like BlackRock, Fidelity, and VanEck, alongside crypto-focused firms such as Bitwise and Grayscale, are preparing to introduce these funds. Despite expectations of lower initial demand compared to bitcoin ETFs, which have garnered over \$16 billion in net inflows, the approval of these ether funds signifies the growing integration of crypto assets into the traditional financial system.

After hours trading saw some notable shifts in the market, with companies like Cadence Design Systems, Crown Holdings, and NXP Semiconductors experiencing varying reactions based on their earnings guidance and performance. Overall, stock futures for the Dow, S&P 500, and Nasdaq 100 remained stable, signaling a relatively flat start to the trading day.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Volatility** /ˌvɒl.ə'tɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The tendency to change quickly and unpredictably especially for the worse!
2. **Indicator** /'ɪn.dɪ.keɪ.tər/ (noun): A sign that shows the state or level of something.
3. **Anticipated** /æn'tɪs.ɪ.peɪ.tɪd/ (verb/adjective): Expected or predicted.
4. **Integration** /,ɪn.tɪ'greɪ.jən/ (noun): The process of combining or incorporating parts into a whole.
5. **Performing** /pər'fɔːr.mɪŋ/ (verb): Carrying out or executing an action or task.
6. **Guidance** /'gaɪ.dəns/ (noun): Advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) often referred to as?



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- Option: A) Fear gauge
Option: B) Profit indicator
Option: C) Stability meter
Option: D) Volatility predictor
2. According to Michael Welch when the VIX indicator hit the level of 32 in the past two years what typically happened to the stock market?
- Option: A) Pullback of 5% to 15%
Option: B) Increase of 10%
Option: C) Pullback of 2% to 10%
Option: D) Stability maintained
3. Which major asset managers are mentioned as preparing to introduce Ether ETFs in the U.S.?
- Option: A) Vanguard and State Street
Option: B) BlackRock and Fidelity
Option: C) J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley
Option: D) Wells Fargo and Citigroup
4. What reaction did stock futures for Dow S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 show after after-hours trading?
- Option: A) Significant decrease
Option: B) High volatility
Option: C) Stability
Option: D) Sudden surge
5. What type of companies experienced varying reactions in after-hours trading based on their earnings guidance and performance?
- Option: A) Pharmaceutical companies
Option: B) Technology companies
Option: C) Financial institutions
Option: D) Semiconductor companies
6. Which term best describes the VIX's 10-day rate of change indicator rising to its highest level since April?
- Option: A) Euphoric increase
Option: B) Subtle decline
Option: C) Sharp rise
Option: D) Sudden plateau

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A) Fear gauge 2. C) Pullback of 2% to 10% 3. B) BlackRock and Fidelity 4. C) Stability
5. D) Semiconductor companies 6. C) Sharp rise



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term is used to determine the current worth of a company or asset?
Option: A) Aspire
Option: B) Valuation
Option: C) Manufacturing
Option: D) Investment
2. Which term describes the ability to adjust to new conditions or challenges?
Option: A) Resistance
Option: B) Adaptable
Option: C) Momentum
Option: D) Structure
3. What term pertains to the production consumption and transfer of wealth?
Option: A) Optimistic
Option: B) Economic
Option: C) Subsidies
Option: D) Guidance
4. What term refers to the process of combining different parts into a whole?
Option: A) Anticipated
Option: B) Integration
Option: C) Performing
Option: D) Plunge
5. Which term signifies the strength or force that allows something to continue or grow stronger?
Option: A) Significant
Option: B) Momentum
Option: C) Restructuring
Option: D) Turbulence
6. What process involves examining something in detail to understand it better?



- Option: A) Plunge
- Option: B) Analysis
- Option: C) Resistance
- Option: D) Leverage

7. What term means to give assistance or backup to someone or something?

- Option: A) Volatility
- Option: B) Support
- Option: C) Indicator
- Option: D) Valuation

8. Which term describes using borrowed funds for investment expecting the profits to be greater than the interest payable?

- Option: A) Lever
- Option: B) Guidance
- Option: C) Leverage
- Option: D) Volatility

9. What term characterizes something that is intricate or challenging to understand?

- Option: A) Navigating
- Option: B) Complicated
- Option: C) Aspire
- Option: D) Subsidies

10. Which term describes something that is expected or predicted to happen?

- Option: A) Anticipated
- Option: B) Optimistic
- Option: C) Structure
- Option: D) Integration

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

11. _____ is the act of opposing or withstanding something.

12. The action or process of investing money for profit or material result is called _____.

13. The economy _____ after a brief downturn.

14. The aviation industry faced _____ during the storm.

15. He sought _____ from his mentor to make the right decision.



16. The _____ of the new product exceeded expectations.
17. The team provided _____ to their leader during a challenging time.
18. Employees who are _____ can easily adjust to changes in the work environment.
19. Sales and revenue are key _____ of a company's financial health.
20. The _____ of the property was higher than expected.

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

21. The discovery of a new species was a milestone in the field of biology.
22. The sector contributes significantly to the country's GDP.
23. Many young students to have successful careers in science and technology.
24. The stock market took a sudden due to economic uncertainty.
25. Despite the challenges he remained about the future of the project.
26. The company announced a plan to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
27. The company invested in training programs to enhance the skills of its .
28. Investors were cautious due to the in the stock market.
29. The team successfully through the complex regulatory environment.
30. The government provided to support the development of renewable energy projects.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B) Valuation 2. B) Adaptable 3. B) Economic 4. B) Integration 5. B) Momentum 6. B) Analysis 7. B) Support 8. C) Leverage 9. B) Complicated 10. A) Anticipated

Gap-Fill: 11. Resistance 12. Investment 13. rebounded 14. turbulence 15. guidance 16. performance 17. support 18. adaptable 19. indicators 20. valuation

Matching sentence: 1. significant 2. manufacturing 3. aspire 4. plunge 5. optimistic 6. restructuring 7. workforce 8. volatility 9. navigating 10. subsidies



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