

Live updates from the stock market today

Description

European stocks opened lower on Tuesday as the benchmark Stoxx 600 index was down by 1.2% by 9 a.m. London time, reaching its lowest level since March 7. All sectors were trading in the red, with the U.K.'s FTSE 100, France's CAC 40, and Germany's DAX all lower by 1.3%. This decline comes as global markets face uncertainty amid geopolitical tensions and concerns about rising inflation.

In China, economic data released showed a mixed picture. Industrial output for March grew 4.5% year-on-year, below expectations of a 6% expansion. Meanwhile, retail sales in the country grew by 3.1%, falling short of the anticipated 4.6% growth. However, China's economy still managed to grow by 5.3% in the first quarter, surpassing expectations of 4.6% growth. Beijing has set a growth target of around 5% for 2024.

In the U.S., Live Nation Entertainment shares tumbled more than 7% in after-hours trading following reports that the U.S. Department of Justice is planning to sue the parent company of Ticketmaster for antitrust violations. The VIX index, Wall Street's "fear index," also closed at its highest level since the beginning of the current bull market in late October. This indicates that investors are preparing for increased market volatility in the coming days.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Benchmark** // (noun): A standard or point of reference against which things may be compared.
2. **Geopolitical** // (adjective): Relating to politics especially international relations as influenced by geographical factors.
3. **Anticipated** // (adjective): Expected or predicted.
4. **Volatility** // (noun): The likelihood of large price movements in a market or security over a short period.
5. **Transacted** // (verb): To carry out a business deal or agreement.
6. **Antitrust** // (adjective): Opposing or intended to prevent trusts or other monopolies which are unfair restraints of trade.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is used as a standard measurement or reference point for comparison?

Option: Benchmark
Option: Revenue

Option: Invest

Option: Chipmaker

2. Which term refers to laws that regulate and prevent monopolistic practices?

Option: Antitrust

Option: Volatility

Option: Transition

Option: Dividends

3. Which term describes having a positive outlook or expectation?

Option: Subscription

Option: Optimistic

Option: Maximize

Option: Organic

4. What is the term for activities involving the buying and selling of goods or services?

Option: Unlimited

Option: Entrepreneurs

Option: Transacted

Option: Benefit

5. Which term best describes something strong sturdy or resilient?

Option: Sentiment

Option: Robust

Option: Convenience

Option: Confrontations

6. Which term signifies a significant achievement or event marking progress?

Option: Geopolitical

Option: Revenue

Option: Antitrust

Option: Milestone

7. What term refers to the introduction of new ideas methods or products?

Option: Invest

Option: Bolstered

Option: Innovation

Option: Decisively

8. What term signifies a change from one state or condition to another?

Option: Dividends

Option: Transition

Option: Shareholder

Option: Benchmark

9. Who is a person who owns shares in a company?

Option: Anticipated

Option: Shareholder

Option: Benefit

Option: Exceptional

10. What term is used for individuals who start a new business or venture?

Option: Chipmaker

Option: Entrepreneurs

Option: Revenue

Option: Volatility

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

11. The _____ landscape greatly influences global business strategies.

12. The company aims to increase its _____ through new product launches.

13. Many individuals choose to _____ in diverse portfolios for long-term growth.

14. Market _____ can impact investor decisions and stock prices.

15. The goal is to _____ efficiency and minimize costs to increase profits.

16. The company offers a monthly _____ service for access to premium content.

17. Employees can enjoy various health _____ provided by the company.

18. The store's online platform offers customers great _____ for shopping.

19. The company prides itself on delivering _____ customer service.

20. Subscribers can enjoy _____ downloads of digital content with their membership.

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

21. The new product launch was highly by industry analysts.

22. Stock markets can experience periods of high due to economic uncertainties.

23. The strategic partnership the company's market position.

24. The technology sector benefits from innovations by leading companies.

25. The board of directors acted to approve the merger agreement.

26. The presentation concluded by the importance of sustainability practices.

27. Political can impact trade agreements between countries.

28. Legal decisions often set a for similar cases in the future.

29. As a you have rights to vote on important company matters.

30. Investors receive periodic payouts called from profitable companies.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Benchmark 2. Antitrust 3. Optimistic 4. Transacted 5. Robust 6. Milestone 7. Innovation 8. Transition 9. Shareholder 10. Entrepreneurs

Gap-Fill: 11. Geopolitical 12. Revenue 13. Invest 14. Sentiment 15. Maximize 16. Subscription 17. Benefit 18. Convenience 19. Exceptional 20. Unlimited

Matching sentence: 1. Anticipated 2. Volatility 3. Bolstered 4. Chipmaker 5. Decisively 6. Emphasizing 7. Confrontations 8. Precedent 9. Shareholder 10. Dividends

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