



Live Updates on Today's Stock Market

Description

Stock futures in the U.S. are slightly down as investors assess corporate earnings before a key inflation report. The week looks set to end on a negative note after a strong month for stocks.

Some notable movements include Dell Technologies dropping 16% despite positive first-quarter results, while Zscaler surged 14%. The apparel retailer Gap saw a 21% increase, but department store chain Nordstrom fell over 6%.

Concerns about volatility in the market have arisen, with worries that the recent tech stock rally may be masking broader weakness. Jeff deGraff from Renaissance Macro Research advised caution, noting that the market may consolidate over the summer.

Economists are looking ahead to the April personal consumption expenditure data, expecting a slight decrease in core PCE year-over-year increase.

Overall, stocks are heading towards a positive end to the month, with the Dow up 0.8%, the S&P 500 higher by 4%, and the Nasdaq Composite on track for its best month since November 2023.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Assess** // (verb): To evaluate or estimate the natureabilityor quality of something.
2. **Surged** // (verb): To suddenly increase or move forward powerfully.
3. **Consolidate** // (verb): To make something physically stronger or more solidto combine several things into a single more effective or coherent whole.
4. **Volatility** // (noun): The liability of something to change rapidly and unpredictablyespecially for the worse.
5. **Economists** // (noun): A person who studies or practices the science of economics.
6. **Inflation** // (noun): A general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term describes something that is advantageous or helpful?
Option: Touting
Option: Criticism
Option: Exceeded
Option: Beneficial
2. What term refers to the general increase in prices and the fall in the purchasing value of money?
Option: Inflation
Option: Exceeded
Option: Emphasizing
Option: Expertise
3. Which term means to increase suddenly and strongly?
Option: Criticism
Option: Assess
Option: Surged
Option: Consolidate
4. Who are professionals that study the production distribution and consumption of goods and services?
Option: Volatility
Option: Acquired
Option: Economists
Option: Assured
5. What term refers to the action of ordering or authorizing the production of something?



- Option: Commission
- Option: Insights
- Option: Touting
- Option: Pledged

6. Which term describes something done carefully and precisely?

- Option: Skeptical
- Option: Rigorously
- Option: Flurry
- Option: Assured

7. What term refers to customs or beliefs handed down from generation to generation?

- Option: Pledged
- Option: Constituted
- Option: Consolidate
- Option: Traditions

8. Which term best fits the description: Favorable or advantageous?

- Option: Assured
- Option: Beneficial
- Option: Touting
- Option: Speculation

9. What is the term for surpassing a certain level or limit?

- Option: Front-end
- Option: Exceeded
- Option: Inference
- Option: Reluctance

10. Which term represents the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of a situation or someone's motives?

- Option: Acquired
- Option: Insight
- Option: Hyperscalers
- Option: Economists

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

11. Financial markets often react to news with swift movements driven by _____.

12. The policy was _____ by experts for its lack of feasibility.



13. Before making a decision it is important to carefully _____ all available information.
14. Making an _____ requires drawing conclusions based on evidence and reasoning.
15. The company aimed to _____ its position in the market through strategic acquisitions.
16. The government _____ to allocate funds for the development of infrastructure projects.
17. Investors were _____ about the company's ability to deliver on its ambitious targets.
18. The cryptocurrency market is known for its extreme _____ with prices fluctuating rapidly.
19. The tech firm _____ a smaller startup to enhance its artificial intelligence capabilities.
20. _____ like Amazon Web Services provide cloud computing solutions to a global client base.

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

21. The arrival of winter brought a of snow causing disruptions in the city.
22. During the presentation the speaker kept the importance of sustainability practices.
23. The company recruited a renowned professor for his in quantum physics to lead their research department.
24. After assessing the situation the consultant provided a list of actionable to improve efficiency.
25. The developers focused on enhancing the user experience by optimizing the of the website.
26. Harvard University is a prestigious that has produced many notable alumni.



27. The manager the team that the project deadline would be met with their current progress.
28. The company was caught false claims about the effectiveness of its new product.
29. The sales figures for the quarter all expectations leading to a record profit.
30. It is important to preserve cultural to maintain a sense of identity and heritage.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Beneficial 2. Inflation 3. Surged 4. Economists 5. Commission 6. Rigorously 7. Traditions
8. Beneficial 9. Exceeded 10. Insight

Gap-Fill: 11. Speculation 12. Criticized 13. Assess 14. Inference 15. Consolidate 16. Pledged 17. Skeptical
18. Volatility 19. Acquired 20. Hyperscalers

Matching sentence: 1. Flurry 2. Emphasizing 3. Expertise 4. Recommendations 5. Front-end 6. Institution
7. Assured 8. Touting 9. Exceeded 10. Traditions

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