



Mixed Global Stocks Following Another Drop in Nvidia Shares as Hype Around AI Subsides

Description

HONG KONG (AP) — Global stock markets saw a mix of trends on Tuesday following a **downturn** in the tech sector, particularly with Wall Street leader Nvidia, which contributed to a mixed performance for U.S. indexes on Monday.

In early trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average futures were stable, while S&P 500 futures slipped slightly. European markets opened lower, with France's CAC 40 and Germany's DAX both showing losses.

However, Japan's Nikkei 225 **surged** 1%, driven by positive data from the Bank of Japan, showing a slight slowdown in the services producer price index growth compared to previous months.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index managed to recover from earlier losses to close higher, while the Shanghai Composite index dipped slightly. Meanwhile, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 and South Korea's Kospi posted gains.

The recent decline in Nvidia's stock, down nearly 13% in three days, has raised concerns about a possible stock market bubble, despite its **significance** in driving the market's record highs. The stock market's focus remains on the impact of high interest rates and the ongoing AI boom.

In bond markets, Treasury yields eased slightly, prompting **optimism** that inflation may be slowing enough to prompt the Federal Reserve to consider cutting interest rates later this year.

Crude oil prices saw a modest decline in early trading, with U.S. **benchmark** crude oil and Brent crude both registering slight losses.

Overall, global markets continue to navigate uncertainties stemming from the tech sector's performance and broader economic conditions.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Downturn** /?da?n?t?rn/ (noun): A decline in economic, business, or market activity.
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6. **Composite** /kəm'pozɪt/ (noun): Something made up of various parts or elements.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the meaning of the term
Option: A. Rapid increase in market activity
Option: B. Stable market conditions
Option: C. Decline in economic activity
Option: D. Positive growth in business sector
2. What caused the surge in Japan's Nikkei 225 index?
Option: A. Decrease in producer price index
Option: B. Tech sector performance
Option: C. Positive data from Bank of Japan
Option: D. Impact of high interest rates
3. Which market saw a recovery from earlier losses and closed higher?
Option: A. Shanghai Composite index
Option: B. Nikkei 225 index
Option: C. Dow Jones Industrial Average
Option: D. Hang Seng index
4. What is the focus of the stock market amid concerns of a possible bubble?
Option: A. Crude oil prices
Option: B. Inflation rates

Option: C. Tech sector performance

Option: D. Treasury yields

5. What prompted optimism in the bond markets?

Option: A. Increase in interest rates

Option: B. High producer price index

Option: C. Slight decline in Treasury yields

Option: D. Surge in stock market indexes

6. What is the significance of Nvidia's recent decline in stock?

Option: A. Leading to a market bubble

Option: B. Contributing to record market highs

Option: C. Impacting the services producer price index

Option: D. Resulting in lower interest rates

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Decline in economic activity 2. C. Positive data from Bank of Japan 3. D. Hang Seng index 4. C. Tech sector performance 5. C. Slight decline in Treasury yields 6. B. Contributing to record market highs

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which technical indicator is commonly used to identify overbought or oversold conditions in the market?

Option: Relative strength index (RSI)

Option: Breakout rally

Option: Conservatives

Option: Yielding

2. What economic term refers to the general increase in prices of goods and services within an economy over a period of time?

Option: Inflation

Option: Surged

Option: Optimism

Option: Safety

3. What does the central bank adjust to control inflation or stimulate economic growth?

Option: Interest rate

Option: Feature

Option: Determination

Option: Procedure

4. Which term describes the act of continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition?

Option: Persist

Option: Benchmark

Option: Strategic investments

Option: Uncertainties

5. What term describes the rapid and significant price movements in financial markets?

Option: Market volatility

Option: Proverbial

Option: Corrections

Option: Significance

6. Which word means "in the middle of" or "surrounded by" something?

Option: Amidst

Option: Surged

Option: Education

Option: Awareness

7. What term describes the unwillingness or hesitation to do something?

Option: Reluctance

Option: Headline inflation

Option: Safety

Option: Disposition

8. What term refers to a decline or decrease in economic activity?

Option: Downturn

Option: Corrections

Option: Attainable

Option: Feature

9. Which term describes having knowledge or understanding of a particular situation or fact?

Option: Awareness

Option: Surged

Option: Strategic investments

Option: Optimism

10. What term refers to the condition of being protected from harm or danger?

- Option: Safety
- Option: Feature
- Option: Inherit
- Option: Conservatives

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

11. Investors are often attracted to _____ assets for their stable returns.
12. The legal _____ for starting a business can vary from country to country.
13. Success in entrepreneurship often requires strong _____ and resilience.
14. One _____ of the latest smartphone is its enhanced camera capabilities.
15. Despite the challenges there is a sense of _____ among the investors regarding the company's future growth.
16. Some investors prefer _____ strategies that focus on long-term stability over high returns.
17. Setting _____ goals is essential for personal and professional growth.
18. Companies often make _____ to expand their market reach or enhance their technological capabilities.
19. When the media reports on _____ it typically refers to the overall rise in prices of goods and services.
20. The stock price _____ after the company announced record-breaking profits for the quarter.

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

21. A is a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared or assessed.



22. To means to receive money property or a title as an heir at the death of the previous holder.
23. The wisdom about saving for retirement often includes starting early and being consistent.
24. Her friendly made her well-liked among colleagues and clients.
25. are individuals who start their own businesses taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.
26. The positive outlook and confidence in a successful outcome are characteristics of .
27. In times of economic turmoil businesses face increased regarding market stability and consumer behavior.
28. Market are temporary price declines that are considered a natural part of the market cycle.
29. The latest model of the car includes a new safety that alerts the driver of potential collisions.
30. Understanding the of economic indicators is crucial for making informed investment decisions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Relative strength index (RSI) 2. Inflation 3. Interest rate 4. Persist 5. Market volatility
6. Amidst 7. Reluctance 8. Downturn 9. Awareness 10. Safety

Gap-Fill: 11. Yielding 12. Procedure 13. Determination 14. Feature 15. Optimism 16. Conservatives
17. Attainable 18. Strategic investments 19. Headline inflation 20. Surged

Matching sentence: 1. Benchmark 2. Inherit 3. Proverbial 4. Disposition 5. Entrepreneurs 6. Optimism
7. Uncertainties 8. Corrections 9. Feature 10. Significance

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