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## Stock Market Review: Key Updates for 14 April 2026

### Description

Stocks increased on Tuesday, even after peace talks between the United States and Iran faltered, as traders remained hopeful that an agreement could still be reached. The S&P 500 rose by 1.18%, closing at 6,967.38, now just under 1% from its 52-week high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 317.74 points, or 0.66%, finishing at 48,535.99, while the Nasdaq Composite surged by 1.96% to reach 23,639.08.

Technology shares boosted the market again. Oracle increased by 4.7%, following a rise of more than 12% the previous day. Nvidia and Palantir Technologies also reported significant gains. Despite the geopolitical concerns, Wall Street demonstrated resilience, achieving strong results to begin the week. President Donald Trump mentioned that Iran was keen to make a deal, which may have contributed to the optimistic sentiment.

The rise on Monday reversed losses that the S&P 500 had faced since the onset of the Iran conflict. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield commented that while a re-escalation is possible, it seems unlikely, given that the market is adjusting to levels of anxiety about Iran, returning closer to past highs amid a beneficial earnings season.

On Tuesday, a White House official indicated that a second round of negotiations with Tehran may take place, though no firm date had been set. Oil prices shifted direction, with West Texas Intermediate crude futures dropping by 7.87% to \$91.28 a barrel, and Brent crude falling 4.6% to \$94.79. Market sentiment was also aided by the lower-than-expected producer price index for March. However, some companies faced pressure after releasing lackluster earnings. Wells Fargo's disappointing results caused its stock to fall over 5%, while JPMorgan Chase posted better-than-expected figures but reduced its income forecast, leading to a slight decline in its stock price.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **faltered** //ˈfɔltəd// (verb): started to fail or lose strength
2. **surged** //sɜːdʒd// (verb): increased very quickly and suddenly in value
3. **resilience** //rɪˈzɪliəns// (noun): ability to recover or stay strong
4. **sentiment** //ˈsentəmənt// (noun): general feeling people have about something
5. **futures** //ˈfjuːtʃəz// (noun): agreements to buy or sell later
6. **earnings** //ˈɜːnɪŋz// (noun): money a company makes in a period

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What percentage did the S&P 500 rise by on Tuesday?  
Option: 1.18%  
Option: 0.66%  
Option: 1.96%  
Option: 4.7%
  
2. What was the closing value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average?  
Option: 48,535.99  
Option: 91.28  
Option: 94.79  
Option: 6,967.38
  
3. Which company increased by 4.7% following a previous day's gain?  
Option: Nvidia  
Option: Palantir Technologies  
Option: Oracle  
Option: Wells Fargo
  
4. What is the sentiment in the market attributed to according to President Trump?  
Option: Iran's eagerness to deal  
Option: Faltering peace talks  
Option: Losses in the S&P 500  
Option: Lower oil prices
  
5. What was the change in West Texas Intermediate crude futures?  
Option: +7.87%  
Option: -7.87%  
Option: +4.6%  
Option: -4.6%
  
6. Which company's disappointing results caused its stock to fall over 5%?  
Option: JPMorgan Chase  
Option: Wells Fargo  
Option: Oracle  
Option: Nvidia



### True-False

7. The Nasdaq Composite rose by 1.96%.
8. The S&P 500 is now more than 1% above its 52-week high.
9. Oil prices for Brent crude fell by 4.6%.
10. The market sentiment was negatively affected by a higher-than-expected producer price index.
11. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield believes a re-escalation of the Iran conflict is unlikely.
12. JPMorgan Chase reported worse-than-expected earnings, leading to a stock price increase.

### Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 closed at \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
14. President Trump mentioned that Iran was eager to make a \_\_\_\_\_ during the talks.
15. Wells Fargo's disappointing results caused its stock to fall over \_\_\_\_\_ %.
16. Nvidia and Palantir Technologies also reported significant \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
17. West Texas Intermediate crude futures dropped by \_\_\_\_\_ % to \$91.28 a barrel.
18. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield noted the market is adjusting to levels of \_\_\_\_\_ about Iran.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 1.18% 2. 48,535.99 3. Oracle 4. Iran's eagerness to deal 5. -7.87% 6. Wells Fargo

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 6,967.38 14. deal 15. 5 16. gains 17. 7.87 18. anxiety

### Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What is the opposite of 'faltered'?

- Option: stagnated
- Option: paused
- Option: surged
- Option: declined

2. Which term best describes the ability to recover quickly from difficulties?

- Option: vulnerability
- Option: resilience
- Option: apathy
- Option: indifference

3. Which of the following is synonymous with 'sentiment'?

- Option: feeling
- Option: fact
- Option: observation
- Option: data

4. What does 'acquisition' typically refer to in business?

- Option: merger
- Option: investment
- Option: sale
- Option: purchase

5. What is the result of a substance being 'liquefied'?

- Option: frozen
- Option: compressed
- Option: turned into liquid
- Option: expanded

6. What could cause 'disruptions' in a supply chain?

- Option: smooth operations
- Option: external events
- Option: budgeting
- Option: planning

7. What is the primary purpose of 'maintenance'?

- Option: repair
- Option: installation
- Option: purchase



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Option: disposal

8. Which phrase best describes 'mobility'?

- Option: fixed position
- Option: ability to move
- Option: static nature
- Option: inflexibility

9. What does it mean when there is a 'surge' in demand?

- Option: decrease
- Option: stability
- Option: increase
- Option: collapse

10. What does 'initiative' often refer to in a project?

- Option: passiveness
- Option: proactivity
- Option: reaction
- Option: indifference

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

11. A wise \_\_\_\_\_ in the market can yield great returns.
12. After much negotiation, both parties are finally \_\_\_\_\_ their differences.
13. The market is experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_ after a long period of growth.
14. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ performance that impressed the judges.
15. To improve efficiency, companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their resources.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of concert tickets can sometimes lead to inflated prices.
17. Sales have \_\_\_\_\_ since the launch of the new product line.
18. Production had to be \_\_\_\_\_ due to the unexpected circumstances.
19. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ to a more sustainable business model.
20. This antique could \_\_\_\_\_ a high price at the auction.



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

21. Her ambitious goals inspired the whole team to strive for excellence.
22. The volume of transactions increased significantly during the holiday season.
23. The technology sector is known for its rapid advancements and innovations.
24. Depreciation is an important factor to consider when assessing asset values.
25. Many travelers were stranded at the airport due to the snowstorm.
26. The new initiative aims to promote healthy living among employees.
27. The acquisition of the smaller company expanded their market reach.
28. There was a surge in interest for eco-friendly products last year.
29. Regular maintenance of equipment ensures its longevity and reliability.
30. The liquefied gas is stored under pressure for safe transportation.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. surged 2. resilience 3. feeling 4. purchase 5. turned into liquid 6. external events 7. repair 8. ability to move 9. increase 10. proactivity

**Gap-Fill:** 11. investment 12. settling 13. correction 14. outstanding 15. consolidate 16. resale 17. surged 18. ceased 19. transitioning 20. fetch

**Matching sentence:** 1. ambitious 2. volume 3. sector 4. depreciation 5. stranded 6. initiative 7. acquisition 8. surge 9. maintenance 10. liquefied

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