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## Stock Market Update: Key Trends for April 14, 2026

### Description

Stocks experienced an upward shift on Tuesday in the United States, following a robust trading session. This occurred despite the collapse of peace negotiations between the U.S. and Iran, leading traders to maintain an optimistic outlook about a possible future agreement between the two nations.

The S&P 500 index rose by 1.18%, closing at 6,967.38, and is now just below 1% from its 52-week peak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 317.74 points, or 0.66%, ending at 48,535.99. Meanwhile, the Nasdaq Composite saw a significant increase of 1.96%, closing at 23,639.08.

Technology stocks played a crucial role in supporting the market's rise. Notably, Oracle shares surged by 4.7%, building on a previous gain of over 12%. Other technology companies, such as Nvidia and Palantir Technologies, also saw strong performance.

Wall Street demonstrated its resilience amid growing geopolitical tensions, posting substantial gains at the beginning of the week despite the breakdown of U.S.-Iran discussions over the weekend. President Donald Trump remarked that an agreement is still highly sought after by Tehran.

The gains made on Monday helped to recover losses in the S&P 500 that had accumulated since the commencement of hostilities involving Iran.

Ross Mayfield, a strategist at Baird, suggested that while there might be further volatility, the overall market appears to be factoring in existing concerns regarding Iran. On Tuesday, a White House official revealed that a new round of negotiations with Tehran is being contemplated, although no formal schedule has yet been established.

Meanwhile, oil prices reversed their previous gains, with West Texas Intermediate crude futures dropping by 7.87% to \$91.28 per barrel, and Brent crude declining by 4.6% to \$94.79. The release of March's producer price index, which rose less than anticipated, contributed to market sentiments. However, some companies faced challenges; Wells Fargo reported disappointing earnings, leading to a decline in its stock, while JPMorgan Chase's positive Q1 results did not prevent a slight drop following a revision of its income guidance.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **negotiations** //nɪˌɡoʊʃiˈeɪʃənz// (noun): talks to reach an agreement between people
2. **collapse** //kəˈlæps// (noun): a sudden failure or falling apart
3. **optimistic** //ˌɒptəˈmɪstɪk// (adjective): hopeful and expecting a good result
4. **resilience** //rɪˈzɪliəns// (noun): ability to become strong after problems
5. **volatility** //ˌvɒləˈtɪləti// (noun): quick and large changes, often in prices



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6. **futures** /'fju:tʃərz/ (noun): financial contracts to buy or sell later

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage increase of the S&P 500 index on Tuesday?  
Option: 1.18%  
Option: 0.66%  
Option: 4.7%  
Option: 1.96%
2. How many points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average rise by on Tuesday?  
Option: 317.74 points  
Option: 48,535.99 points  
Option: 12%  
Option: 7.87%
3. Which technology company had shares that surged by 4.7%?  
Option: Nvidia  
Option: Oracle  
Option: Palantir Technologies  
Option: Wells Fargo
4. What was the closing value of the Nasdaq Composite on Tuesday?  
Option: 23,639.08  
Option: 48,535.99  
Option: 6,967.38  
Option: 91.28
5. Which crude oil price fell by 7.87%?  
Option: Brent crude  
Option: West Texas Intermediate  
Option: Nvidia  
Option: Oracle
6. Who remarked that an agreement is still highly sought after by Tehran?



- Option: Joe Biden
- Option: Donald Trump
- Option: Ross Mayfield
- Option: A White House official

### True-False

7. The S&P 500 index closed below its 52-week peak on Tuesday.
8. Oracle shares did not rise during the trading session on Tuesday.
9. Trump's comments reflect optimism about an agreement with Iran.
10. Oil prices increased following the announcement of new negotiations with Tehran.
11. Wells Fargo reported disappointing earnings on Tuesday.
12. The Dow Jones Industrial Average decreased by 317.74 points.

### Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 index closed at \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
14. West Texas Intermediate crude futures dropped by \_\_\_\_\_ to \$91.28 per barrel.
15. The Nasdaq Composite saw a significant increase of \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
16. Oracle shares built on a previous gain of over \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.
17. The gains made on Monday helped to recover losses that accumulated since the commencement of hostilities involving \_\_\_\_\_.
18. A new round of negotiations with Tehran is being contemplated, although no formal \_\_\_\_\_ has yet been established.



## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 1.18% 2. 317.74 points 3. Oracle 4. 23,639.08 5. West Texas Intermediate 6. Donald Trump

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 6,967.38 14. 7.87% 15. 1.96% 16. 12% 17. Iran 18. schedule

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a retailer?

Option: A manufacturer

Option: A distributor

Option: A business that sells products to consumers

Option: A financial institution

2. What does customer satisfaction refer to?

Option: The overall happiness of customers

Option: The number of products sold

Option: The profit made by a retailer

Option: The number of employees in a store

3. What is volatility in a financial context?

Option: Stability

Option: Predictability

Option: Fluctuation

Option: Sustainability

4. What is an acquisition?

Option: A type of financial investment

Option: The act of purchasing another company

Option: A method of reducing expenses

Option: A legal term for partnership

5. What does it mean if a company is profitable?



- Option: It has high expenses
- Option: It generates more revenue than costs
- Option: It has negative cash flow
- Option: It spends more than it earns

6. What is a legacy?

- Option: A current trend
- Option: An inheritance or lasting impact
- Option: A marketing strategy
- Option: A financial report

7. What are countermeasures?

- Option: Strategies to increase risk
- Option: Actions taken to prevent or mitigate problems
- Option: Cost-cutting measures
- Option: Market expansion plans

8. What does geopolitical refer to?

- Option: Social networks
- Option: Economic trends
- Option: Political and geographic influences
- Option: Technological advancements

9. What does restructuring typically involve?

- Option: Changing the leadership of a company
- Option: Altering a company's operations or finances
- Option: Expanding a company's product line
- Option: Increasing employee benefits

10. What does it mean to be optimistic?

- Option: Expecting bad outcomes
- Option: Having a hopeful outlook
- Option: Being indifferent
- Option: Being cautious about the future

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

11. A transaction is recorded every time a purchase is made at the store, contributing to the overall

\_\_\_\_\_ of the business.

12. The company conducted a survey to measure customer \_\_\_\_\_ and identify areas for



improvement.

13. Acquisitions can often lead to increased \_\_\_\_\_ and market strength.
14. Identifying key \_\_\_\_\_ in the system is crucial for risk management.
15. Customer trust is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a successful retail business.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product line attracted significant media attention.
17. The company implemented strategies to \_\_\_\_\_ risks associated with fluctuating markets.
18. The software used by the company is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and enhances operational efficiency.
19. Investors often speculate on \_\_\_\_\_ markets to hedge against volatility.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the contract was agreed upon by both parties following negotiations.

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

21. Acquisitions allow companies to increase their market share and enhance competitiveness.
22. Restructuring often involves significant changes in company operations and financial strategies.
23. Every transaction contributes to the overall revenue of a business.
24. Customer satisfaction is essential for retaining clients and fostering loyalty.
25. Financial volatility can pose significant risks to investors and businesses alike.
26. Innovation is often the cornerstone of growth in the technology sector.
27. Companies develop strategies to mitigate risks associated with market changes.
28. A company's legacy can have long-lasting effects on its brand reputation.
29. Implementing countermeasures can help protect against potential security threats.



30. Geopolitical factors can greatly influence global trade and investment decisions.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. A business that sells products to consumers 2. The overall happiness of customers 3. Fluctuation 4. The act of purchasing another company 5. It generates more revenue than costs 6. An inheritance or lasting impact 7. Actions taken to prevent or mitigate problems 8. Political and geographic influences 9. Altering a company's operations or finances 10. Having a hopeful outlook

**Gap-Fill:** 11. revenue 12. satisfaction 13. success 14. vulnerabilities 15. cornerstone 16. unveiling 17. mitigate 18. sophisticated 19. futures 20. termination

**Matching sentence:** 1. acquisitions 2. restructuring 3. transaction 4. satisfaction 5. volatility 6. cornerstone 7. mitigate 8. legacy 9. countermeasures 10. geopolitical

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