



Stock Markets Today: Latest Live Updates

Description

Futures contracts tied to the S&P 500 were largely unchanged on Monday evening, following a robust trading session. This occurred despite the collapse of peace negotiations between the United States and Iran, with traders remaining cautiously optimistic about the potential for a future agreement.

S&P 500 futures increased by 0.08%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average futures edged up by 17 points, a rise of 0.04%. The Nasdaq-100 futures also recorded a gain, climbing by 0.2%. Wall Street displayed resilience amidst heightened geopolitical tensions, as the major indices achieved notable gains at the start of the week, even after U.S.-Iran discussions failed over the weekend. President Donald Trump remarked on Monday that "We've been called by the other side," indicating a desire for a settlement.

Monday's performance reversed the losses suffered by the S&P 500 since the onset of the Iran conflict. Analysts noted that the market's strength reflects its ability to anticipate outcomes, with Tom Lee from Fundstrat Global Advisors expressing confidence in a positive resolution.

Additionally, investors managed to overlook a significant increase in oil prices. West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose by 2.6% to \$99.08 per barrel, while Brent crude surged over 4% to \$99.36. These increases followed the U.S. implementation of a blockade in the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for global oil transportation.

Looking ahead to Tuesday, market participants anticipate crucial earnings reports from major banks, notably JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo. These results follow a mixed report from Goldman Sachs, whose shares fell on Monday after a 10% decline in fixed income trading revenue compared to the previous year, despite exceeding profit expectations overall.

Vocabulary List:

1. **collapse** //kə'læps// (noun): a sudden fall or complete failure
2. **negotiations** //nəˌɡoʊʃi'eɪʃənz// (noun): talks to reach an agreement between groups
3. **geopolitical** //ˌdʒi.ɒs.pə'liːtɪkəl// (adjective): about countries and their political power
4. **blockade** //blə'keɪd// (noun): a closing to stop goods or people
5. **anticipate** //æn'tɪsəˌpeɪt// (verb): to expect something will happen soon
6. **surge** //sɜːdʒ// (verb): to rise quickly by a large amount

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What was the change in S&P 500 futures on Monday evening?
 - Option: 0.08% increase
 - Option: 0.04% decrease
 - Option: 2.6% increase
 - Option: 4% decrease

2. Which futures recorded a gain of 0.2%?
 - Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
 - Option: Nasdaq-100
 - Option: West Texas Intermediate
 - Option: Goldman Sachs

3. What percentage did Brent crude rise to on Monday?
 - Option: 2.6%
 - Option: 3%
 - Option: 4%
 - Option: 5%

4. Which major bank is mentioned alongside JPMorgan Chase for upcoming earnings reports?
 - Option: Goldman Sachs
 - Option: Wells Fargo
 - Option: Bank of America
 - Option: Citigroup

5. Who expressed confidence in a positive resolution regarding market outcomes?
 - Option: Donald Trump
 - Option: Tom Lee
 - Option: Wells Fargo
 - Option: Goldman Sachs

6. What was the increase in Dow Jones Industrial Average futures on Monday evening?
 - Option: 0.04 points
 - Option: 17 points
 - Option: 0.2 points
 - Option: 10 points



True-False

7. S&P 500 futures decreased by 0.04% on Monday evening.
8. The collapse of peace negotiations between the United States and Iran affected traders' optimism.
9. Oil prices significantly increased on Monday despite market gains.
10. President Donald Trump stated that there was no desire for a settlement.
11. Tom Lee is associated with Fundstrat Global Advisors.
12. Mixed earnings reports were expected from Wells Fargo.

Gap-Fill

13. The increase in West Texas Intermediate crude futures was _____ 2.6%.
14. Wall Street showed resilience amidst heightened _____ tensions.
15. Donald Trump indicated a desire for a _____ regarding U.S.-Iran discussions.
16. S&P 500 futures increased by _____ 0.08%.
17. Market participants are awaiting crucial earnings reports from major banks like _____
Chase.
18. The Dow Jones Industrial Average futures edged up by _____ points.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.08% increase 2. Nasdaq-100 3. 4% 4. Wells Fargo 5. Tom Lee 6. 17 points

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 2.6% 14. geopolitical 15. settlement 16. 0.08% 17. JPMorgan 18. 17

Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What can a severe financial crisis lead to?
Option: surge
Option: recession
Option: collapse
Option: stability
2. Which term describes politics as influenced by geographic factors?
Option: economic
Option: cultural
Option: geopolitical
Option: demographic
3. What is a measure taken to restrict the flow of goods or people called?
Option: embargo
Option: blockade
Option: treaty
Option: negotiation
4. What term refers to the general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money?
Option: deflation
Option: inflation
Option: recession
Option: depression
5. What is the term for participation in a conversation or situation?
Option: detachment
Option: engagement
Option: withdrawal
Option: isolation
6. What is the process of inquiring into an incident or event?
Option: reporting
Option: investigation
Option: dissemination
Option: celebration
7. What does it mean to lessen the severity of something?
Option: exacerbate
Option: ignite
Option: mitigate



Option: ignore

8. What term refers to an increase in intensity or seriousness?

- Option: de-escalation
- Option: escalation
- Option: stabilization
- Option: reduction

9. What is the legal term for the protective care or guardianship of someone?

- Option: control
- Option: custody
- Option: freedom
- Option: independence

10. What is a strong negative reaction from a group of people towards something?

- Option: approval
- Option: backlash
- Option: support
- Option: apathy

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

11. The company expects to see a significant increase in _____ this quarter.

12. The central bank raised interest rates to combat rising _____.

13. Many _____ are facing budget shortages this year.

14. Cybersecurity experts have identified several _____ in the system.

15. The government is focused on _____ access to technology.

16. There has been a sudden _____ in demand for electric vehicles.

17. The company is looking to improve its _____ efficiency.

18. Different media outlets present their own _____ about the event.

19. Officials worry about the potential for _____ of conflict in the region.

20. The military implemented a _____ to control the access points.



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

21. Investors are increasingly concerned about the high valuations of tech companies.
22. Communities are fighting against the exploitation of their resources by corporations.
23. The policy changes sparked a significant backlash from the public.
24. They are implementing new strategies for cybersecurity monitoring.
25. The organization faced a financial collapse after several poor investment decisions.
26. The community's engagement in local governance is essential for democracy.
27. The investigation into the company's practices revealed several violations.
28. Rising inflation rates have a direct effect on consumer spending power.
29. Tensions in the region have led to a rapid escalation of hostilities.
30. There was widespread anticipation regarding the upcoming elections.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. collapse 2. geopolitical 3. blockade 4. inflation 5. engagement 6. investigation 7. mitigate 8. escalation 9. custody 10. backlash

Gap-Fill: 11. revenue 12. inflation 13. municipalities 14. vulnerabilities 15. democratising 16. surge 17. operational 18. narratives 19. escalation 20. blockade

Matching sentence: 1. valuations 2. exploit 3. backlash 4. cybersecurity 5. collapse 6. engagement 7. investigation 8. inflation 9. escalation 10. anticipate

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