



Today's Live Stock Market Updates

Description

Stock futures saw a marginal decline in overnight trading on Sunday following the S&P 500's stellar performance last week. Futures connected to the S&P 500 slipped by a mere 0.03%, while those linked to the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 8 points, or 0.02%. Nasdaq-100 futures also saw a slight decrease of 0.08%.

The market experienced a positive week amidst heightened volatility in equities. The S&P 500 surged by 3.9%, marking its best performance since 2023. Similarly, the Nasdaq Composite and Dow recorded gains of 5.2% and 2.9%, respectively.

SoFi's Liz Young Thomas highlighted the importance of positive developments in aiding market recovery, stating that the recent rebound was akin to a strategic placement of funds. She emphasized the significance of favorable retail sales, initial jobless claims, and the performance of retail giant Walmart in bolstering market sentiment.

Following a turbulent start to August, characterized by recession fears and concerns over the Federal Reserve's response to economic indicators, the market found solace in recent data releases. The 12-month inflation rate, as indicated by July's consumer price index, decelerated to 2.9% — the lowest recorded rate in over three years.

Investors are eagerly anticipating Fed Chair Jerome Powell's forthcoming speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, for insights into future rate cuts. Additionally, the release of minutes from the Federal Reserve's recent meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, is expected to offer further clarity. The commencement of the Democratic National Convention on Monday adds to the week's notable events.

The earnings season kicks off with reports from Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder on Monday, underscoring the ongoing importance of corporate performance in driving market dynamics.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Volatility** /ˌvɒləˈtɪlɪti/ (noun): Liability to change rapidly and unpredictably especially for the worse.
2. **Performance** /pərˈfɔːrməns/ (noun): The act of carrying out or accomplishing an action task or duty.
3. **Anticipating** /ænˈtɪsɪpeɪtɪŋ/ (verb): Expecting or predicting something in the future.
4. **Significance** /sɪɡˈnɪfɪkəns/ (noun): The quality of being worthy of attention; importance.
5. **Indicators** /ˈɪndɪkeɪtəz/ (noun): A thing that indicates the state or level of something.
6. **Gains** /geɪnz/ (noun): An increase or improvement in the size amount or quality of something.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage decline in S&P 500 futures in overnight trading on Sunday?
Option: 0.03%
Option: 0.05%
Option: 0.10%
Option: 0.15%
2. Which index had a slight decrease of 0.08% in futures?
Option: Nasdaq-100
Option: Dow Jones
Option: S&P 500
Option: Russell 2000
3. What was the percentage gain of the Nasdaq Composite during the positive week in the market?
Option: 2.9%
Option: 3.9%
Option: 5.2%
Option: 8.7%
4. According to SoFi's Liz Young Thomas what aided market recovery significantly?
Option: Heightened volatility
Option: Recession fears
Option: Positive developments
Option: Political unrest
5. Which recent event is adding to the week's notable events?
Option: Release of Fed minutes
Option: Democratic National Convention
Option: Jerome Powell's speech
Option: Earnings reports
6. Whose forthcoming speech in Jackson Hole Wyoming are investors eagerly anticipating for insights into future rate cuts?
Option: Donald Trump



- Option: Nancy Pelosi
- Option: Jerome Powell
- Option: Joe Biden

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.03% 2. Nasdaq-100 3. 5.2% 4. Positive developments 5. Democratic National Convention 6. Jerome Powell

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which type of leaders are known for having long-term strategic goals and big-picture thinking?
 - Option: a) Visionaries
 - Option: b) Negotiators
 - Option: c) Followers
 - Option: d) Critics
2. What are the costs incurred in the normal course of business known as?
 - Option: a) Profits
 - Option: b) Revenues
 - Option: c) Expenses
 - Option: d) Assets
3. Which term refers to the process of bringing together different sub-systems into one system to function together?
 - Option: a) Differentiation
 - Option: b) Acquisition
 - Option: c) Integration
 - Option: d) Collaboration
4. What term means to protect from harm or damage?
 - Option: a) Neglect
 - Option: b) Safeguard
 - Option: c) Exploit
 - Option: d) Enhance
5. How well a task is executed is known as:
 - Option: a) Evaluation



- Option: b) Analysis
- Option: c) Performance
- Option: d) Calculation

6. what are the profits or advantages resulting from an investment or business activity called?

- Option: a) Losses
- Option: b) Gains
- Option: c) Debts
- Option: d) Assets

7. Which industry involves the research design and manufacturing of aircraft and spacecraft?

- Option: a) Automotive
- Option: b) Software
- Option: c) Aerospace
- Option: d) Healthcare

8. What term describes how quickly and by how much the price of an asset like stock or cryptocurrency changes?

- Option: a) Stability
- Option: b) Volatility
- Option: c) Consistency
- Option: d) Predictability

9. What does the term "imperative" mean in the context of business decisions?

- Option: a) Optional
- Option: b) Necessary
- Option: c) Beneficial
- Option: d) Irrelevant

10. What is the legal permission granted to an individual or organization to use a product service or technology called?

- Option: a) Buying
- Option: b) Licensing
- Option: c) Owning
- Option: d) Developing

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

11. When a company purchases another company it is known as a business _____.

12. To reduce the severity seriousness or painfulness of something is to _____ the



impact.

13. The process of making or enacting laws is known as _____.

14. Details or fact that helps to show the condition or status of something are called _____.

15. Something that makes a person weak or infirm is said to be _____.

16. A synonym for significant meaning considerable in importance value amount or extent is _____.

17. The act of looking forward or preparing for something is called _____.

18. The process of distinguishing a product or service from others to make it more attractive to a target market is called _____.

19. Something that can be expressed in numerical or measurable terms is said to be _____.

20. Working together to achieve a common goal is known as _____.

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

21. The introduction of new ideas methods or products is known as .
22. When a market has too many goods or services making it difficult for new entrants to compete it is said to be .
23. The process of reaching an agreement through discussion and compromise is called .
24. The ability to maintain or support something over the long term is referred to as .
25. Options or choices that can be taken as a course of action are known as .
26. The process of converting information into a code to prevent unauthorized access is called .



27. To ignore or pay no attention to something is to it.
28. The official confirmation or approval of something is known as .
29. The state or quality of being connected or related to other things is referred to as .
30. The quality of being worthy of attention; importance is known as .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. a) Visionaries 2. c) Expenses 3. c) Integration 4. b) Safeguard 5. c) Performance 6. b) Gains 7. c) Aerospace 8. b) Volatility 9. b) Necessary 10. b) Licensing

Gap-Fill: 11. Acquisition 12. Mitigate 13. Legislation 14. Indicators 15. Debilitating 16. Substantial 17. Anticipating 18. Differentiation 19. Quantifiable 20. Collaboration

Matching sentence: 1. Innovation 2. Oversaturated 3. Negotiating 4. Sustaining 5. Alternatives 6. Encryption 7. Disregard 8. Ratification 9. Interconnectedness 10. Significance

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