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## Today's live updates on the stock market

### Description

European markets opened higher today, with the U.K.'s FTSE 100, Germany's DAX, France's CAC, and Italy's MIB all showing gains. This positive momentum follows last week's rally, as investors eagerly anticipate the European Central Bank's upcoming interest rate decision.

In South Korea, energy stocks saw a surge after the government approved exploratory drilling for substantial oil and gas resources. Companies like Korea Gas Corporation, Daesung Energy, SK Innovation, and SK Gas all posted notable gains, reflecting a positive outlook for the sector.

Meanwhile, in India, stock indices reached record intraday highs as exit polls indicated a likely win for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's BJP-led alliance. This news boosted investor confidence, leading to significant gains in the market.

On the economic front, China reported its manufacturing activity grew at the fastest pace in nearly two years, exceeding expectations. South Korea also saw robust growth in its manufacturing sector, marking the fastest expansion in almost three years.

Looking ahead, key economic reports scheduled for this week include construction spending, ISM manufacturing data, JOLTS job openings, and the ISM services PMI. Earnings reports from companies like Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Campbell Soup will also be closely watched.

Overall, global markets are off to a strong start this week, driven by positive economic indicators and investor optimism.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Anticipate** // (verb): Regard as probable expect or predict.
2. **Exploratory** // (adjective): Involving or conducted in order to discover new information or test hypothesis.
3. **Intraday** // (adjective): Occurring or existing within the same day.
4. **Robust** // (adjective): Strong and healthy vigorous.
5. **Indicator** // (noun): A thing that indicates the state or level of something.
6. **Optimism** // (noun): Hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something.

### Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the best way to approach a research study to ensure accuracy and reliability?

- Option: A. Allegedly
- Option: B. Rigorously
- Option: C. Impressively
- Option: D. Exceeded

2. What term is used to describe the act of supporting or promoting a cause or idea?

- Option: A. Insights
- Option: B. Advocacy
- Option: C. Jackpot
- Option: D. Unidentified

3. What term is commonly used to describe forecasts or estimations?

- Option: A. Significant
- Option: B. Projections
- Option: C. Optimism
- Option: D. Breach

4. Which term best describes information that is meant to be kept secret or private?

- Option: A. Volatility
- Option: B. Safeguard
- Option: C. Confidential
- Option: D. Odds

5. What term is used to describe something that is stretched beyond the truth?

- Option: A. Robust
- Option: B. Exaggerated
- Option: C. Anticipate
- Option: D. Stint

6. Which term denotes the degree of variation of a trading price series?

- Option: A. Divergence
- Option: B. Intraday
- Option: C. Rigorously
- Option: D. Volatility

7. What term means to expect or predict something will happen?

- Option: A. Anticipate
- Option: B. Advocacy
- Option: C. Exploration

Option: D. Front-end

8. Which term reflects a positive outlook or belief in a favorable outcome?

Option: A. Allegedly

Option: B. Optimism

Option: C. Safeguard

Option: D. Jackpot

9. What term refers to sensitive information meant to be kept private?

Option: A. Breach

Option: B. Confidential

Option: C. Impressive

Option: D. Allegedly

10. Which term describes something strong and healthy in form or constitution?

Option: A. Insights

Option: B. Robust

Option: C. Allegedly

Option: D. Front-end

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

11. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its quarterly revenue targets by 20%.

12. The impact of the new policy on our business is \_\_\_\_\_.

13. The stock price fluctuated several times \_\_\_\_\_ during the trading day.

14. The company recorded a \_\_\_\_\_ profit increase in the last fiscal year.

15. The hacker remains \_\_\_\_\_ at this time.

16. The horse with the highest \_\_\_\_\_ won the race.

17. All \_\_\_\_\_ are eligible for a refund if the event is canceled.

18. It is crucial to \_\_\_\_\_ your personal information online.

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the predicted and actual results was unexpected.

20. She performed \_\_\_\_\_ well during the job interview.

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

21. The of a website involves the user interface and design elements.
22. The data analysis provided valuable into consumer behavior.
23. The suspect committed the crime although there is no concrete evidence yet.
24. Winning the lottery was like hitting the for the lucky ticket holder.
25. The security led to unauthorized access to confidential data.
26. The confidential information was due to a cybersecurity attack.
27. His recount of the events seemed adding dramatized details.
28. The stock market showed high due to rapid price fluctuations.
29. The company's financial position remained despite economic challenges.
30. The unexpected victory defied the as the underdog team won.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Rigorously 2. B. Advocacy 3. B. Projections 4. C. Confidential 5. B. Exaggerated

6. D. Volatility 7. A. Anticipate 8. B. Optimism 9. B. Confidential 10. B. Robust

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Exceeded 12. Significant 13. Intraday 14. Whopping 15. Unidentified 16. Odds 17. Ticketholders  
18. Safeguard 19. Divergence 20. Impressively

**Matching sentence:** 1. Front-end 2. Insights 3. Allegedly 4. Jackpot 5. Breach 6. Compromised 7. Exaggerated  
8. Volatility 9. Robust 10. Odds

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