

Morning Market Summary

Global Markets¹

Index	Close	Chg	% Chg
DJIA	24,024.13	424.56	-1.74
S&P500	2,634.56	-35.73	-1.34
Nasdaq	7,007.35	121.25	-1.70
FTSE100	7,425.40	26.53	0.36
DAX	12,550.82	-21.57	-0.17
CAC40	5,444.16	5.61	0.10
Nikkei225	22,278.12	190.08	0.86
Hang Seng	30,636.24	381.84	1.26
Shanghai	3,128.93	60.92	1.99
All Ords	6,009.40	33.40	0.56
ASX200	5,921.60	35.60	0.60
BSPC Average	926.30	-0.24	-0.02

Commodities	Close	Chg	% Chg
Gold (USD/oz)	1,332.30	-0.70	-0.05
Silver (USD/oz)	16.78	-0.01	-0.04
Platinum (USD/t oz)	931.55	0.15	0.02
Palladium (USD/t oz)	975.53	0.50	0.05
Copper (USD/MT)	315.7	-0.70	-0.22
Oil (USD/bbl)	73.86	-0.85	-1.14
Cocoa (USD/MT)	2,815.00	89.00	3.26
Coffee (USD/lb)	120.45	1.50	1.26

PGK v	Buy	Sell	Mid
USD	0.315	0.300	0.308
AUD	0.405	0.390	0.398
EUR	0.256	0.241	0.248
JPY	33.720	32.220	32.970
NZD	0.435	0.420	0.427

U.S

U.S. stocks closed sharply lower Tuesday, led by a selloff in industrials, materials and technology shares.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average **DJIA, -1.74%** slumped 424.56 points, or 1.7%, to 24,024.13, booking its fifth consecutive decline, the longest losing stretch since March 17, according to FactSet data. The S&P 500 index **SPX, -1.34%** fell 35.73 points, or 1.3%, to 2,634.56, with eight of the 11 main sectors ending in negative territory. The Nasdaq Composite Index **COMP, -1.70%** declined by 121.25 points, or 1.7%, to 7,007.35, ending with losses for a fourth straight session, its longest streak since February.

The selling pressure came after the 10-year Treasury yield briefly touched the psychologically important 3% level for the first time in four years, a move that comes as first-quarter earnings season was failing to excite investors, despite some strong results. While the earnings season remained in full swing, the tone was generally negative, with several bellwether stocks slumping despite posting numbers that were ahead of analyst forecasts.

Europe

European stocks erased an earlier gain and ended lower on Tuesday after U.S. 10-year Treasury yields jumped to the psychologically important 3% level, which is seen as a headwind for equities.

The Stoxx Europe 600 index **SXXP, -0.02%** fell 0.02% to close at 383.11. The pan-European benchmark traded around its highest level earlier in the day, but lost momentum in the final hours of the trading day. Germany's DAX 30 index **DAX, -0.17%** fell 0.2% to 12,550.82, while France's CAC 40 index **PX1, +0.10%** ended 0.1% higher at 5,444.16.

The U.K.'s FTSE 100 **UKX, +0.36%** bulked up by 0.4% to 7,425.40, scoring a sixth straight win. The London benchmark was boosted by the energy sector as oil prices rose.

Higher yields typically weigh on stocks as bonds start to offer better returns than equities and push up borrowing costs for companies. Many European companies operate and borrow money in the U.S. and therefore are also impacted by the U.S. yields.

Asia

Asian markets finished broadly higher today with shares in China leading the region.

The Shanghai Composite Index **SHCOMP, +1.99%** jumped 2.1% after having fallen six of the prior eight days to have fallen 3.2% for April and notably lag other benchmarks in Asia. The rebound in the mainland carried over to Hong Kong, where the Hang Seng Index **HSI, +1.26%** rose 1% and a benchmark of mainland-based firms listed in the city jumped 2%.

Other markets were mixed in the region, with Japan's Nikkei **NIK, +0.86%** ending morning trading with a 0.7% gain on fresh overnight declines in the yen. Its shares fell 3% Tuesday and bigger rival Samsung **005930, -2.77%** shed 2.5%, pushing Korea's Kospi **SEU, -0.40%** down 0.3%. Taiwan's Taiex **Y9999, -1.10%** continued to underperform in falling 0.9% as Apple product assembler Hon Hai declined 2%.

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Elsewhere, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 **XJO, +0.60%** was recently up 0.5%, putting it on course for its seventh gain in eight days. Commodities price gains have been key in boosting sentiment there.

Port Moresby²

The local bourse closed Tuesday in red, with BSFC Average finished down at 926.30 points - pushed down by Credit Corporation **CCP-3.85%** gave away 6 cents to close at K1.50 a share. All other stocks remained same at the closing bells.

Name	Bid Price	Offer Price	Ref Price	High	Low	Chge Price	Chge %	Daily Vol	Daily Val	Close Price	Last	Trades
CCP		1.55	1.56	1.50	1.50	-0.06	-3.85	10,000	15,000	1.50	1.50	1

On the dual listed front; both Newcrest Mining Limited and Oil Search Limited edged higher at A\$20.77 and A\$7.81 a share respectively.

Commodities³

Gold

Gold settled higher Tuesday, for the first time in four sessions, finding support as a steep decline in a benchmark U.S. stock index drove haven demand for the precious metal.

June gold climbed by \$9, or 0.7%, to settle at \$1,333 an ounce.

Markets have been captivated by rising U.S. bond yields recently, as the 10-year benchmark yield tested the psychologically important 3% threshold Tuesday.

The rise in U.S. interest rates has come as traders increasingly start to price in four interest-rate hikes in 2018 from the Federal Reserve, rather than the three signaled by policy makers.

Oil

Oil settled lower on Tuesday, finding little support from uncertainty surrounding Iran's nuclear deal, as a diminished appetite for risk weighed on the U.S. stock market.

June West Texas Intermediate crude lost 94 cents, or 1.4%, to settle at \$67.70 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest finish since April 17.

Global benchmark June Brent **LCOM8, -1.14%** settled at \$73.86 a barrel on ICE Futures Europe, down 85 cents, or 1.1%. It had touched a high of \$75.47, the highest level since November 2014.

President Donald Trump warned Iran Tuesday that Iran will have "bigger problems" than ever if it restarts its nuclear program. The Trump administration has until May 12 to decide whether it will extend the sanctions waiver linked to Iran's nuclear deal. Reinstating the sanctions would likely lead to tighter global oil supplies.

² POMSoX, Company, BSP Capital

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