

Market Corner

Asian stocks rebounded as easing tensions over Taiwan and overnight gains on the Nasdaq fueled a rally in Chinese tech stock ahead of key earnings.

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index climbed as much as 0.8%, set for its first gain in three sessions. Alibaba gave the measure its biggest boost ahead of its earnings release after the closing bell and lifted the Hang Seng Tech index along with Meituan and JD.com. The tech index jumped as much as 3.4%, the most in more than a month.

Other benchmarks in Hong Kong and South Korea's tech-heavy Kosdaq outperformed the region, advancing at least 1%.

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi left Taiwan after reaffirming US support for the democratically elected government in Taipei, which China responded with trade curbs and military drills.

The region's key stock benchmark bounced back from its July low but its recent recovery has been lagging behind US peers amid a property crisis in China and heightened geopolitical risks.

US equities climbed Wednesday on the back of strong tech rally, as traders shrugged off growth concerns after a steady dose of impressive corporate earnings and healthy economic data.

The S&P 500 Index climbed 1.6% to its highest level in nearly two months, with 10 of the 11 major industry groups advancing led by the communication services, consumer discretionary and information technology sectors. The tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 Index jumped 2.7%, closing at its highest level since May 4, while the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.3%.

Investors found reasons to be optimistic in the latest economic figures. The US ISM services reading for July was much stronger than expected, and durable goods orders also were slightly better than anticipated, fueling confidence about the economy. The biggest gainers in the S&P 500 were Moderna Inc. and PayPal Holdings Inc., both of which reported better-than-expected earnings and announced substantial buyback programs.

World Indices	Last	1D Change
<u>Dow Jones</u>	32 812,50	1,29%
<u>S&P 500</u>	4 155,17	1,56%
<u>Nasdaq</u>	12 668,16	2,59%
<u>Eurostoxx 50</u>	3 732,54	1,30%
<u>FTSE 100</u>	7 445,68	0,49%
<u>CAC 40</u>	6 472,06	0,97%
<u>DAX</u>	13 587,56	1,03%
<u>SMI</u>	11 178,99	0,55%
<u>Nikkei</u>	27 933,14	0,69%
<u>Hang Seng</u>	20 092,76	1,65%
<u>CSI 300</u>	4 094,96	0,69%
<u>VIX Index</u>	21,95	-8,27%

World Bonds	Last	1D Change
<u>US 10Y</u>	2,7209	0,60%
<u>EUR 10Y</u>	0,8740	6,59%
<u>Swiss 10Y</u>	0,4770	7,92%
<u>UK 10Y</u>	1,91	2,30%

Source: Bloomberg



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Crypto Corner

Hackers targeted the Solana ecosystem early Wednesday with thousands of wallets affected in the latest hit to the cryptocurrency market after bridge protocol Nomad was attacked at the start of the week.

Estimates of the damage vary. Just over \$5.2 million in cryptoassets have been stolen so far from more than 7,900 Solana wallets, according to blockchain forensics firm Elliptic. Security company PeckShield said four Solana wallet addresses drained approximately \$8 million from victims.

“The root cause is still not clear,” Elliptic’s co-founder Tom Robinson said. “It appears to be due to a flaw in certain wallet software, rather than in the Solana blockchain itself.”

The attack sent Solana’s SOL token down as much as 7.3% to \$38.40 in early trading on Wednesday, its lowest in a week. Bitcoin rose 1.3% to \$23,327.

The exploit affected users of a digital crypto wallet made by Slope Finance, according to a tweet sent Wednesday afternoon by Solana Status, a Twitter account managed by the Solana Foundation.

“There is no evidence the Solana protocol or its cryptography was compromised,” the tweet said.

Slope confirmed in an official statement that a group of its wallets had been affected and said that its own founders and staff had lost funds. The startup, which raised \$8 million in February in a seed funding round led by Solana Ventures and Jump Crypto, is conducting its own investigation into the cause of the hack.

Crypto Market Cap: **\$1,07T**

24h Vol: **\$65,8B**

Dominance: **BTC: 40,9% ETH: 18,7%**

Crypto	Last	1D Change
Bitcoin	23 128,41	-0,85%
Ethereum	1 649,66	0,41%



Source: fxstreet.com / Bloomberg/Coinmarketcap.com

Commodity Corner

Gold edged higher as investors weighed comments from the Federal Reserve which signaled it will implement further interest-rate increases to contain price pressures, against geopolitical tensions.

Bullion is hovering near a four-week high after rising 0.3% on Wednesday, as market jitters over the fallout from US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan boosted some haven demand. While some anxiety eased after her trip ended, Taiwan braced for Chinese military drills starting at noon Thursday in six separate areas surrounding the island, although it downplayed the impact on flights and shipping.

Meanwhile, monetary policy remains in focus, with Fed officials pledging that the central bank would continue an aggressive fight to cool an inflation rate that's at a four-decade high, even if higher rates cause the risk of an economic downturn.

Spot gold climbed 0.4% to \$1,771.62 an ounce as of 12:10 p.m. in Singapore. It rose to \$1,788.05 on Tuesday, the highest intraday level since July 5. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index was steady. Silver and platinum dropped, while palladium was little changed.

Precious Metals		Last	1D Change
<u>Gold</u>		1 770,03	0,27%
<u>Silver</u>		20,03	-0,17%
<u>Platinum</u>		899,35	-0,32%
<u>Palladium</u>		2 039,73	1,09%

Oil steadied after plunging to the lowest close in almost six months as investors weighed weaker US gasoline demand and rising inventories against a token supply increase from OPEC+.

West Texas Intermediate was little changed below \$91 a barrel, after sinking 4% on Wednesday. In the US, government data showed Americans are driving less than they did in the summer of 2020, when pandemic travel curbs all but halted movement. Nationwide crude stockpiles also expanded last week.

Ahead of the US data release, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies including Russia agreed on Wednesday to boost supply by a meager 100,000 barrels a day in September. The group also issued a stark warning on "severely limited" spare capacity.

Crude has now given up all of the gains triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in February. Since peaking at more than \$130 a barrel in March, the US benchmark has been dragged lower by signs that Russia is still getting its cargoes onto the global market, and escalating investor concerns that a global slowdown will erode energy consumption. Among recent signals in Asia, China Beige Book International said the country's economy weakened further in July.

World Commodities		Last	1D Change
<u>WTI Crude</u>		90,71	0,06%
<u>Brent Crude</u>		96,70	-0,08%
<u>Nat Gas (HH)</u>		8,27	0,02%
<u>Nickel</u>		22 290,75	-0,72%
<u>Copper</u>		345,35	-0,39%
<u>Corn</u>		587,25	-0,72%
<u>Wheat</u>		769,50	0,75%
<u>Soybean</u>		1 552,00	-0,39%
<u>Coffee</u>		214,65	2,26%
<u>Cotton</u>		100,29	-0,07%
<u>Sugar</u>		17,77	0,45%

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FX Corner

EUR/USD is displaying back and forth moves around 1.0170 as investors await US jobs data. The US NFP is likely to land at 250k vs. 372k reported earlier. Vulnerable Eurozone Retail Sales data has been ignored by market participants.

GBP/USD is consolidating gains around 1.2150, as investors turn on the sidelines ahead of the expected 50 bps BOE rate hike decision. The US dollar stays on the back foot with yields amid a better mood. US jobs data is awaited as well.

USD/JPY remains indecisive around 133.80-yen traders search for fresh clues during early Thursday morning in Europe. In doing so, the yen pair portrays the market's cautious mood ahead of the key US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) while justifying the options market characteristics.

AUD/USD is trading close to 0.6950, staying on the front foot for the second consecutive day. The aussie justifies strong Trade Balance data while cheering a softer US dollar amid a better market mood. Focus shifts to US jobs data.

World Currencies	Last	1D Change
<u>EURUSD</u>	1,0163	-0,03%
<u>EURCHF</u>	0,9771	-0,06%
<u>EURGBP</u>	0,8368	0,01%
<u>EURJPY</u>	136,26	-0,13%
<u>USDCHF</u>	0,9614	-0,04%
<u>USDJPY</u>	134,07	-0,16%
<u>USDCAD</u>	1,2846	-0,02%
<u>USDTRY</u>	17,96	-0,13%
<u>GBPUSD</u>	1,2146	-0,02%
<u>AUDUSD</u>	0,6961	0,19%
<u>NZDUSD</u>	0,6292	0,40%

Currencies	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
EURUSD	0.9993	1.0080	1.0123	1.0210	1.0254	1.0341
USDJPY	129.05	131.31	132.58	134.84	135.83	138.09
GBPUSD	1.1939	1.2046	1.2097	1.2204	1.2260	1.2367
USDCAD	1.2738	1.2797	1.2820	1.2879	1.2915	1.2974
AUDUSD	0.6790	0.6860	0.6904	0.6974	0.7000	0.7070
NZDUSD	0.6118	0.6186	0.6226	0.6294	0.6322	0.6390
USDCHF	0.9385	0.9493	0.9552	0.9660	0.9709	0.9817
USDTRY	17.7442	17.8571	17.8966	18.0095	18.0829	18.1958
XAUUSD	1727.43	1745.80	1755.55	1773.92	1782.54	1800.91
XAGUSD	19.2233	19.6153	19.8392	20.2312	20.3993	20.7913

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Date	Time	C	A	M	R	Event	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Prior	Revised
08/03-08/09		RU				Wellbeing Fund	Jul	--	--	\$210.6b	--
08/04	01:50	JN				Foreign Buying Japan Stocks	Jul 29	--	--	¥298.1b	--
08/04	01:50	JN				Foreign Buying Japan Bonds	Jul 29	--	--	-¥15.6b	--
08/04	01:50	JN				Japan Buying Foreign Stocks	Jul 29	--	--	¥230.6b	--
08/04	01:50	JN				Japan Buying Foreign Bonds	Jul 29	--	--	¥107.9b	--
08/04	08:00	GE				Factory Orders MoM	Jun	-0.9%	--	0.1%	--
08/04	08:00	GE				Factory Orders WDA YoY	Jun	-9.2%	--	-3.1%	--
08/04	09:30	GE				S&P Global Germany Construction PMI	Jul	--	--	45.9	--
08/04	10:00	EC				ECB Publishes Economic Bulletin					
08/04	10:00	UK				New Car Registrations YoY	Jul	--	--	-24.3%	--
08/04	10:30	UK				S&P Global/CIPS UK Construction PMI	Jul	52.0	--	52.6	--
08/04	13:00	UK				Bank of England Bank Rate	Aug 4	1.750%	--	1.250%	--
08/04	13:30	US				Challenger Job Cuts YoY	Jul	--	--	58.8%	--
08/04	14:30	US				Trade Balance	Jun	-\$80.0b	--	-\$85.5b	--
08/04	14:30	CA				Building Permits MoM	Jun	-2.0%	--	2.3%	--
08/04	14:30	CA				Int'l Merchandise Trade	Jun	4.90b	--	5.32b	--
08/04	14:30	US				Initial Jobless Claims	Jul 30	260k	--	256k	--
08/04	14:30	US				Continuing Claims	Jul 23	1383k	--	1359k	--
08/04	15:00	RU				Gold and Forex Reserve	Jul 29	--	--	567.0b	--
08/04		RU				Light Vehicle Car Sales YoY	Jul	--	--	-82.0%	--

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