

Market Corner

Asian stocks fell, with investors continuing to flee riskier assets as Treasury yields surged following the Fed's rate hike that increased recession fears.

The MSCI Asia Pacific Excluding Japan Index slipped as much as 1.3% while the broader MSCI Asia Pacific Index was on course for its sixth weekly retreat, the longest losing streak since May. TSMC and Tencent were the biggest drags on both gauges as the tech sector leading declines.

All markets in the region dropped. Australia's benchmark fell about 2% as the country resumed trading after a holiday, while South Korea's Kospi slumped 1.8%, set to finish at its lowest since Oct. 2020. Several other Asian markets are facing grim milestones, with Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index extending its fall after finishing at the lowest level in more than a decade. Japan was closed for a holiday.

US equities retreated into the red for a third straight session Thursday as investors sold off technology and financial stocks amid fears of a more hawkish end to the year.

The S&P 500 declined 0.8% with bond yields hitting multi-year highs on rates jitters. Nine of 11 major industry groups were lower, and semiconductors were the worst performers. The tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 Index sank 1.4%, while the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 0.4%.

Losses were broad, led by tech stocks, banks and retailers. The 10-year US yield hovered near 3.7%, its highest since February 2011, while the two-year rate topped 4.15%. Tech stocks are sensitive to higher interest rates because they're typically valued on projected profits, so the present value of those future earnings falls as yields rise.

Chip stocks in particular took a beating on fresh worries about corporate America's earnings power, with the US potentially heading for a recession. Demand for semiconductors have slowed, as weak earnings reports from Micron and Nvidia heightened concerns. That sent the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index down 2.8% to its lowest level in almost two years.

World Indices	Last	1D Change
<u>Dow Jones</u>	30 076,68	-0,35%
<u>S&P 500</u>	3 757,99	-0,84%
<u>Nasdaq</u>	11 066,80	-1,37%
<u>Eurostoxx 50</u>	3 427,14	-1,85%
<u>FTSE 100</u>	7 159,52	-1,08%
<u>CAC 40</u>	5 918,50	-1,87%
<u>DAX</u>	12 531,63	-1,84%
<u>SMI</u>	10 297,65	-1,26%
<u>Nikkei</u>	27 153,83	-0,58%
<u>Hang Seng</u>	18 011,09	-0,75%
<u>CSI 300</u>	3 859,21	-0,26%
<u>VIX Index</u>	27,35	-2,29%

World Bonds	Last	1D Change
<u>US 10Y</u>	3,7165	0,07%
<u>EUR 10Y</u>	1,9650	3,80%
<u>Swiss 10Y</u>	1,3490	4,41%
<u>UK 10Y</u>	3,50	5,56%

Source: Bloomberg



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Crypto Corner

Cryptocurrency exchange FTX is in talks with investors to raise \$1 billion in funding, CNBC reported citing people it didn't identify.

The valuation of billionaire Sam Bankman-Fried's firm will be at \$32 billion, according to the report. That's the same as in January when the company raised \$400 million.

An FTX spokesperson declined to comment to CNBC, according to the article, which added that terms could change. Bloomberg reported in July that FTX and its US entity are looking to raise funds after a shopping spree during the crypto market rout.

FTX ranks as one of the world's largest crypto-trading platforms and Bankman-Fried has positioned himself as a lender of last resort for an industry reeling from a \$2 trillion rout.

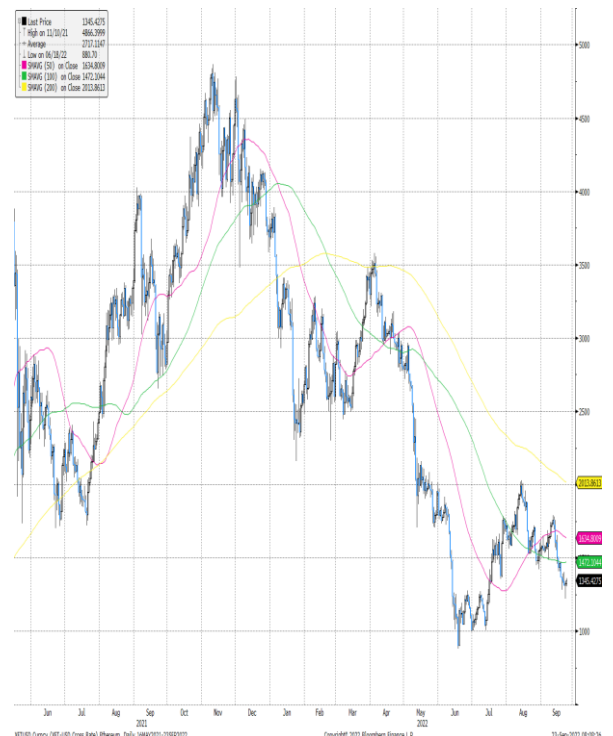
He said earlier this month that he remains optimistic about digital assets because "more regulatory clarity is coming." That will help to "unlock the asset class" for several institutional investors, he added.

Crypto Market Cap: [\\$953B](#)

24h Vol: [\\$77,8B](#)

Dominance: [BTC: 39,0%](#) [ETH:17,3%](#)

Crypto	Last	1D Change
Bitcoin	19 378,89	0,68%
Ethereum	1 345,50	1,59%



Source: [fxstreet.com / Bloomberg/Coinmarketcap.com](https://fxstreet.com/Bloomberg/Coinmarketcap.com)



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Commodity Corner

Gold edged lower after a volatile session as a parade of central banks followed the Federal Reserve in raising interest rates to cool inflation.

Bullion lost as much 1.1% on Thursday after Japan intervened in the foreign exchange market to strengthen its currency, causing the greenback to slide and bond yields to climb. It continues to trade near a two-year low and could enter a bear market as the dollar remains at record levels.

Weakness in bullion was “very likely to persist” due to “monetary tightening that makes gold costlier to hold”, said Gnanasekar Thiagarajan, director at Commtrendz Risk Management Services. “However, recession fears and any escalation in the Russia and Ukraine conflict could support prices.”

Spot gold was 0.2% lower at \$1,668.60 an ounce at 12:08 p.m. in Singapore. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index edged up to a record high. Silver, platinum and palladium all fell.

Precious Metals		Last	1D Change
<u>Gold</u>		1 672,92	0,10%
<u>Silver</u>		19,67	0,17%
<u>Platinum</u>		900,75	-0,31%
<u>Palladium</u>		2 152,47	-0,94%

Oil headed for a fourth weekly decline after a raft of interest-rate hikes around the world darkened the outlook for energy demand.

West Texas Intermediate futures edged toward \$83 a barrel, with prices down more than 2% for the week. The Federal Reserve gave its clearest signal yet that it’s willing to tolerate a US recession as the trade-off for regaining control of inflation, while the UK, Norway and South Africa also raised rates.

Crude remains on track for its first quarterly loss in more than two years as concerns about a global economic slowdown weigh on the demand outlook. A stronger dollar added to bearish headwinds this week, making commodities priced in the currency more expensive for investors.

World Commodities		Last	1D Change
<u>WTI Crude</u>		83,27	-0,26%
<u>Brent Crude</u>		90,21	-0,28%
<u>Nat Gas (HH)</u>		7,25	2,20%
<u>Nickel</u>		24 502,00	-1,57%
<u>Copper</u>		347,00	-0,81%
<u>Corn</u>		683,25	-0,73%
<u>Wheat</u>		904,25	-0,71%
<u>Soybean</u>		1 450,50	-0,45%
<u>Coffee</u>		223,55	1,02%
<u>Cotton</u>		96,83	-0,43%
<u>Sugar</u>		18,49	1,48%

Source: fxstreet.com / Bloomberg



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FX Corner

EUR/USD is dropping towards 0.9800 heading towards early European morning, as the US dollar is regaining the upside traction amid a dour mood. Investors gear up for a raft of preliminary PMIs from across the Euro area economies and the US for fresh trading impetus.

GBP/USD is trading pressured below 1.1250 in early Europe, undermined by a renewed uptick in the US dollar. Risk-off sentiment combined with firmer Treasury yields propel the dollar. All eyes are on UK/US PMIs in the aftermath of the Fed and BOE rate hikes.

USD/JPY is displaying back-and-forth moves in a narrow range of 142.27-142.58 in the Tokyo session. The asset displayed a pullback move after hitting a low below 141.00. The major is expected to re-test the cushion of 141.00 as the Bank of Japan (BOJ) could intervene further in the currency markets to support yen.

AUD/USD is dropping sharply after facing barricades around 0.6670 in the Asian session. The asset is expected to re-test a two-year low, recorded on Thursday at 0.6574. The major has refreshed its intraday low at 0.6616 and is looking to display more weakness.

World Currencies	Last	1D Change
<u>EURUSD</u>	0,9834	-0,02%
<u>EURCHF</u>	0,9618	-0,08%
<u>EURGBP</u>	0,8750	-0,11%
<u>EURJPY</u>	139,77	0,22%
<u>USDCHF</u>	0,9780	0,02%
<u>USDJPY</u>	142,13	0,18%
<u>USDCAD</u>	1,3482	0,04%
<u>USDTRY</u>	18,36	-0,13%
<u>GBPUSD</u>	1,1239	-0,20%
<u>AUDUSD</u>	0,6627	-0,27%
<u>NZDUSD</u>	0,5836	-0,22%

Currencies	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
EURUSD	0.9655	0.9753	0.9794	0.9892	0.9949	1.0047
USDJPY	131.80	137.34	139.87	145.41	148.42	153.96
GBPUSD	1.0975	1.1127	1.1194	1.1346	1.1431	1.1583
USDCAD	1.3210	1.3345	1.3416	1.3551	1.3615	1.3750
AUDUSD	0.6436	0.6533	0.6589	0.6686	0.6727	0.6824
NZDUSD	0.5679	0.5763	0.5806	0.5890	0.5931	0.6015
USDCHF	0.9295	0.9523	0.9653	0.9881	0.9979	1.0207
USDTRY	18.1904	18.2724	18.3062	18.3882	18.4364	18.5184
XAUUSD	1612.23	1641.43	1656.33	1685.53	1699.83	1729.03
XAGUSD	18.3580	18.9697	19.3023	19.9140	20.1931	20.8048

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Event Corner

ECO Economic Calendars											
G8		Browse		08:37:48		09/23/22		09/23/22			
Economic Releases		All Economic Releases				View		Agenda Weekly			
Date	Time	C	A	M	R	Event	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Prior	Revised
09/23	01:01	UK				GfK Consumer Confidence	Sep	-42	--	-44	--
09/23	08:45	FR				Wages QoQ	2Q F	--	--	1.0%	--
09/23	09:15	FR				S&P Global France Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	49.8	--	50.6	--
09/23	09:15	FR				S&P Global France Services PMI	Sep P	50.5	--	51.2	--
09/23	09:15	FR				S&P Global France Composite PMI	Sep P	49.9	--	50.4	--
09/23	09:30	GE				S&P Global/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	48.3	--	49.1	--
09/23	09:30	GE				S&P Global Germany Services PMI	Sep P	47.2	--	47.7	--
09/23	09:30	GE				S&P Global Germany Composite PMI	Sep P	46.1	--	46.9	--
09/23	10:00	EC				S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	48.8	--	49.6	--
09/23	10:00	RU				Money Supply Narrow Def	Sep 16	--	--	14.56t	--
09/23	10:00	EC				S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI	Sep P	49.1	--	49.8	--
09/23	10:00	EC				S&P Global Eurozone Composite PMI	Sep P	48.2	--	48.9	--
09/23	10:30	UK				S&P Global/CIPS UK Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	47.5	--	47.3	--
09/23	10:30	UK				S&P Global/CIPS UK Services PMI	Sep P	50.0	--	50.9	--
09/23	10:30	UK				S&P Global/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Sep P	49.0	--	49.6	--
09/23	12:00	UK				CBI Total Dist. Reported Sales	Sep	--	--	11	--
09/23	12:00	UK				CBI Retailing Reported Sales	Sep	10	--	37	--
09/23	14:30	CA				Retail Sales MoM	Jul	-2.0%	--	1.1%	--
09/23	14:30	CA				Retail Sales Ex Auto MoM	Jul	-1.0%	--	0.8%	--
09/23	15:45	US				S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	51.0	--	51.5	--
09/23	15:45	US				S&P Global US Services PMI	Sep P	45.5	--	43.7	--
09/23	15:45	US				S&P Global US Composite PMI	Sep P	46.1	--	44.6	--

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