

## Market Corner

**Asian stocks declined, with Chinese technology shares retreating amid concerns about growing mainland Covid cases.**

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index lost as much as 0.5%, on course to snap a three-day advance, with Tencent and Alibaba the biggest drivers of losses. The measure was still poised for its fourth weekly gain, the longest such streak since August. Trading volumes were thinner than usual in some markets following the US Thanksgiving holiday.

Benchmarks in Hong Kong were among the biggest decliners, with the Hang Seng Tech Index closing down more than 2% before Meituan's earnings release. Virus cases surged in Chinese cities including the capital Beijing, testing authorities' resolve to ease their strict Covid Zero policy. Hopes for reopening had fueled a recent equity rally after a four-month selloff.

**US equities ended the holiday-shortened session Friday basically where they started but were higher for the week as investors see an increased likelihood that the Federal Reserve will scale back interest rate hikes.**

The S&P 500 finished the session little changed on volume that was 33% lighter than average over the last 30 days and closed out the week up 1.5% rose 1.5% on the week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added about 153 points, putting it around 0.4% away from entering a bull market. The tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 Index fell 0.7%.

Minutes from the most recent Fed meeting showed that a majority of officials think that the central bank should moderate the pace of interest-rate hikes. Investors will now closely monitor economic data for clues on how policymakers are thinking leading up to the Fed's last meeting of the year on Dec. 13 and 14.

<u>World Indices</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>1D Change</u>
<u>Dow Jones</u>	34 347,03	0,45%
<u>S&amp;P 500</u>	4 026,12	-0,03%
<u>Nasdaq</u>	11 226,36	-0,52%
<u>Eurostoxx 50</u>	3 962,41	0,01%
<u>FTSE 100</u>	7 486,67	0,27%
<u>CAC 40</u>	6 712,48	0,08%
<u>DAX</u>	14 541,38	0,01%
<u>SMI</u>	11 168,03	0,09%
<u>Nikkei</u>	28 162,83	-0,42%
<u>Hang Seng</u>	17 324,26	-1,42%
<u>CSI 300</u>	3 733,24	-1,13%
<u>VIX Index</u>	20,50	0,39%

<u>World Bonds</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>1D Change</u>
<u>US 10Y</u>	3,6424	-0,96%
<u>EUR 10Y</u>	1,9260	-2,43%
<u>Swiss 10Y</u>	1,0350	-3,45%
<u>UK 10Y</u>	3,12	2,77%

Source: Bloomberg



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## Crypto Corner

### Cryptocurrencies slid Monday amid a bout of investor anxiety in global markets sparked by protests in China against Covid restrictions.

Bitcoin, the largest token, at one point shed 3.2% and was trading at about \$16,170 as of 12:40 p.m. in Tokyo. Second-ranked Ether fell about 4%, while the likes of Solana, Avalanche and Dogecoin suffered even sharper losses.

The nerves stoked by China come during a period of vulnerability for crypto markets, which are on edge over the contagion spreading from the fall of Sam Bankman-Fried's FTX exchange and sister trading house Alameda Research.

Read more: [China Covid Unrest Boils Over as Citizens Defy Lockdown Efforts](#)

Crypto watchers also pointed to worries about wrapped Ether, which is meant to have the same value as Ether while allowing access to more applications.

Some reports suggested the concerns stemmed from joke Twitter posts falsely claiming a break in the expected peg in the value of wrapped Ether and Ether.

Markus Thielen, head of research and strategy at crypto lender Matrixport, said he's "not too concerned" about wrapped Ether because it's based on automatically executing software known as smart contracts.

"This will make it unlikely to be actually manipulated as no person, nor a centralized entity, should be able to manipulate the open-source smart contract," which can also be checked for bugs or flaws, Thielen added.

The drop in crypto assets Monday came amid a slide in Asian stocks and US equity futures. One risk in China is that Beijing's ongoing policy of Covid-zero mobility curbs is an impediment to stabilizing domestic demand, Katrina Ell, senior economist at Moody's Analytics Inc., said on Bloomberg Television.

Bitcoin's Bad Month

Crypto Market Cap: **\$819B**

24h Vol: **\$45,7B**

Dominance: **BTC: 38,0% ETH:17,5%**

Crypto	Last	1D Change
<b>Bitcoin</b>	<b>16 191,33</b>	<b>-2,30%</b>
<b>Ethereum</b>	<b>1 171,08</b>	<b>-3,62%</b>



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



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## Commodity Corner

### Gold fell as growing unrest in China over Covid-Zero controls strengthened the dollar, placing downward pressure on the precious metal.

Bullion has experienced a volatile year, with prices surging to a peak in March after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The metal has since slumped about 15% as the Federal Reserve tightened monetary policy aggressively to stymie inflation. On Monday, the greenback climbed amid haven demand after protests against Covid curbs spread in the world's second-largest economy.

"Gold prices are now consolidating after a sharp run-up recently," said Harish Galipelli, director and head of strategy at Ila Commodities India in Hyderabad. "While dollar strength weighs on gold prices in the short-term, inflation concerns may lend support in the longer run," he added.

**Spot gold** slipped 0.2% to \$1,750.70 an ounce as of 12:47 p.m. in Singapore. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index climbed 0.3%. Silver and platinum fell, while palladium advanced.

Precious Metals		Last	1D Change
<u>Gold</u>		1 751,23	-0,21%
<u>Silver</u>		21,25	-2,29%
<u>Platinum</u>		984,48	0,09%
<u>Palladium</u>		1 859,94	0,66%

### Oil tumbled to the lowest level since December as a wave of unrest in China punished risk assets and clouded the outlook for energy demand, adding to stresses in an already-fragile global crude market.

West Texas Intermediate sank toward \$74 a barrel following three weeks of losses. Protests over harsh anti-virus curbs erupted across the world's largest crude importer over the weekend, including demonstrations in Beijing and Shanghai, spurring a broad selloff in commodities as the week opened. The rare show of defiance is raising the threat of a government crackdown.

The unrest aided the dollar as a haven, making raw materials less attractive, while hurting mobility in China. It also brings the possibility that authorities could respond with tighter curbs, with Covid-19 cases hitting a record this month, although others speculate the pace of easing could pick up.

World Commodities		Last	1D Change
<u>WTI Crude</u>		74,16	-2,78%
<u>Brent Crude</u>		81,18	-2,93%
<u>Nat Gas (HH)</u>		6,64	-5,52%
<u>Nickel</u>		25 299,00	-2,61%
<u>Copper</u>		356,60	-1,70%
<u>Corn</u>		662,00	-0,90%
<u>Wheat</u>		762,00	-1,74%
<u>Soybean</u>		1 427,00	-0,64%
<u>Coffee</u>		163,55	2,15%
<u>Cotton</u>		80,86	-0,59%
<u>Sugar</u>		19,33	-1,13%

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## FX Corner

**EUR/USD** is consolidating the latest decline at around 1.0350 in early Europe. Risk aversion remains the main underlying theme amid China's covid protests, lifting the safe-haven demand for the US Dollar. ECB Lagarde's testimony is on tap.

**GBP/USD** is under moderate selling pressure around 1.0250 ahead of the London open this Monday. The pair struggles to cheer the stimulus hopes amid fears of major strikes in the UK and covid protests in China.

**USD/JPY** stands on slippery grounds near 138.50 as risk-aversion intensifies during early Monday. Even so, the Yen pair remains inside a 12-day-old symmetrical triangle.

**AUD/USD** bears jostle with short-term key support surrounding 0.6690 as bears try to retake control during early Monday morning in Europe. In doing so, the Aussie pair justifies the market's risk-off mood as it prepares for the biggest daily fall in a week.

World Currencies	Last	1D Change
<u>EURUSD</u>	1,0373	-0,21%
<u>EURCHF</u>	0,9813	0,20%
<u>EURGBP</u>	0,8596	0,03%
<u>EURJPY</u>	143,22	0,95%
<u>USDCHF</u>	0,9459	0,00%
<u>USDJPY</u>	138,06	0,82%
<u>USDCAD</u>	1,3442	-0,46%
<u>USDTRY</u>	18,63	-0,17%
<u>GBPUSD</u>	1,2068	-0,20%
<u>AUDUSD</u>	0,6680	-1,05%
<u>NZDUSD</u>	0,6208	-0,62%

Currencies	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
EURUSD	1.0245	1.0319	1.0357	1.0431	1.0467	1.0541
USDJPY	136.62	137.84	138.51	139.73	140.28	141.50
GBPUSD	1.1955	1.2024	1.2058	1.2127	1.2162	1.2231
USDCAD	1.3203	1.3284	1.3332	1.3413	1.3446	1.3527
AUDUSD	0.6631	0.6691	0.6721	0.6781	0.6811	0.6871
NZDUSD	0.6130	0.6189	0.6218	0.6277	0.6307	0.6366
USDCHF	0.9307	0.9384	0.9421	0.9498	0.9538	0.9615
USDTRY	18.5040	18.5582	18.5789	18.6331	18.6666	18.7208
XAUUSD	1723.91	1738.98	1746.95	1762.02	1769.12	1784.19
XAGUSD	20.3789	20.9650	21.3551	21.9412	22.1372	22.7233

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## Event Corner

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Date	Time	C	A	M	R	Event	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/27-12/02		GE				Retail Sales MoM	Oct	-0.6%	--	0.9%	1.0%
11/27-12/02		GE				Retail Sales NSA YoY	Oct	-3.9%	--	-0.6%	--
11/28	10:00	EC				M3 Money Supply YoY	Oct	--	--	6.3%	--
11/28	12:00	UK				CBI Total Dist. Reported Sales	Nov	--	--	0	--
11/28	12:00	UK				CBI Retailing Reported Sales	Nov	--	--	18	--
11/28	14:00	CA				Bloomberg Nanos Confidence	Nov 25	--	--	42.7	--
11/28	14:30	CA				Current Account Balance	3Q	--	--	\$2.69b	--
11/28	16:30	US				Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Nov	-23.0	--	-19.4	--
11/28-11/30		GE				Import Price Index MoM	Oct	-2.2%	--	-0.9%	--
11/28-11/30		GE				Import Price Index YoY	Oct	22.3%	--	29.8%	--
11/28-12/03		UK				Nationwide House PX MoM	Nov	--	--	-0.9%	--
11/28-12/03		UK				Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Nov	--	--	7.2%	--

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