

## **Market Corner**

Asia's benchmark equity gauge rose for a third day amid broad gains across the region, with state-run Chinese companies in Hong Kong rallying on the back of policy support.

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index advanced as much as 0.6%, on track for the longest winning run in a month. Shares of Chinese state-owned firms climbed after the general manager of the Shanghai Stock Exchange called for the firms to get better access to funding. Their stocks gained on Monday after a national regulator announced plans to launch a campaign to benchmark these firms to first-class international enterprises.

The Hang Seng China Enterprises Index has rallied more than 6% since slipping into a correction at the end of last month. Hopes of fresh support for private enterprises also got a boost after President Xi Jinping at a meeting on Monday stressed the importance of the sector to the economy.

US stocks closed slightly higher Monday as investors await the Federal Reserve's monetary policy outlook as well as jobs data later this week, which may offer clues on the strength of the domestic economy.

The S&P 500 advanced 0.1% — with six out of 11 sectors higher — marking the benchmark gauge's longest winning streak since early February. The tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 climbed 0.1%, extending its rally from Friday. And the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.1%.

The three-day gain in the S&P 500 comes after a subdued February, as investors bet on a slowdown in the pace of interest-rate hikes. The index also bounced from a key support level — the 200-day moving average, and according to Morgan Stanley strategists is now set up to extend gains in the short term.

Still, the overall mood remained cautious after China set a modest economic growth target of around 5% for the year, though some said the lackluster outlook can be a positive if it can prevent pushing prices around the globe higher. Concerns about inflation and the Fed's next moves to quell it also continue to linger.

"Investors remain on edge over the continued strength in inflation that will likely keep global central banks in tightening mode through mid-year," Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA, wrote in a note.

World Indices	Last	1D Change	YTD
Dow Jones	33 431.4	0.12%	0.86%
S&P 500	4 048.4	0.07%	5.44%
Nasdaq	11 675.7	-0.11%	11.55%
Eurostoxx 50	4 313.8	0.44%	13.71%
FTSE 100	7 929.8	-0.22%	6.42%
CAC 40	7 373.2	0.00%	13.89%
DAX	15 653.6	0.48%	12.42%
SMI	11 147.3	-0.38%	3.89%
Nikkei	28 309.2	0.25%	8.49%
Hang Seng	20 514.1	-0.43%	3.70%
CSI 300	4 048.9	-1.46%	4.58%
VIX Index	18.6	0.65%	-14.12%

<b>World Bonds</b>	Last	1D Change	YTD
US 10Y	3.9441	-0.01	0.069
<b>EUR 10Y</b>	2.7490	0.03	0.178
Swiss 10Y	1.5730	0.02	-0.044
UK 10Y	3.8660	0.02	0.194

Source: Bloomberg





## **Crypto Corner**

Alameda Research, the trading arm of the bankrupt digital-asset exchange FTX, filed a lawsuit against Grayscale Investments alleging "exorbitant management fees" and accusing Grayscale of "improperly preventing redemptions" from the Bitcoin and Ether trusts it manages.

"We will continue to use every tool we can to maximize recoveries for FTX customers and creditors," John J. Ray III, chief executive officer and chief restructuring officer for FTX, said in the statement. "Our goal is to unlock value that we believe is currently being suppressed by Grayscale's self-dealing and improper redemption ban."

The complaint filed by Alameda comes a day before oral arguments scheduled for Mar. 7 in Grayscale's lawsuit against the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Grayscale sued after the US regulator denied its petition to convert the Bitcoin trust to an exchange-traded fund.

A spokesperson for Grayscale said the lawsuit was "misguided": "Grayscale has been transparent in our efforts to obtain regulatory approval to convert GBTC into an ETF – an outcome that is undoubtedly the best long-term product structure for Grayscale's investors. We remain confident in the common sense, compelling legal arguments that will be argued tomorrow before the D.C. Court of Appeals."

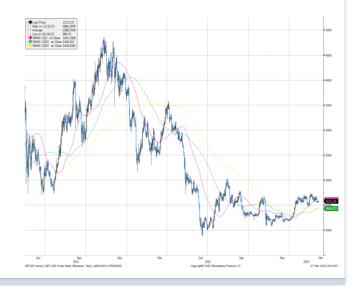
For two years, the \$14 billion Grayscale Bitcoin Trust (ticker GBTC) has been trading at a steep discount to the cryptocurrency it holds. The lawsuit is seeking injunctive relief to unlock \$9 billion or more in value for all shareholders of the two Grayscale trusts.

Alameda said it owned \$290 million worth of shares in Grayscale's Bitcoin and Ether trusts as of March 3, according to the complaint, which acknowledged that the trading firm's records may be incomplete. Those shares amounted to more than 3% and 2%, respectively, of the overall float as at the end of 2022, according to the complaint. The lawsuit claims the combined stake would rise in value to more than \$540 million if Grayscale were to cut fees and allow redemptions. GBTC charges a 2% annual fee, which compares with an average of 0.54% across the entire US ETF universe, according to Bloomberg Intelligence data. Grayscale has stated that it isn't allowed to redeem shares under the current guidelines. Grayscale has also faced lawsuits from hedge fund Fir Tree Capital Management and a rival digital-asset manager Osprey Funds.

 Crypto Market Cap: \$1.02T
 24h Vol: \$32.8B
 Dominance: BTC: 42.3% ETH:18,8%

Crypto	Last	1D Change	YTD
Bitcoin	22 449.44	0.18%	35.74%
Ethereum	1 573.65	0.46%	31.20%









# **Commodity Corner**

Gold steadied ahead of commentary from the head of the US Federal Reserve that will provide clues on the trajectory of interest rates.

Chair Jerome Powell will testify before a Senate panel later on Tuesday and a US House of Representatives committee on Wednesday, at which he is expected to underscore that rates will go higher than policy makers had anticipated just a few weeks ago. Higher rates, needed to quell stubbornly elevated inflation, are typically negative for non-interest-bearing bullion.

**Spot gold** was little changed at \$1,845.34 an ounce as of 8:52 a.m. in Singapore, after falling 0.5% on Monday. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index was flat, and 10-year US Treasury yields climbed toward 4%. Silver and platinum were steady, while palladium declined

<b>Precious Metals</b>	Last	1D Change	YTD
Gold	1 848.36	0.08%	1.32%
Silver	21.09	0.17%	-12.02%
Platinium	974.12	-0.53%	-9.34%
Palladium	1 444.91	-0.22%	-19.37%

Oil held gains near the highest close in five weeks ahead of a testimony from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell that will provide clues on the path forward for monetary tightening

West Texas Intermediate traded above \$80 a barrel after advancing for five sessions, which drove futures above its 100-day moving average, a widely-watched technical gauge. Powell will begin two days of testimony before the Senate and House committees in Washington later Tuesday.

Crude has endured a bumpy year, whipsawed by concerns over further interest rate hikes from the Fed and a bullish outlook for Chinese demand following the end of Covid Zero. However, the world's top oil importer has set a cautious economic growth target this year, denting some optimism in the outlook.

Traders are also tracking Russian energy flows following sanctions for the nation's war in Ukraine. They seem to be resilient so far, with Gunvor Group Chief Executive Officer Torbjorn Tornqvist saying Russia's plan to cut its oil output by 500,000 barrels a day in March isn't yet affecting its exports.

Wolrd Commodities	Last	1D Change
WTI Crude	80.56	0.12%
<b>Brent Crude</b>	86.31	0.15%
Nat Gas (HH)	2.58	0.12%
Nickel	24 228.50	-0.76%
Copper	408.00	-0.50%
Corn	645.50	0.16%
Wheat	682.50	-1.90%
Soybean	1 541.00	0.69%
Coffee	182.45	0.91%
Cotton	84.86	0.58%
Sugar	20.87	-0.24%

Source: fxstreet.com / Bloomberg





### **FX Corner**

**EUR/USD** is keeping its range play intact below 1.0700 in the early European morning. The pair is helped by a cautiously optimistic market mood. Traders give up on the US Dollar amid weaker US Treasury yields ahead of Fed Chair Powell's testimony.

**GBP/USD** is trading close to 1.2050, sustaining the rebound ahead of the London open. Renewed Brexit concerns, as DUP seeks consultation on the post-Brexit deal, could limit the upside in the pair, despite a broadly weaker US Dollar. Powell's testimony is in focus.

**USD/JPY** holds onto the week-start recovery as it prints mild gains around 136.10 during Tuesday's Asian session. In doing so, the Yen pair justifies the previous day's upside break of a three-day-old resistance line, now support near 135.90.

**AUD/USD** is displaying a sideways auction in the early European session after a Reserve bank of Australia (RBA)'s monetary policy-inspired volatility. The Aussie asset looks vulnerable above the 0.6700 support despite the upbeat market mood.

<b>World Currencies</b>	Last	1D Change	YTD
EURUSD	1.0683	0.02%	-0.20%
EURCHF	0.9929	0.13%	-0.36%
EURGBP	0.8858	0.27%	-0.36%
EURJPY	145.1000	0.05%	-3.35%
USDCHF	0.9294	0.14%	0.54%
USDJPY	135.8200	0.08%	-3.58%
USDCAD	1.3615	-0.01%	-0.46%
USDTRY	18.9131	-0.07%	-1.09%
GBPUSD	1.2060	0.29%	-0.20%
AUDUSD	0.6708	-0.33%	-1.56%
NZDUSD	0.6210	0.21%	-2.20%

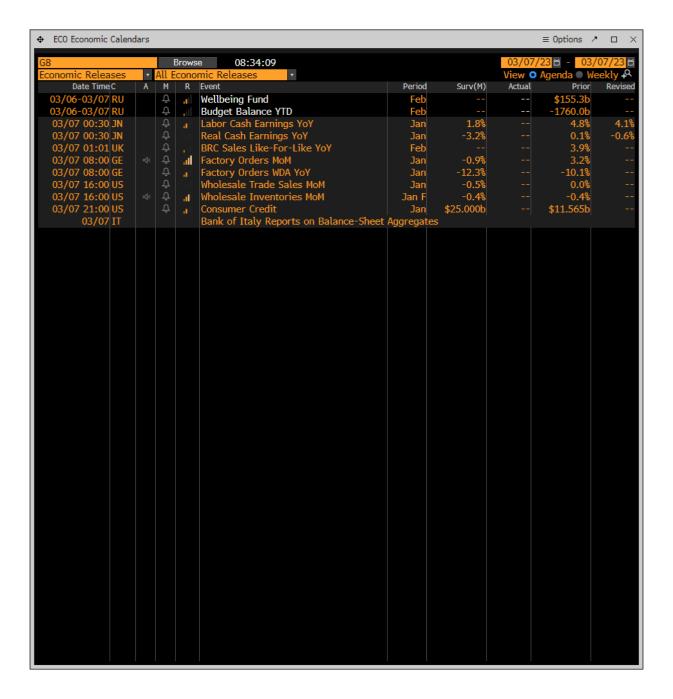
Devise	<b>S3</b>	S2	<b>S1</b>	R1	R2	R3
EURUSD	1.0501	1.0582	1.0631	1.0712	1.0744	1.0825
USDJPY	134.1900	135.0100	135.4700	136.2900	136.6500	137.4700
GBPUSD	1.1910	1.1966	1.1996	1.2052	1.2078	1.2134
USDCAD	1.3514	1.3561	1.3587	1.3634	1.3655	1.3702
AUDUSD	0.6631	0.6685	0.6707	0.6761	0.6793	0.6847
NZDUSD	0.6094	0.6146	0.6172	0.6224	0.6250	0.6302
USDCHF	0.9192	0.9260	0.9284	0.9352	0.9396	0.9464
USDTRY	18.7692	18.8278	18.8639	18.9225	18.9450	19.0036
XAUUSD	1823.847	1836.987	1841.923	1855.063	1863.267	1876.407
XAGUSD	20.4679	20.7907	20.9213	21.2441	21.4363	21.7591



Source: fxstreet.com / Bloomberg



#### **Event Corner**



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