

Asian stocks erased early losses to end mixed on Tuesday. Weak overnight cues from Wall Street and Europe as well as the oil price volatility kept investors in a defensive mode ahead of central bank meetings in the U.S., Japan and New Zealand.

Chinese and Hong Kong shares reversed early losses to end slightly higher amid the regulatory crackdown on speculative trading in commodity futures market.

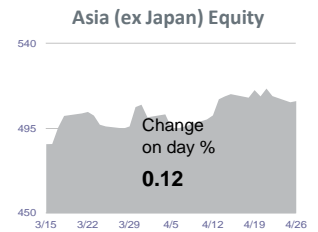
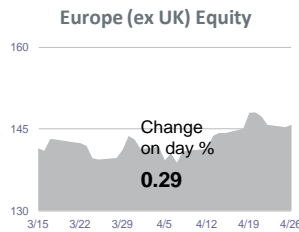
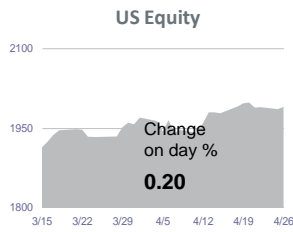
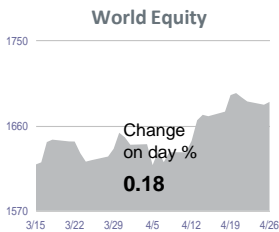
The **European** markets ended with mixed results. The market opened to a positive start due to rising oil prices and some strong corporate financial results from the Euro zone. However, the markets pared those early gains as investor caution ahead of U.S. Federal Reserve statement on Wednesday.

US markets were flat as traders seemed reluctant to make significant moves ahead of the central bank's monetary policy announcement. Traders are waiting for clues as to the probability of a June rate hike.

A report showing weaker than expected U.S. durable goods orders and consumer confidence data in March also weighed on investor sentiment in the afternoon.

In the bond market, **US treasuries** moved moderately lower, extending a recent downward trend as investors keep a close watch on the outlook for US interest rate.

Oil prices rose near recent yearly highs on Tuesday, boosted by a weak US dollar and hopes for Chinese demand.



Data as of

April 26, 2016

US Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Dow Jones Industrial Average	17,990.32	0.07	3.24
Nasdaq Composite	4,888.28	-0.15	-2.38
S&P 500	2,091.70	0.19	2.34
S&P 500 Volatility (Vix)	13.96	-0.85	-23.34
MSCI US	1,989.95	0.20	2.06

Europe Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Euro Stoxx 50	3,121.29	0.12	-4.48
FTSE 100 (UK)	6,284.52	0.38	0.68
DAX (Germany)	10,259.59	-0.34	-4.50
CAC-40 (France)	4,533.18	-0.28	-2.24
FTSE MIB Index (Italy)	18,670.41	1.45	-12.83
Ibex35 (Spain)	9,283.00	1.56	-2.74
MSCI Europe ex UK	145.74	0.29	-5.08

Asia Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
S&P/ASX (Australia)	5,220.64	-0.30	0.38
NZX 50 Index (New Zealand)	6,795.72	-1.03	7.45
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	21,407.27	0.48	-2.31
Hang Seng China Enterprise Index	9,016.12	0.33	-6.68
Jakarta Composite Index (Jakarta)	4,814.09	-1.33	4.81
KLCI (Malaysia)	1,692.50	-1.28	0.00
KOSPI (Korea)	2,019.63	0.25	2.97
PSE (Philippines)	7,211.92	-0.53	3.74
BSE Sensex 30 (India)	26,007.30	1.28	-0.42
SET (Thailand)	1,418.78	0.71	10.15
Shanghai SE Composite (Shanghai)	2,964.70	0.61	-16.23
Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 Index (A-shares)	3,179.16	0.54	-14.79
MSCI China Index (H-shares)^	57.25	0.14	-3.73
Straits Times Index (Singapore)	2,894.66	-0.19	0.41
Topix (Japan)	1,391.69	-0.72	-9.21
Nikkei 225 (Tokyo)	17,353.28	-0.49	-8.13
Taiwan Taiex Index (Taiwan)	8,581.57	0.25	2.92
Ho Chi Minh Stock Index	598.48	1.17	3.36
MSCI Asia ex Japan	509.50	0.12	1.91

World Index	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
MSCI World Index	1685.65	0.18	1.37

Others	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Bovespa (Brazil)	53,082.50	2.35	22.45
MSCI Latin America	2,226.39	1.74	21.67

Government Bonds - 10 Yr Benchmark (Yield/bid)	Last	Net Chg	Net YTD Chg
US Generic Govt 10-year	1.93	0.01	-0.35
UK Govt 10-year Note Generic	1.66	0.05	-0.30
German Govt Bonds 10-year	0.30	0.04	-0.33
Italy Govt Bonds 10-year	1.54	0.00	-0.06
Japan Govt Bonds 10-year	-0.10	-0.04	-0.34
Singapore Govt Bonds 10-year	2.05	0.06	-0.55

Bond Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Citigroup World Govt Bond	722.53	-0.02	3.16
JP Morgan Asian Credit +	199.47	-0.17	3.98
JP Morgan EMBI Eurobonds +	599.43	-0.20	6.37
Citigroup US HY Market	841.59	0.18	6.86
JP Morgan Asian HY Corp +	253.02	0.01	4.70

Interest rate	Last	Net Chg	Net YTD Chg
LIBOR USD 3-month #	Holiday	Holiday	0.02

Commodities +	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Oil (Light Crude)	44.04	6.79	18.90
Gold	1,232.72	-0.02	17.27

Currencies (Base Currency: 1 USD)	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Euro	0.89	0.26	3.59
Yen	110.89	0.17	8.27
Pound	0.69	0.77	-1.57
AUD	1.29	0.30	5.95
SGD	1.35	0.01	4.65

Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited., MSCI from Bloomberg in USD terms. ^MSCI China Index (H-shares): HKD. All data extracted from Bloomberg are in local currency terms except those denoted by "+", which are in USD terms. % Chg and net change refers to the change compared to previous trading day. YTD stands for year to date. # Libor rates come from British Bankers Association. NA represents not available.

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