

Asian shares ended mostly lower on Wednesday as the Yen strengthened and weak earnings results from Apple put pressure on technology stocks.

Chinese stocks finished lower even as positive industrial profits data boosted hopes the economic recovery is gaining momentum.

Rising oil prices helped a majority of **European** markets to end with modest gains despite concerns on US monetary policy, Greece and mixed corporate financial results.

The U.K. economy expanded at a slower pace in the first quarter of the year as the service sector alone made positive contribution to growth amid "Brexit" fears.

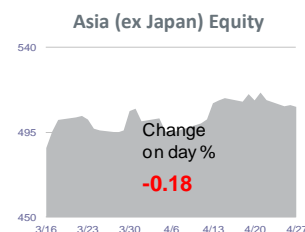
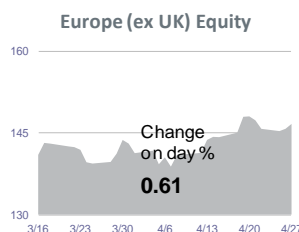
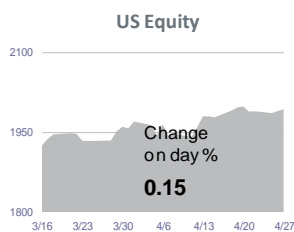
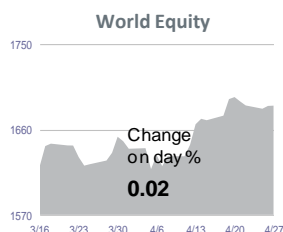
US market closed mixed following the Federal Reserve's monetary policy announcement. Tech-heavy Nasdaq remained stuck in negative territory. The Dow and the S&P 500 managed to finish the session moderately higher.

The Fed's accompanying statement was generally interpreted as leaving the door open for a June rate hike without making any guarantees.

The Fed also said recent data indicates that labor market conditions have improved further even as growth in economic activity appears to have slowed.

US Treasuries rebounded following the release of the Fed statement, which did not contain any major surprise.

Oil prices continued to trend upwards despite another inventory build in US stockpiles.



Data as of

April 27, 2016

US Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Dow Jones Industrial Average	18,041.55	0.28	3.54
Nasdaq Composite	4,863.14	-0.51	-2.88
S&P 500	2,095.15	0.16	2.51
S&P 500 Volatility (Vix)	13.77	-1.36	-24.38
MSCI US	1,992.93	0.15	2.22

Europe Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Euro Stoxx 50	3,130.43	0.29	-4.20
FTSE 100 (UK)	6,319.91	0.56	1.24
DAX (Germany)	10,299.83	0.39	-4.13
CAC-40 (France)	4,559.40	0.58	-1.67
FTSE MIB Index (Italy)	18,750.62	0.43	-12.46
Ibex35 (Spain)	9,332.60	0.53	-2.22
MSCI Europe ex UK	146.63	0.61	-4.74

Asia Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
S&P/ASX (Australia)	5,187.71	-0.63	-0.25
NZX 50 Index (New Zealand)	6,750.41	-0.67	6.74
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	21,361.60	-0.21	-2.52
Hang Seng China Enterprise Index	9,037.48	0.24	-6.45
Jakarta Composite Index (Jakarta)	4,845.66	0.66	5.50
KLCI (Malaysia)	1,692.34	-0.01	-0.01
KOSPI (Korea)	2,015.40	-0.21	2.76
PSE (Philippines)	7,180.53	-0.44	3.29
BSE Sensex 30 (India)	26,064.12	0.22	-0.20
SET (Thailand)	1,411.84	-0.49	9.61
Shanghai SE Composite (Shanghai)	2,953.67	-0.37	-16.54
Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 Index (A-shares)	3,165.92	-0.42	-15.15
MSCI China Index (H-shares)^	57.10	-0.26	-3.99
Straits Times Index (Singapore)	2,874.72	-0.69	-0.28
Topix (Japan)	1,384.30	-0.53	-9.69
Nikkei 225 (Tokyo)	17,290.49	-0.36	-8.45
Taiwan Taiex Index (Taiwan)	8,563.05	-0.22	2.70
Ho Chi Minh Stock Index	593.96	-0.76	2.58
MSCI Asia ex Japan	508.57	-0.18	1.73

World Index	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
MSCI World Index	1685.95	0.02	1.39

Others	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Bovespa (Brazil)	54,477.78	2.63	25.67
MSCI Latin America	2,264.08	1.69	23.73

Government Bonds - 10 Yr Benchmark (Yield/bid)	Last	Net Chg	Net YTD Chg
US Generic Govt 10-year	1.85	-0.08	-0.43
UK Govt 10-year Note Generic	1.63	-0.03	-0.33
German Govt Bonds 10-year	0.29	-0.01	-0.34
Italy Govt Bonds 10-year	1.52	-0.02	-0.08
Japan Govt Bonds 10-year	-0.05	0.05	-0.35
Singapore Govt Bonds 10-year	2.03	-0.02	-0.57

Bond Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Citigroup World Govt Bond	723.00	0.06	3.23
JP Morgan Asian Credit +	199.53	0.03	4.02
JP Morgan EMBI Eurobonds +	601.49	0.34	6.73
Citigroup US HY Market	844.12	0.30	7.18
JP Morgan Asian HY Corp +	253.43	0.16	4.87

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

Commodities +	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Oil (Light Crude)	45.33	2.93	22.38
Gold	1,244.90	0.99	17.16

Currencies (Base Currency: 1 USD)	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Euro	0.88	0.23	3.75
Yen	111.24	-0.31	7.89
Pound	0.68	0.34	-1.91
AUD	1.31	-1.68	3.87
SGD	1.35	0.30	4.87

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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