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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	39,566.85	-240.52	-0.60%	34712.28	28660.94	4.98%
S&P 500	5,243.77	-10.58	-0.20%	4325.28	3491.58	9.94%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	16,396.83	17.37	0.11%	13181.09	10088.83	9.23%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	22,185.25	18.22	0.08%	21212.88	17873.18	5.85%
STOXX EUROPE 50	4,428.10	Market Closed		4079.60	3279.47	8.18%
FTSE 100	7,952.62	Market Closed		8047.06	6707.62	2.84%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	18,492.49	Market Closed		15922.38	11862.84	10.39%
CAC40	8,205.81	Market Closed		7581.26	5628.42	8.78%
NIKKEI 225 INDEX	39,803.09	-566.35	-1.40%	33772.89	25661.89	18.94%
HANG SENG INDEX	16,541.42	Market Closed		22700.85	14597.31	-2.97%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,077.38	36.21	1.19%	3424.84	2885.09	3.44%

Stocks fall and U.S. Treasury yields rise as Fed rate cut optimism fades

The U.S. major averages fell, and U.S. Treasury yields rose on Monday as stronger-than-expected manufacturing data tempered expectations of a rate cut in June by the U.S. Federal Reserve. Most sectors on the S&P500 traded in the red, with communication services, information technology and energy the only sectors trading in positive territory. In economic news, the ISM manufacturing PMI unexpectedly moved into expansionary territory for the first time in 1 ½ years in March, as production rebounded sharply, and new orders increased. The report also showed that employment remained subdued and inflation pressures increased. Separate data showed U.S. construction spending unexpectedly fell in February. Fed fund futures are now pricing in a 56% chance of at least a 25 basis point cut in June, compared to nearly 66% before the data. Markets also digested Friday's PCE price index data - the Fed's preferred gauge on inflation. The PCE Price Index was up a modest 0.3% m/m in February and up 2.5% year-over year. The core PCE Price Index rose 0.3% m/m and was up 2.8% on a y/y basis. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said on Friday that he expects interest rates in the future will be lower than they are now but does not expect them to return to the levels from before the COVID pandemic.

Canada's TSX Composite Index was flat on Monday as gains in the energy, materials and information technology sectors offset losses in other sectors. In corporate news, Nuvei jumped on news that it will be bought by private equity firm Advent International for US\$6.3 billion. Ballard Power Systems surged after it announced its largest order in history. Today's data showed domestic manufacturing activity edged up to an 11-month high of 49.8 in March from 49.7 in January. The Bank of Canada released its Business Outlook Survey which showed Canadian firms have begun to expect improved conditions, prompting traders to trim their bets of a rate cut in June to 51%, from 55% before the survey results and no longer fully price in a 25 basis point cut in July. A separate BoC survey of consumer expectations showed Canadians believe inflation has slowed and do not expect more rate hikes this year.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Ballard Power Systems Inc	\$4.45	\$0.68	18.04%
IAMGOLD Corp	\$4.94	\$0.42	9.29%
Nexgen Energy Ltd	\$11.45	\$0.92	8.74%
Cameco Corp	\$63.42	\$4.78	8.15%
BRP Inc	\$98.02	\$7.07	7.77%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Canopy Growth Corp	\$10.20	-\$1.46	-12.52%
NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT	\$4.50	-\$0.19	-4.05%
Converge Technology Solutions Corp	\$5.65	-\$0.17	-2.92%
CT Real Estate Investment Trust	\$13.91	-\$0.36	-2.52%
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners LP	\$41.26	-\$1.04	-2.46%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	288.49	3.36	1.18%
MATERIALS	338.99	5.04	1.51%
UTILITIES	273.62	-2.29	-0.83%
FINANCIALS	398.43	-2.26	-0.56%
INDUSTRIALS	467.35	-0.72	-0.15%
HEALTH CARE	27.51	-0.35	-1.26%
CONS. DISCRETION.	281.77	-2.00	-0.70%
CONS. STAPLES	907.24	-4.65	-0.51%
INFO TECH.	224.90	0.62	0.28%
COMMUNICATION SVS	157.42	-0.48	-0.30%
REAL ESTATE	308.90	-2.98	-0.96%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	4.27%	3.64%	3.59%	3.48%
U.S. (YLD%)	4.71%	4.33%	4.32%	4.45%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$83.89	\$0.72	0.87%	17.08%
NATURAL GAS	\$1.84	\$0.08	4.48%	-26.73%
GOLD	\$2,245.00	\$27.60	1.24%	8.64%
COPPER	\$4.05	\$0.05	1.25%	4.35%
CAD / USD	\$0.7366	-\$0.0016	-0.22%	-2.40%
CAD / EUR	€0.6856	€0.0017	0.25%	0.28%
USD / EUR	€0.9308	€0.0046	0.50%	2.74%
USD / JPY	¥151.62	¥0.27	0.18%	7.49%

Source: LSEG

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