

Daily Focus

Market Overview

USA

US stocks closed higher despite stronger-than-expected inflation data. Dow Jones, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed 0.06%, 0.47% and 0.78% higher.

China

Chinese equities rose for the second consecutive day. The Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.54% or 19.46 points to 3,610.86.

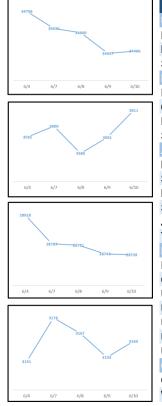
Hong Kong

Hong Kong equities closed almost unchanged on Thursday. The Hang Seng Index fell 0.01% or 3.75 points to 28,738.88.

Singapore

Singapore equities rebounded on Thursday. The Straits Times Index rose 0.29% to 3,162.50.

Major Market Indexes







US consumer prices rose higher than expected in May. CPI rose 0.6% month-on-month, higher than the median estimates for a 0.5% increase. On a yearly basis, CPI rose 5.0%. Excluding food and energy prices, CPI rose 3.8%



The ECB left monetary policy unchanged in the latest June policy meeting, but agreed to make further emergency purchases over the next quarter "at a significantly higher pace" than during the first few months of this year. The ECB also said the PEPP will last until March 2022. GDP growth outlook was upgraded to 4.6% this year and 1.9% for inflation this year.



Japan's producer price index rose higher than expected in May. Japan's PPI rose 4.9% year-on-year in May, higher than median estimates for a 4.5% increase and higher than April's revised 3.8% gain.



According to a survey published by the Melbourne Institute, the expected inflation rate increased by nearly 1 percentage point to 4.4% in June, the largest net monthly increase in four years. It is also the highest survey data recorded since April 2020.

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