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Asian markets were mixed but closed mildly lower on Thursday. Investors remained cautious but, despite weakness in the US overnight following a rise in 10 year Treasury yields, several markets posted gains. Japanese stocks rose for the second day supported by a weaker yen. Australia and Singapore also closed higher, with gains in financials offsetting weakness in materials and real estate stocks.

European shares ended firmly lower on Thursday, with investors digesting the declines in the US. Energy stocks were also under pressure from a declining oil price and a strengthening dollar. Investors were also cautious ahead of the BoE's rate decision. Rates were left unchanged but the BoE chancellor hinted at the possibility of larger and sooner than expected rises, amid rising global growth.

US shares closed firmly lower on Thursday, whilst the VIX rose significantly. The S&P 500 declined by 3.8%, taking its decline since its record high in January beyond 10%. The sell off was broad based, with all sectors in the red for the day, triggered by a rising 10 year Treasury yield, again under pressure from a weak auction.

The 10 year US Treasury yield was largely unchanged on Thursday. Whilst the yield rose after weak demand from investors at the most recent auction, investors subsequently added to positions amid the sell off in equity as they sought traditional safe havens.

**Crude oil** prices declined on Thursday, as a stronger dollar and concerns around global demand weighed.

## Asia (ex Japan) Equity





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US Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg	
Dow Jones Industrial Average	23,860.46	-4.15	-3.47	
Nasdaq Composite	6,777.16	-3.90	-1.83	
S&P 500	2,581.00	-3.75	-3.46	
S&P 500 Volatility (Vix)	33.46	20.66	203.08	
MSCIUS	2,458.80	-3.74	-3.37	

Europe Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Euro Stoxx 50	3,377.30	-2.24	-3.61
FTSE 100 (UK)	7,170.69	-1.49	-6.73
DAX (Germany)	12,260.29	-2.62	-5.09
CAC-40 (France)	5,151.68	-1.98	-3.03
FTSE MIB Index (Italy)	22,466.60	-2.26	2.81
lbex35 (Spain)	9,756.30	-2.21	-2.86
MSCI Europe ex UK	174.90	-2.21	-3.47

Asia Indexes	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
S&P/ASX (Australia)	5,890.70	0.24	-2.87
NZX 50 Index (New Zealand)	8,177.14	-0.22	-2.63
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	30,451.27	0.42	1.78
Hang Seng China Enterprise Index	12,380.38	-0.43	5.73
Jakarta Composite Index (Jakarta)	6,544.63	0.15	2.97
KLCI (Malaysia)	1,839.44	0.15	2.37
KOSPI (Korea)	2,407.62	0.46	-2.43
PSEi (Philippines)	8,645.08	-0.26	1.01
BSE Sensex 30 (India)	34,413.16	0.97	1.05
SET (Thailand)	1,786.66	0.07	1.88
Shanghai SE Composite (Shanghai)	3,262.05	-1.43	-1.36
Shanghai Shenzhen CSI 300 Index (A-shares)	4,012.05	-0.95	-0.47
MSCI China Index (H-shares)^	90.68	-0.95	1.49
Straits Tmes Index (Singapore)	3,415.90	0.95	0.38
Topix (Japan)	1,765.69	0.90	-2.85
Nikkei 225 (Tokyo)	21,890.86	1.13	-3.83
Taiw an Taiex Index (Taiw an)	10,528.52	-0.22	-1.07
Ho Chi Minh Stock Index	1,023.25	-1.66	3.96
MSCI Asia ex Japan	711.25	-0.16	-0.31
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World Index	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg

Others	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Bovespa (Brazil)	81,532.53	-1.49	6.72
Mexbol (Mexico)	47,862.10	-2.28	-3.02
MSCI Latin America	2,980.40	(2.59)	5.38
MSCI Emerging Markets	1,163.09	(0.88)	0.40

Government Bonds -			
10 Yr Benchmark (Yield/bid)	Last	Net Chg	Net YTD Chg
US Generic Govt 10-year	2.82	-0.01	0.41
UK Govt 10-year Note Generic	1.62	0.07	0.43
German Govt Bonds 10-year	0.76	0.02	0.34
Italy Govt Bonds 10-year	1.99	0.04	-0.02
Japan Govt Bonds 10-year	0.08	0.01	0.03
Singapore Govt Bonds 10-year	2.23	0.03	0.23

Citigroup World Govt Bond	Holiday	Holiday	-0.96
JP Morgan Asian Credit +	212.41	-0.22	-1.07
JP Morgan EMBI Eurobonds +	666.74	-0.72	-1.82
Citigroup US HY Market	988.92	-0.50	-0.45
JP Morgan Asian HY Corp +	286.78	-0.04	-0.23

Net Chg

Holiday

Net YTD Chg

Commodities +	Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
Oil (Light Crude)	61.15	-1.04	0.18
Gold	1,316.90	0.40	0.95

Holiday

Last	% Chg	%YTD Chg
0.82	-0.13	2.11
108.74	0.54	3.74
0.72	0.22	3.09
1.29	-0.52	-0.31
1.33	-0.44	0.35
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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.

Interest rate

LIBOR USD 3-month #

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