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<u>U.S.</u> Current Situation - (05/11/2021)

- The S&P 500 rose to a record high on Tuesday ahead of a key Federal Reserve decision as strong corporate earnings gave investors' confidence in a year-end rally. "Fundamentals are probably at the epicenter of why the stock market keeps rising," said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist for the Leuthold Group. "The earnings season overall is turning out to be much stronger than anticipated," he added. "While many companies are warning that supply restrictions are a problem, most have nonetheless been able to raise prices, maintain strong profit margins, and take full advantage of healthy demand with greater sales results. Fears of overwhelming profit margin erosion simply did not happen."
- The Fed at the conclusion of its two-day meeting on Wednesday is expected to announce it will begin unwinding its \$120 billion in monthly bond purchases implemented during the pandemic. Stocks rose to new records on Wednesday after the Federal Reserve made its long-anticipated announcement to slow the monthly bond purchases the central bank implemented during the pandemic.
- Major averages climbed steadily into the green as the central bank said it will begin to scale back the bond buying later this month and reiterated that it would be in no rush to raise interest rates after finishing the taper next year.
- S&P 500 closes at record after Fed says economy is strong enough for it to slow pandemic bond buying. The Fed said it
 will begin tapering bond purchases "later this month" and will reduce buying by \$15 billion a month, putting it on track
 to end the quantitative easing by the middle of next year. This timeline and amount were in line with expectations.
 However, the Fed said it is prepared to alter the pace of purchases if warranted by changes in the economic outlook.
- The central bank also subtly reframed its stance on inflation, acknowledging that price increases have been more
 rapid and persistent than central bankers had expected. However, the Fed's statement still characterized the rising
 prices as "transitory," which could push the timeline for interest rates hikes further into the future.
- "Our decision today to begin tapering our asset purchases does not imply any direct signal regarding our interest rate
 policy. We continue to articulate a different and more stringent test for the economic conditions that would need to
 be met before raising the federal funds rate," Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said his post-meeting news
 conference Wednesday afternoon.
- U.S. stocks rallied to record levels on Friday after the October jobs report came in better than expected, boosting optimism about the economic recovery.
- A major development from Pfizer regarding its easy-to-administer Covid-19 pill fueled hope for a smooth reopening further, sending shares of airlines and cruise line operators soaring.
- The move for stocks came as data showed job gains for the month of October totaled 531,000. Consensus estimates called for 450,000 jobs added, according to Dow Jones. The report also revised September's disappointing number up to 312,000 job gains from 194,000 previously and increased its August number by a similar amount.
- Pfizer shares surged nearly 11% after the company said its Covid-19 drug, used with an HIV drug, cut the risk of hospitalization by 89%. Pfizer board member Dr. Scott Gottlieb said Friday that the pandemic could be over in the U.S. by the time President Biden's workplace vaccine mandates take effect in early January.
- The news boosted classic reopening plays. United Airlines shares jumped more than 7%, while American Airlines popped 5.7%. Carnival and Royal Caribbean rallied more than 8% each, while Norwegian Cruise Line advanced 7.8%.
- Recovery stock Expedia saw its shares roar higher by 15.6% a day after the company said renewed travel demand boosted its top and bottom lines higher than analysts had expected.
- "The labor market recovery is back on track, but it will still take several months to get to maximum employment," said Edward Moya, senior market analyst at Oanda. "Alongside the Pfizer COVID pill news, this strong [jobs] report should ease some of the supply chain problems and that will make some investors embrace the reopening trade."

<u>U.S.</u> Previously – (25/10/2021)

- U.S. stocks rose to record highs on Monday as investors prepared for a major week of earnings from heavyweight tech companies. The sharp move for the stock helped the market start the week off strong ahead of a busy week of earnings. Wall Street entered Monday following a winning week on the back of strong corporate earnings.
- U.S. stocks climbed to record levels on Tuesday as major corporations continued to turn in solid quarterly results, but
 major averages closed off their highs of the day with some major tech names rolling over. An intraday reversal in shares
 of Facebook weighed on major averages at midday. After trading flat to higher to start the session, Facebook shares
 dropped more than 5% at the session low and closed 3.9% lower. The company topped analysts' earnings expectations
 but missed estimates for revenue and monthly active users.
- Tesla erased earlier gains and fell 0.6% Tuesday after the electric vehicle company soared more than 12% in the previous session to reach a \$1 trillion market cap for the first time.
- The stock market reached record levels on Thursday as strong earnings from major companies bolstered investor confidence.
- The U.S. stock market set another round of record highs on Friday as Wall Street looked past disappointing results from major companies to wrap up its best month of the year.
- Despite the disappointing results from Big Tech, the stock market has been raking in records amid solid earnings even with global supply chain concerns

Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

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•	European markets close mixed as invest busy week of corporate earnings, a key	-	s around the world are gearing up for a tober's U.S. jobs report (out on Friday)
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	update from the U.K. finance minister.		<u> </u>

inflationary pressures. Lagarde tried to play down the chances of a rate hike for 2022, hinting that market players might be getting ahead of themselves with their predictions. Markets were muted after the ECB's rate announcement, but southern European bond yields spiked after Lagarde's comments at the press conference, according to Reuters data. European stocks closed mixed on Friday as traders digested a raft of U.S. and domestic corporate earnings Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news. Indicators Market Factor ASX 100, FTSE 100 & NDX 100 ECONOMIC INFLATION FUN (Fundamental Report) Rising Inflation, Strong job numbers, FED Tapering expected before the end of 2021 or early 2022, Impact of Covid - Delta Variant. **APAC** Current Situation - (05/11/2021) Shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Monday as investors reacted to economic data that showed a mixed picture of Chinese manufacturing activity in October. Shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Tuesday, as Hong Kong-listed shares of Chinese real estate firms fell amid renewed fears. On Monday, Moody's downgraded developer Yango Group, warning the Chinese firm "may not be able to mobilize all of its cash holdings to repay its maturing debts." The S&P/ASX 200 in Australia dipped 0.63% to close at 7,324.30. The Reserve Bank of Australia on Tuesday announced its decision to keep its cash rate target unchanged but decided to stop its target of 10 basis points for the April 2024 Australian Government Bond. "The decision to discontinue the yield target reflects the improvement in the economy and the earlier-than-expected progress towards the inflation target," RBA Governor Philip Lowe said in a statement. "Given that other market interest rates have moved in response to the increased likelihood of higher inflation and lower unemployment, the effectiveness of the yield target in holding down the general structure of interest rates in Australia has diminished." Lowe said. Shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Wednesday as investors looked ahead to the end of the U.S. Federal Reserve's twoday meeting for clues on tapering. A private survey released Wednesday showed growing Chinese services activity in October, with the Caixin/Markit services Purchasing Managers' Index coming in at 53.8, rising from September's reading of 53.4. China's official nonmanufacturing PMI for October came in at 52.4 over the weekend, a decline from the September reading of 53.2. PMI readings below 50 represent contraction while those above that level signify expansion. PMI readings are sequential and represent month-on-month expansion or contraction. Shares in Asia-Pacific rose on Thursday following the U.S. Federal Reserve's announcement that it will start tapering the pace of its bond purchases later in November. The Fed announced Wednesday it will begin reducing the pace of monthly bond purchases later this month. The move was in line with market expectations following a series of earlier signals from the U.S. central bank that it would begin winding down a program that accelerated in March 2020 as a response to the Covid pandemic. The major indexes on Wall Street climbed to new records on Wednesday following the Fed announcement. Stocks in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Friday as shares in Hong Kong led losses among the region's major markets. It comes as investors continue to watch for developments in China's property sector following the fallout from heavily indebted Evergrande. A few other Chinese real estate firms had also been under the spotlight for going into default, or missing payments on their debt. <u>APAC</u> <u> Previously – (25/10/2021)</u> Asia-Pacific stocks mixed as HSBC earnings beat expectations; oil prices rise In Asia, equities closed mostly higher overnight, with electric vehicle battery makers surging after car rental giant Hertz said it would order 100,000 vehicles from Tesla by the end of 2022. Stocks in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Tuesday after major indexes on Wall Street rose to record closing highs stateside. Shares in Asia-Pacific were lower on Wednesday, with Chinese tech stocks in Hong Kong seeing big losses. Shares in Australia closed higher as the S&P/ASX 200 rose fractionally to 7,448.70. Australia's consumer price index rose 0.8% in the September 2021 quarter, data from the country's Bureau of Statistics showed Wednesday. The reading for guarterly consumer inflation was in line with expectations from a Reuters poll. Shares in Asia-Pacific were lower on Thursday as the Bank of Japan announced its decision to hold steady on monetary policy. Shares in Asia-Pacific were mixed on Friday as investors monitored stocks of Apple suppliers after the tech giant's revenue miss. Investors watched for movements in regional Apple supplier stocks after the company's sales fell short of Wall Street expectations in its fiscal fourth quarter. CEO Tim Cook said there were larger-than-expected supply constraints on iPhones, iPads and Mac Source: Bloomberg news, CNBC news.

TECH (Technical Analysis)

<u>Week ahead</u> NDX - NASDAQ 100

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THE WEEK AHEAD - PRICE ACTION

TIDT KRS Expectations											
ASX 200				FTSE 100			NDX 100				
7198	XXXX	7380	7401	7902	7432	XXXX	7196	XXXXX	14050	14325	14397
7017	7120	7335	7359	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	12889	13845	14128	14247
XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	7130	6940	7050	6992	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX

TIDT KRS (The Intelligent Day Trader Key Resistance and Support)

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ONGOING THEMES

- Tech shares always fall as a rapid rise in rates makes their future cash flows less valuable, and in turn makes the
 popular stocks appear overvalued. Higher rates also hinder tech companies' ability to fund their growth and buy back
 stock.
- "We expect volatility to increase over the next month driven by a seasonal pickup in investor uncertainty, continued virus uncertainty, and significant monetary and fiscal policy catalysts," wrote John Marshall, head of derivatives research for Goldman Sachs, in a note Friday. Marshall cited data showing S&P 500 volatility typically increased by 27% from August to October.
- Good first halves for the market usually bode well for the rest of the year. Whenever there has been a double-digit
 gain in the first half, the Dow and S&P 500 have never ended that year with an annual decline, according to Refinitiv
 data going back to 1950. We may have a correction at some point this year but we expect the equity market to close
 with gains this year.
- The Fed tapering plans and rising Inflation concern will continue to dominate the market in the weeks ahead.
- Stocks have gone a relatively long period without any major sell-off. The S&P 500 notched its fifth positive month in a row, rising 2.2% in June. The broad index also posted its best first half since 2019.
- **24**th June U.S. \$1 trillion infrastructure package White House had struck an infrastructure deal with a bipartisan group of senators. The lawmakers have worked for weeks to craft a roughly \$1 trillion package that could get through Congress with support from both parties. The framework will include \$579 billion in new spending on transportation like roads, bridges and rail, electric vehicle infrastructure and electric transit, among other things.
- The stock market overall has been bolstered by a strong earnings reporting season, with nearly a quarter of the S&P 500 having already reported. Of those companies, 88% have reported a positive surprise, according to FactSet. That would mark the highest percentage of reported surprises within the S&P since 2008 if that figure holds throughout the earnings season.
- <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2021/08/02/as-the-economy-hits-its-peak-stock-market-gains-could-be-harder-to-come-by.html</u>

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