Insights From The Futures Market

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Introduction

A futures contract is a derivative contract agreement to buy or sell a particular asset at a predetermined price at a specific time in the future. A futures market is a market where participants can actively trade futures for delivery or cash settlement at a specified date. Futures contracts can be used by commercial operators and investors to hedge an existing price exposure or to speculate on the future price of an underlying asset. If a trader has a strong belief that a particular asset or index is expected to rise over a short to medium timeframe, they would go long a futures contract, or on the contrary, if there is a negative view, the investor would go short the futures contract. Investors can also actively keep abreast of the futures market to gauge bearish or bullish sentiment around an index, commodity, or financial asset. Futures markets trade roughly 23 hours a day with the exception being weekends, giving insight into pre-market and post-market sentiment and directional trends.

Understanding the Futures Markets

A common way investors participate in the futures markets is through stock index futures, tracking indices such as the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Stock index futures reflect expectations about the price of a stock index given current market conditions such as interest rate levels and other economic events. Any rise or fall in the index futures occurring after the close of the underlying spot market can be used as an indication of where the market will open the following day in the underlying spot market. To fully contextualize stock and index futures, it is important investors understand basic terms around how to read market data. One such term is open interest. Open interest refers to the total number of futures contracts that are held by market participants at the end of trading each day. This number indicates how many contracts are open on the market and changes each day as investors and traders buy and sell contracts. Open interest is calculated as the sum of all opened trades, subtracting contracts when the trades are closed. A rise in open interest along with a rise in the price of the index may signal a bullish market sentiment. On the contrary, a rise in open interest along with a fall in the price of the index may signal a bearish market sentiment. An increase in the index price along with open interest remaining stable could be an indicator that the market has topped and could see a reversion. If open interest is low, it serves as an indicator that there is relatively weak participation in the market. The open interest is usually accompanied by trading volume, which shows the number of contracts traded for a specific period. Though this is not a gauge of price action, it serves as an indicator of how active the market is.

Information from the CME Group for crude oil futures showed investors trimmed open interest for the second session in a row (as of September 9, 2022), with volume mirroring that trend. Despite this, the price of crude oil traded higher coming off the backend of diminishing open interest and volume, indicating that the price may not hold at these levels in the near term, and we could see very muted price movement or a fall in prices. An investor or trader can use this data from the futures market to profit on the downside if signs of a pullback become more pronounced.

Federal Funds Rate Futures and Interest Rates

Futures contracts based on the federal funds rate indicate that the market is pricing in a peak in March 2023, with the implied rate at 4.01%, declining to 3.99% in May of the same year, before tapering to 3.95% in June. Based on the implied rates from the futures for September and November, traders are pricing in a high probability of a 75-basis point (bps) rate hike at the next Federal Reserve meeting in September, and a high probability of a 50-bps hike at the November meeting. Since March of this year, the Federal Reserve has taken a hawkish stance as it looks to tighten monetary policy in an effort to reduce inflation. According to the CME Group, the probability of a 300-325 bps target Fed funds rate (75 bps hike) in September rose to 91.0% as of September 9, 2022. This could potentially weigh negatively on short-term bond prices due to the inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates and will also weigh negatively on growth stocks as the cost of capital increases.

Conclusion

Investors can use data from the futures markets to gain insights that span a range of asset classes and make inferences about the general sentiment towards risk in the market. However, investors do not need to participate actively in the futures market as data produced from activity in the futures market may serve to give a hint as to where prices will shift. Furthermore, overnight activity can give an early indication of evolving trends developing in various markets.

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Stock Ticker	Stock Information (As of September 9, 2022)	Analyst Outlook
WISYNCO Wisynco Group Limited	P/E: 15.88x P/B: 3.61x Price: $17.15 Div Yield 1.75%	**OVERWEIGHT** Throughout the pandemic, Wisynco has managed to improve its operational efficiency but given the effects of COVID-19 on industries such as tourism and education, the Company was unable to deliver significant revenue growth. Now, with tourism rebounding and schools operating at a greater level, Wisynco has married its improved operational efficiency with stronger revenue growth, allowing for significant net profit growth. As tourism is expected to continue growing towards its pre-pandemic level of output, we expect Wisynco to continue to perform well. Wisynco Equity Report
JMMBGL JMMB Group Limited	P/E: 6.90x P/B: 1.58x Price: $41.06 Div Yield 2.07%	**OVERWEIGHT** Given its relatively low P/E ratio and considering the Group's consistently strong performance throughout the pandemic, the market has been underpricing JMMBGL significantly, relative to its local counterparts. In recognition of this, JMMBGL shares have outperformed the market this year, with a positive YTD outcome of 3.37%, and peaks during trading of approximately 50% higher than current levels. The outlook for the company and the stock remains favorable. JMMB Equity Report
MASSY Massy Holdings Limited	P/E: 9.30x P/B: 1.07x Price: $84.22 Div Yield 3.17%	**OVERWEIGHT** Massy Holdings Limited. (MHL, Massy), through its portfolio companies, engages in trading, manufacturing, distribution, and service industry businesses throughout the Caribbean region. The company operates through three portfolios: Integrated Retail, Gas Products, Motors, and Machine and two business lines: Financial Services, and Strategic and Other Investments. In financial year 2020, Massy transitioned from a Conglomerate to an Investment Holding Company. By so doing, Massy's strategy has changed, with the Group focusing mainly on its core portfolios. These core areas of the business represent Massy's competitive advantages, are well-positioned to scale, and are therefore expected to drive strategic growth going forward. Massy Equity Report

Ratings Definitions

OVERWEIGHT/BUY
Exposure to this asset should be between 5% and 10% of your total portfolio

MARKETWEIGHT/HOLD
Exposure to the asset should be equal to 5% of your total portfolio

UNDERWEIGHT
Reduce exposure in your portfolio to less than 5% for this particular asset

SELL
Reduce exposure in your portfolio to zero

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LASD Lasco Distributors	P/E: 9.68x P/B: 1.38x Price: $2.90 Div Yield 2.24%	**OVERWEIGHT** Our expectation is for the Company to continue along its growth trajectory, supported by the improving economic backdrop of the global economy, which should manifest through continued domestic demand for goods and services. With increased stopover arrivals and the reopening of key industries such as entertainment and education (face-to-face teaching), there are sufficient catalysts to spur further growth in 2022. However, this isn't without challenges as the global supply bottleneck has affected LASD's margins. In response, management has prudently managed operational costs such that higher imported inflationary has not completely eroded the bottom line, resulting in continued growth. Lasco Distributors Equity Report
SCIJMD/ SCIUSD Sygnus Credit Investments	P/E: 13.56x / 19.97x P/B: 0.77x / 1.25x Price: $13.40 / $0.13 Div Yield: 2.68% / 1.92%	**OVERWEIGHT** Sygnus' business model is built on providing capital and direction to the underbanked, targeting the middle market. To accomplish this, the Company has executed several equity raises, the most recent of which was its APO launch in December 2020. Given the increase in its weighted average number of shares, EPS growth has not mirrored the double digit growth in net profit attributable to shareholders. However, we must indicate that continued growth at this level will drive higher EPS growth, once further dilution does not occur. Moreover, the stock trades at significant discount relative to peers both from a P/E perspective and a P/B perspective. At present, the market is pricing Sygnus at a steep discount to its book value per share which we believe is very wrong.
TROPICAL **Tropical Battery Limited**	P/E: 18.98x P/B: 3.35x Price: $2.43 Div Yield 0.41%	**OVERWEIGHT** Tropical Battery has been aggressively pursuing revenue diversification strategies, to reduce its dependence on auto battery and accessory sales. This is evident by the company's recent launch of three new subsidiaries aimed at providing renewable energy solutions for commercial customers. In addition, the company recently implemented a new inventory management system that has yielded improved operational efficiencies in addition to targeted sales initiatives that have improved revenue growth. We believe that the Company will continue to grow as they build out new revenue lines, improve operational efficiencies and drive targeted sales initiatives. Tropical Battery Equity Report
PROVEN JMD/PROVEN USD Proven Investment Limited	P/E: 12.50x / 13.09x P/B: 1.26x / 1.25x Price: $31.74 / $0.22 Div Yield: 3.69% / 3.57%	**OVERWEIGHT** Proven has shown strong revenue and profit growth throughout the current financial year, a performance-driven by the Group's accretive acquisitions. Most notable among these include JMMBGL and Roberts Manufacturing Company Limited. The company continues to demonstrate its appetite for growth through acquisitions as evidenced by the recent 100% acquisition of Fidelity Bank (Cayman). Given the company's history of acquiring companies with accretive value, we expect Fidelity will be similar. Coupled with this, we believe Proven is trading at favorable P/E and P/B multiples relative to the market.

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Lumber **Lumber Depot Limited**	P/E: 10.78x P/B: 4.69x Price: $2.91 Div Yield 2.06%	**OVERWEIGHT** Lumber represents an option to gain exposure to the construction sector which has been a relatively resilient and fast-growing sector. With this sector tailwind, lumber has shown strong revenue growth since its 2019 listing and the financial year 2022 revenue and net profit are 10.1% and 26.8% higher than financial year 2021 revenue and earnings, respectively. We are still monitoring how the company progresses given the loosening of restrictions and continued growth in the construction sector. We also note that despite the growth it has shown over the last 2 years, the stock still trades at an attractive PE compared to Junior market peers. Lumber Equity Report
LAB The Limners and Bards Limited	P/E: 16.06x P/B: 4.37x Price: $2.73 Div Yield 4.03%	**OVERWEIGHT** The LAB is the only listed Creative Agency on the JSE. Throughout the pandemic, the demand for the services provided by the Company has been strong. In FY2021 alone, revenue grew by 35%, an indication of the demand for the Company's services while net profit grew by 22%. With consistently positive cash flows and a cash balance that is 1.36x larger than the Company's current liabilities, we believe the Lab is poised to invest its capital efficiently towards further growth. The first step towards this is the Lab's brainchild, "SCOPE Caribbean". To date, SCOPE has not been profitable which has negatively impacted the Lab's net profit growth. This is not abnormal for a new business, and we expect this should turnaround as the business scales. The LAB Equity Report
GK GraceKennedy Limited	P/E: 11.26x P/B: 1.x Price: $94.39 Div Yield 2.04%	**MARKETWEIGHT** For the first half of FY 2022, GK reported significant top-line growth, however, margin deterioration contributed to a relatively flat bottom line. Revenues increased by 15.2% and profits remained flat as operating expenses grew at a rate of 15.8%. The company cited challenges presented by high inflation globally, sustained supply chain issues, increasing interest rates, and foreign currency volatility as issues that have affected profit margins. GK continues to advance its merger & acquisition (M&A) strategy, following the acquisition of Bluedot in the second quarter of 2022, the company continues to seek M&A transactions locally and internationally. These acquisitions stand to add more diversity and growth to the company's earnings. Grace Kennedy Equity Report
LASM Lasco Manufacturing	P/E: 10.84x P/B: 1.96x Price: $4.48 Div Yield 1.62%	**MARKETWEIGHT** Our expectation is for the Company, like others, to continue benefiting from an improving economic backdrop. However, there has been a slowing of revenue growth in the most recent quarterly result when compared to the financial year 2022 revenue growth numbers. This, coupled with reduced gross profit margins in Q1 2023, owing to global supply chain issues and the general inflationary environment results in a marketweight recommendation for LASM at this time. Lasco Manufacturing Equity Report

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SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 22.34x P/B: 1.84x Price: $69.04 Div Yield 1.88%	**MARKETWEIGHT** Seprod has been considerably affected by global supply chain issues that have increased the Company's cost of sales. While this has occurred, instead of raising prices to consumers equivalently, Seprod has absorbed some of these costs which have affected profitability. Over the 6-month period ended June 30, 2022 period, while profits increased, margins have deteriorated. Therefore, the uncertainty regarding the cost of goods remains an ever-present threat to Group profit growth, especially given the current inflationary environment. However, the Group has acquired A.S Bryden which will likely help diversify the Group further. Seprod Equity Report
MAILPAC Mailpac Group Limited	P/E: 15.86x P/B: 9.14x Price: $2.22 Div Yield 4.95%	**MARKETWEIGHT** During the peak periods of the pandemic, MAILPAC benefited immensely as online shopping became a larger share of shoppers' wallets. In large part, this period of heavy COVID-19 fear has reduced and while we anticipate online shopping will remain integral for the everyday consumer, the outsized growth we witnessed in FY2020 will likely soften further. Admittedly, the Company has a robust balance sheet with more cash than total liabilities which we believe places MAILPAC in a position to make growth-inducing investments. The current slowdown in demand and consequently revenue and profit growth, matched with the Company's strong balance sheet underscores our MARKETWEIHT recommendation MailPac Equity Report
SGJ Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 11.13x P/B: 0.99x Price: $33.94 Div Yield 4.57%	**MARKETWEIGHT** The greatest driver of profitability in FY2021 was the reduction of Expected Credit Losses (ECL) relative to the previous year as the economic backdrop improved. Scotia is not likely to have this benefit recur to the magnitude it did in FY2021. The group has made an accelerated effort to digitize its business in line with its digital strategy to drive efficiency and better service customer needs. SGJ is looking to further consolidate its operations and funnel investments in core operations through technology and talent, while also looking to enter new markets and launch new products. Scotia has two major positives. The first is that the current rising interest rate environment supports the Group's bank model, more so than other listed financial institutions. The second is that SGJ is a consistent source of relatively attractive dividends which makes the Company a good asset for investors with a clear preference for income. Scotia Group Equity Report

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FTNA Fontana Limited	P/E: 19.39x P/B: 5.49x Price: $9.50 Div Yield 1.89%	**MARKETWEIGHT** Fontana has been growing and expanding since listing on the junior exchange in 2019. The Company has plans to expand, which include a new outlet to bring its footprint to a total of seven locations. In its most recent quarter, Net Profit saw a 43.4% increase over the same quarter in the prior financial year. Further, the cost of sales has been impacted given the current inflationary environment and is likely to continue being affected in the near to medium term. However, the company continues to grow organically and is financially positioned to do so. Due to the current environment and increased finance costs, profitability could dampen in the near term but in the long term, the addition of its new outlet could support growth. On balance, the Company has both significant risks and the potential for upside, which underscores our recommendation. Fontana Equity Report
SVL Supreme Ventures Limited	P/E: 27.92x P/B: 17.65x Price: $28.59 Div Yield 2.80%	**MARKETWEIGHT** Supreme Ventures is the market leader in the lottery and gaming industry. The company has also in recent years embarked on an aggressive growth strategy through several acquisitions (Champion Gaming and Post To Post Betting). The company would have been impacted by the pandemic as the lockdown measures impacted its operations at Caymanas Park. With the easing of restrictions, the Company should benefit from an easing of lock down restrictions and a normalization of business. Despite this, in the medium term we note that the company now has competition in the lottery segment of the market which may negatively impact margins. The degree to which this might impede the pace of revenue growth will however depend on the take up of new games such as Scratchaz which, at present, seems popular amongst younger consumers as it is a new addition to the Company's product offerings. Supreme Ventures Equity Report
ECL Express Catering Limited	P/E: 56.25x P/B: 23.15x Price: $5.60 N/A	**MARKETWEIGHT** ECL has seen improved performance as the tourism industry rebound, following the pandemic, has been robust. However, the Company is not currently operating at pre-covid efficiency levels, as price increases due to the current global supply chain challenges have driven higher costs across all product categories. While we do expect the tourism industry to continue to recover, driving ECL's revenues to grow and likely surpass pre-covid levels by FY2023/FY2024, the inflationary pressures can not be ignored. Longer-term we do expect the company to reap the benefits of their expanded footprint within the Sangsters International Airport as well as the return to trend growth in stopover arrivals. ECL Equity Report

Monitoring List

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MDS Medical Disposable Supplies		P/E: 16.42x P/B: 1.39x Price: $5.91 Div Yield 1.18%	Medical Disposables and Supplies have quietly been diversifying its revenue streams over the last 2 years. This is inclusive of its purchase of 60% of Cornwall Medical and Dental Supplies(CMDL) which has been consolidated into the company's financials as of their second quarter 2021. This increases the company's exposure to the dental supplies space and expands their reach into the western end of the island. The company has also shifted to providing more confectionary products and we believe its expansion and diversification efforts are worth watching.
JBG Jamaica Broilers Group Limited		P/E: 7.49x P/B: 1.58x Price: $29.14 Div Yield 1.48%	**OVERWEIGHT** JBG's financial performance has rebounded nicely from the lows seen in FY2020, driven by the recovery in the Jamaican economy and tourist arrivals, coupled with JBG's growing presence in the US market and the increasing production of the Best Dressed Chicken line of products. Despite efforts made to decrease the impact of its Haiti operations, it continued to weigh on group performance. Positive results from expansion into the United States and recovery in Jamaican operations have offset poor performance in Haiti, resulting in increased sales and profitability in FY2022, as well as a return to operating cash inflows. Jamaica Broilers Group Equity Report
SOS Stationery & Office Supplies Limited		P/E: 18.34x P/B: 4.86x Price: $16.51 Div Yield 0.97%	Stationery and Office Supplies presents investors with another option to benefit from the reopening of the domestic economy. A core segment of their business would have suffered from the lockdown measures and work from home, namely the sale of furniture and its SEEK line of books. However, during that period stationary sales have done well to fill that revenue gap. With the resumption of economic activity, the return to office and the expansion in the BPO sector, SOS might be a large beneficiary in 2022.
SJ Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited		P/E: 11.01x P/B: 1.96x Price: $52.52 Div Yield 2.11%	Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited would have been adversely impacted by the pandemic even more so than the typical financial sector company due to their exposure to the tourism sector. This would have therefore led to sizeable impairment losses on their investment in associated companies (I.e., Playa Hotel and Resorts). For 2022 we therefore expect to see some amount of recovery as the group has disposed of their investments in Playa which will stem impairment losses while simultaneously still having direct exposure to travel through their US resort (The Hilton DoubleTree) while their banking services should benefit from a pickup in economic activity.

The "Monitoring List" includes stocks that are on our radar as our initial expectation for these companies is positive. However, no official recommendation is presented as these stocks are still being evaluated.

Unit Trust

Unit Trust Fund	08/09/2022	01/09/2022	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	95.85	94.64	1.27%	4.23%	5.55%	-
Money Market	15.6298	15.6113	0.12%	2.66%	3.33%	3.38%
Income Portfolio	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	4.38%
FX Bond Portfolio (US$)	1.3442	1.343	0.09%	-2.47%	-0.40%	3.61%
Real Estate Portfolio	3,806.79	3,736.45	1.88%	618.17%	603.91%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	0.88	0.8794	0.40%	-18.41%	-16.71%	-

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

Warren Buffett

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LOCAL EQUITY MARKET

For the week ended September 9, 2022, the local stock market as measured by the Combined Index decreased marginally week-over-week by 0.63%. The Main Market Index decreased by 0.62%, the JSE Junior Market Index decreased by 0.79%, and the JSE USD Equities Index decreased by 3.03%. During the week, CAC2000 Ltd. was the largest gainer, rising 32.45% to close at $8.00. The biggest decliner was Access Financial Services Ltd., which fell by 12.87% to close at $22.00.

Year-to-date (YTD), with the ongoing rebound in the local economy, small-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Junior Market Index have continued the strong performance seen in 2021, growing by 22.02%, outpacing its Main Market counterpart which is down 9.68% YTD.

Overall, Market activity resulted from trading in 121 stocks of which 42 advanced, 63 declined and 16 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 215,258,214 units valued at over $1,000,442,013.85

The following companies represent the overall volume leaders:

1. ONE ON ONE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LIMITED with 94,108,829 units (43.13%)
2. FOSRICH COMPANY LIMITED with 23,810,683 units (10.91%)
3. WIGTON WINDFARM LIMITED ORDINARY SHARES with 20,371,747 units (9.34%)

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

CIBC First Caribbean International Bank Limited has announced the appointment of Mark St Hill as the next chief executive officer (CEO) to succeed Collete Delaney, who prepares for retirement. The appointment is, however, subject to regulatory approval.
'First Caribbean' national

Intra-regional travel, especially in the Eastern Caribbean, will be high on the agenda when travel and tourism stakeholders meet next week in the Cayman Islands to observe the International Air Transport Association's (IATA's) 4th Caribbean Aviation Day on September 14.
Stakeholders to discuss intra-regional travel

After recording its best financial year (FY) on record from its six locations across Jamaica, Fontana Limited is looking to possibly add an additional two locations in the country as the retail and pharmaceutical outfit gears up for the opening of its $100-million Portmore location in 2023.
Fontana expanding again after record year

The closely watched FAO Food Price Index averaged 138.0 points in August, down 1.9 per cent from July although remaining 7.9 per cent above its value a year before. The index tracks monthly changes in the international prices of a basket of commonly traded food commodities.
World food commodity prices dip for fifth month in a row

With the back-to-school season at full strength as thousands of students island wide prepare to return to face-to-face learning this month, and the Yuletide season draws near, National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (NCB) is planning to give small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) a leg up with its Merchant Advance financing solution.
NCB offers Merchant Advance to SMEs

Many local financial institutions have discontinued offering repurchase agreements, more popularly known as repos. However, repos should not be overlooked. Although simple in nature they are very useful short-term investments and can be a valuable addition to your portfolio.
Repos - Simple yet useful

Index	09/09/22	02/09/22	31/12/2021	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	357,818.90	360,038.82	396,155.61	-0.62%	-9.68%
JSE Junior Market	4,183.05	4,216.53	3,428.30	-0.79%	22.02%
JSE Combined Market	372,182.51	374,559.88	401,130.23	-0.63%	-7.22%
JSE USD Equities Market	207.39	213.86	195.51	-3.03%	6.08%
JSE Financial Index	85.46	85.59	98.05	-0.15%	-12.84%
JSE M&D Index	100.41	101.95	100.38	-1.51%	0.03%

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

US

Wall Street breaks losing streak

Stocks broke a string of three weekly losses, as investors appeared to grow more confident that the market had reached at least a temporary bottom after surrendering about half of its summer rally. Some moderating inflation fears may have also been at work, and a midweek decline in oil prices, which briefly hit their lowest level since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, caused energy shares to underperform within the S&P 500 Index, although the sector still recorded a gain. A rally in heavily weighted Tesla helped the consumer discretionary sector outperform. Markets were closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. The market's upturn began Wednesday, which T. Rowe Price traders largely attributed to a "relief rally" on light trading volume.

Hopeful inflation signals support sentiment

T. Rowe traders noted that signs that inflation was cooling quicker than expected also seemed to support sentiment. Stocks rallied after the Wednesday afternoon release of the Fed's "Beige Book" summarizing economic reports from its branch banks. The report indicated that price increases were moderating in nine of its 12 districts, as "lower fuel prices and cooling overall demand alleviated cost pressures, especially freight shipping rates."

Yields increase on a large hike in European rates

The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note jumped to its highest level since mid-June at the start of the trading week on Tuesday, which our traders attributed to anticipation of a large European Central Bank (ECB) interest rate increase on Thursday, and heavier issuance of U.S. corporate bonds.

T. RowePrice Market Data

Europe

Shares in Europe rose after some countries announced plans to deal with the energy crisis and boost their economies. In local currency terms, the pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index ended the week 1.06% higher. Major indexes also posted gains. Germany's DAX Index rose 0.29%, France's CAC 40 Index advanced 0.73%, and Italy's FTSE MIB Index added 0.79%. The UK's FTSE 100 Index increased 0.96%.

ECB follows Fed with tree-quarter-point rate hike

The ECB increased its key interest rates by a record 0.75 percentage point in a bid to curb inflation. The deposit rate now stands at 0.75%, while the refinancing rate sits at 1.25%—their highest levels since 2011.

UK, Germany pledge large-scale support to cope with energy costs

Truss announced that the government would intervene to help reduce soaring energy costs for British households and businesses. The Financial Times reported that internal government estimates showed the size of the package could be around GBP 150 billion, bigger than bailouts during the COVID-19 crisis, and would be funded by government borrowing. In Germany, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the government will spend EUR 65 billion to shield households and businesses, raising the monies from a tax on electricity companies and a planned corporate tax.

China

China's stock markets rose as tame inflation data and expectations of further policy support prompted buying. The broad, capitalization-weighted Shanghai Composite Index advanced 2.4%, and the blue-chip CSI 300 Index, which tracks the largest listed in Shanghai and Shenzhen, added 1.7%, Reuter companies reported.

Index	09/09/2022	02/09/2022	31/12/2021	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones	32,151.71	31,282.01	36,338.30	2.78%	-11.52%
S&P 500	4,067.41	3,925.01	4,766.18	3.63%	-14.66%
NASDAQ 100	12,112.31	12,100.38	16,320.08	0.10%	-25.78%
FTSE 100	7,351.07	7,282.04	7,384.54	0.95%	-0.45%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,570.04	3,544.38	4,298.41	0.72%	-16.95%

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