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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	39,872.99	66.22	0.17%	39889.05	32327.20	5.79%
S&P 500	5,321.41	13.28	0.25%	5264.85	4048.28	11.56%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	16,832.62	37.75	0.22%	16538.86	11925.37	12.13%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	22,468.16	2.79	0.01%	22380.16	18692.06	7.20%
STOXX EUROPE 50	4,529.82	-1.77	-0.04%	4462.29	3777.88	10.66%
FTSE 100	8,416.45	-7.75	-0.09%	8146.79	7215.76	8.83%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	18,726.76	-42.20	-0.22%	18567.16	14630.21	11.79%
CAC40	8,141.46	-54.51	-0.67%	8253.59	6773.82	7.93%
NIKKEI 225 INDEX	38,946.93	-122.75	-0.31%	41087.75	28499.51	16.38%
HANG SENG INDEX	19,220.62	-415.60	-2.12%	20361.03	14794.16	12.75%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,157.97	-13.18	-0.42%	3418.95	2635.09	6.15%

### Canada's inflation cools to three-year low

Canada's annual inflation rate slowed to a three-year low of 2.7% in April and core measures continued to ease, data showed today, prompting money markets to see an increased chance of an interest rate cut in June. Analysts had forecast inflation to cool to 2.7% from 2.9% in March. Month on month, the consumer price index rose 0.5% in April, also less than a forecast of a 0.6% gain. The Canadian dollar weakened after the inflation data and yields on the government's two-year bonds were down to 4.17%. Canada's main stock index edged higher as the inflation rate touched a three-year low fueling bets for a June interest rate cut, while a sell-off in healthcare shares kept the gains in check. Money markets have now increased their bets for a rate cut on June 5 to almost a coin toss from 39% before the data came out. In corporate news, an employee died Sunday at a Nutrien potash mine in Saskatchewan, temporarily shuttering the operation as the company conducts an investigation, the company said.

The main U.S. indexes oscillated within a tight range as investors grew cautious ahead of AI chip leader Nvidia's earnings this week and Federal Reserve officials emphasized the central bank was in no hurry to ease interest rates. Investors also awaited minutes from the Fed's last policy meeting, due on Wednesday, with two rate-setters saying it was prudent to wait several more months to ensure inflation really is back on a path to the 2% target before commencing rate cuts. Traders currently factor in about 44 basis points of rate reductions this year, with a quarter-point cut fully priced in for November. Consumer discretionary was the worst hit major S&P 500 sector index, dragged by an almost 2% drop in Lowe's after the home improvement company warned of operating margin pressure in the current quarter. Automotive parts retailer AutoZone lost more than 3% after a third-quarter sales miss. Palo Alto Networks also dropped more than 3% after its fourth-quarter billings forecast disappointed investors. Eli Lilly rose more than 2% after its diabetes drug tirzepatide received approval from Chinese regulators. Macy's gained more than 5%, driven by the department store operator raising its annual profit forecast, despite posting a bigger-than-expected drop in sales for the first quarter. Peloton Interactive slumped more than 16% as the fitness equipment maker was looking to refinance its debt to regain its footing amid falling sales.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Canada Goose Holdings Inc	\$19.12	\$1.05	5.81%
Africa Oil Corp	\$2.50	\$0.11	4.60%
Centerra Gold Inc	\$10.24	\$0.41	4.17%
International Petroleum Corp	\$18.87	\$0.75	4.14%
Stelco Holdings Inc	\$43.89	\$1.69	4.00%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
ATS Corp	\$45.06	-\$2.45	-5.16%
Lightspeed Commerce Inc	\$19.94	-\$1.05	-5.00%
Exchange Income Corp	\$46.63	-\$1.78	-3.68%
First Majestic Silver Corp	\$10.41	-\$0.37	-3.43%
Bausch Health Companies Inc	\$8.94	-\$0.28	-3.04%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	298.69	2.37	0.80%
MATERIALS	390.85	3.85	0.99%
UTILITIES	287.95	0.13	0.05%
FINANCIALS	403.89	-1.11	-0.27%
INDUSTRIALS	451.33	-1.69	-0.37%
HEALTH CARE	24.33	-0.38	-1.54%
CONS. DISCRETION.	279.56	-1.59	-0.57%
CONS. STAPLES	936.76	-1.49	-0.16%
INFO TECH.	206.35	-0.19	-0.09%
COMMUNICATION SVS	157.66	-1.79	-1.12%
REAL ESTATE	297.62	-1.04	-0.35%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	4.17%	3.64%	3.58%	3.46%
U.S. (YLD%)	4.83%	4.44%	4.41%	4.55%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$79.26	-\$0.74	-0.93%	10.62%
NATURAL GAS	\$2.67	-\$0.08	-3.05%	6.09%
GOLD	\$2,421.00	-\$12.90	-0.53%	17.16%
COPPER	\$5.11	\$0.03	0.51%	31.64%
CAD / USD	\$0.7325	-\$0.0013	-0.18%	-2.94%
CAD / EUR	€0.6747	-€0.0010	-0.15%	-1.32%
USD / EUR	€0.9211	€0.0002	0.02%	1.67%
USD / JPY	¥156.19	-¥0.05	-0.03%	10.73%

Source: LSEG

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