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Five News to Start Your Day

China is Looking Up

Stocks around the world traded higher after Chinese industrial production and retail sales beat the forecasts. For the first time since Covid started Chinese retail sales are back in growth territory. August data shows Chinese industrial production rose 5.6% and retail sales by 0.5%.

Sony Cuts Estimates

Sony has cut its estimated PlayStation 5 production for this year by 4 million units, down from 11 million. This move comes following production issues with its custom-designed system-on-chip for its newest console. Sony had anticipated boosted orders due to heightened demand in the holiday season and due to Covid.

No More Benefits

Amazon is looking to hire more contractors. The company is experimenting with a new program where it pays independent contractors to fetch groceries from shelves in Whole Foods and deliver them in their own cars. The program could help Amazon cut costs by limiting the employees who are eligible for benefits.

Deals, Deals and More Deals

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) says the Covid-19 pandemic has pulled the region's developing economies into recession, the first in 60 years. The ADB said Asia's developing economy will shrink 0.7% in 2020, but is expected to rebound in 2021, growing 6.8%.

Who Wants Oil?

The International Energy Agency warned in their monthly report this morning that oil market has grown "even more fragile", as it cut its demand forecast for the end of 2020 to 600,000 barrels a day. OPEC cut consumption outlook in 2021 by 1.1 million barrels a day as well yesterday.

A Little History to Appreciate

In today's global pandemic, lockdowns and social distancing, it feels difficult to appreciate the strides vaccines have made for humanity. As scientists around the world scramble to generate a safe Covid-19 vaccine that can be mass-produced and mass-distributed, the impossibility of the task ahead seems staggering if not impossible to accomplish.

However, the truth is that the quest to find a vaccine for today's pandemic does not start from a blank page. Scientists working in labs across the world follow in the footsteps of one of humanity's most far-reaching – and world-changing – journeys.

In the 17th Century, Chinese physicians realized that you could get immunity from the deadly smallpox by rubbing a wound with cowpox, a milder infection. A century later, Edward Jenner realized the same thing in England. Now, more than 200 years late, vaccination has transformed human health and medicine.

Scientific advances in the first half of the 20th Century led to an explosion of vaccines that protected against whooping cough (1914), diphtheria (1926), tetanus (1938), influenza (1945) and mumps (1948). Thanks to innovative manufacturing techniques, vaccine production was scaled up by the late 1940s, setting global vaccination and disease eradication efforts in motion.

Vaccines against polio (1955), measles (1963), rubella (1969) and other viruses were added to the list in the following decades, and worldwide vaccination rates increased dramatically due to global health campaigns. In 1980, the world was announced smallpox-free, the first big vaccine success story. But there was and is still a long way to go with other infectious diseases. Finding a vaccine to protect the world against the novel coronavirus is an enormous challenge, but if there's one thing we can learn from the journey of vaccination throughout history, it is that there is room for hope.

Missing Patients

Doctors are worried about missing patients, mainly the ones with diabetes and high blood pressure who have been squeezed out of hospitals as coronavirus victims dominate hospitals all over the world.

More Mergers

UBS and Credit Suisse Group are exploring a potential merger to create one of Europe's largest banks. The merged company would have \$1.3 in assets, twice the Swiss annual GDP.

JP Morgan

The bank reported that work from home resulted in a slip in productivity from employees, specially Mondays and Fridays. The company is urging more workers to return to offices in the coming weeks.

Shorts?...

YouTube has announced that it is launching a rival for TikTok in India called "Shorts". In June, India banned TikTok. YouTube will also have to compete with local competitors that rushed to fill the void.

Differing Green Opinions

Elon Musk isn't impressed with Bill Gates' take on a topic close to his heart: electric trucks. Gates laid out his thoughts on the future of mobility in an August blog post, suggesting the world should use clean electricity to run as many vehicles as possible, but that it "will probably never be a practical solution" for heavy, long-haul vehicles, cargo ships and passenger jets. Musk disagrees.

Tesla's Semi truck model is expecting first deliveries early 2021. Tesla has been investing heavily in the model with a 500 miles of range. Gates believes that long-haul travels will be powered by alternative (biofuels and electrofuels), as batteries are too big and heavy for long distances.



Made in The USA

Volvo wants to sell American-made cars to Americans. The Swedish company, owned by a Chinese billionaire, Li Shufu, builds vehicles at a plant in the American South using crucial parts made in Mexico. The company is a poster child for how globally interconnected the auto industry became in an era of increasing free trade. When Volvo opened its factory in Charleston, South Carolina in 2018 with ambitious plans to export cars to China, it was the pinnacle of a push to showcase their reemergence as a global brand with a manufacturing presence on three continents. However, volatile US-China relations, US buyers preferences for sport utility vehicles and halted production due to Covid have made Li's dream of Volvo as a strong global auto competitor that much harder.

Get Ready For More (Pullbacks)

Tony Dwyer, the chief market strategist at Cannacord Genuity, says to get ready for more pullbacks like the one the stock market has been seeing this September. The Wall Street bull argued that many pullbacks will follow as the stock market is likely to follow a "stair-step" playbook much like the one in 2009. Dwyer explained that the 7% correction in the S&P 500 is likely the first of a few 3-7% drawdowns followed by "new highs as the market stair-steps higher like the fall of 2009, driven by election-year angst and the extended nature of the market-cap weighted indices". Prospects of further volatility remain high as investors struggle with the rotation between sectors, the threat of renewed Covid -19 cases and a, most of all, probably what is the most complicated election year.



COVID MARKET WINNERS: ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS INC.

During the pandemic, Zoom quickly became synonymous with work-from-home, and their stock shows the results. In December 2019, Zoom was averaging 10 million users a day, by March 2020, this number had jumped to 200 million, and went up to 300 million in April. Since then, the company released a breathtakingly good April-quarter earnings report with 169% sales growth that crushed expectations and pushed valuation past the \$100B. Even as lockdowns ease investors continue to rally behind the company expecting it to reach \$2B in revenue next year.

The Pre-Market Watch

Pre Market Most Active Stocks

Name	Symbol	Last	Chg.	Chg. %	Vol.	Time
▲ Cytori Therapeutics.	PSTV	3.980	+1.540	+63.11%	3.56M	07:44:41
▲ Marinus Pharma	MRNS	3.330	+1.220	+57.82%	1.66M	7:44:20
▲ Novus Therapeutics	NVUS	0.8090	+0.4300	+113.46%	1.41M	7:44:33
▲ Tesla Inc	TSLA	437.10	+17.48	+4.17%	1.16M	07:44:47
▲ Lonestar Resources	LONE	0.425	+0.157	+58.40%	1.01M	7:44:15
▼ Carnival Corp	CCL	17.41	-0.44	-2.46%	950.67K	7:44:11
▲ Apple Inc	AAPL	117.70	+2.34	+2.03%	774.68K	07:44:41
▼ Nikola Corp	NKLA	33.88	-1.91	-5.34%	448.02K	07:44:40
▲ Nio A ADR	NIO	19.00	+0.27	+1.44%	422.84K	7:43:53
▼ Vaxart Inc	VXRT	7.6500	-0.1300	-1.67%	287.75K	7:44:20

Pre Market Top Gainers

Name	Last	Chg. %	Vol.
▲ Novus Therap...	0.8090	+113.46%	1.41M
▲ Cytori Therape...	3.980	+63.11%	3.56M
▲ Lonestar Reso...	0.425	+58.40%	1.01M
▲ Marinus Pharma	3.330	+57.82%	1.66M
▲ Radiant	6.05	+16.35%	1.42K

Pre Market Top Losers

Name	Last	Chg. %	Vol.
▼ Qurate Retail A	6.67	-39.03%	48.13K
▼ SeaSpine Hold...	11.07	-13.79%	0.00K
▼ Francescass	4.40	-13.21%	47.07K
▼ Kraton Corp	16.06	-8.80%	0.02K
▼ Biofrontera AG...	8.57	-7.85%	0.05K

