

Finance Insight



Financial Terms

VOCABULARY Financial terms

A Match the words in the box to the definitions 1 to 6 below.

equity stake recession shares debt stock market forecast

- 1 equal parts into which the capital or ownership of a company is divided
- 2 a period of time when business activity decreases because the economy is doing badly
- 3 money risked when a business owns part of another company
- 4 a place where company shares are bought and sold
- 5 a description of what is likely to happen in the future
- 6 money owed by one person or organisation to another person or organisation

B Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 Profit margin is | a) a part of a company's profits paid to the owners of shares. |
| 2 Investment is | b) the difference between the price of a product or service and the cost of producing it. |
| 3 Bankruptcy is | c) money which people or organisations put into a business to make a profit. |
| 4 A dividend is | d) the amount of money which a business obtains (in a year) from customers by selling goods or services. |
| 5 Pre-tax profits are | e) when a person or organisation is unable to pay their debts. |
| 6 Annual turnover is | f) the money a business makes before payment to the government. |

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Language Review

C Complete this news report with the terms from Exercises A and B.

And now the business news ...

There was a further downturn in the economy this month as the¹ in the United States and Asia-Pacific region continues. Yesterday was another day of heavy trading on the², with big losses in share values. The³ for the near future is not good, as market confidence remains low.

Paradise Lane, the struggling luxury hotel group, is seeking new⁴ to try and avoid⁵, following the announcement of disastrous interim results. It currently has a⁶ of nearly \$5 billion. There are rumours of rivals GHN taking a large⁷ in the troubled hotel group.

Phoenix Media announced a 15% increase in⁸ on an⁹ of \$4.5 million. Added to the strong performance in the last quarter, this is likely to result in an increased¹⁰ of over 14 cents per share, well up on last year, which will certainly please shareholders*. Following a rise in sales in the emerging markets of ...

* the people who own shares in a business

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Markets Overview

World Indices →

Americas

Symbol	Price	Change %
IBOVESPA	145,593.62	+1.06%
Dow 30	46,018.32	+0.57%
Russell 2...	2,407.34	+0.18%
US Dolla...	97.04	+0.17%
S&P/TSX...	29,321.66	+0.02%
S&P 500	6,600.35	-0.10%
Nasdaq	22,261.33	-0.33%
VIX	15.72	-3.91%

Europe

Symbol	Price	Change %
FTSE 100	9,208.37	+0.14%
DAX P	23,359.18	+0.13%
MSCI EU...	2,482.66	-0.03%
EURO ST...	5,369.70	-0.05%
British P...	136.32	-0.17%
*N100	1,614.43	-0.33%
Euro Index	118.17	-0.36%
CAC 40	7,786.98	-0.40%

Asia

Symbol	Price	Change %
Nikkei 225	45,199.48	+0.91%
KOSPI C...	3,442.95	+0.87%
S&P BSE...	82,693.71	+0.38%
000001...	3,876.25	-0.00%
Hang Seng	26,898.52	-0.04%
Japanese...	68.05	-0.35%
Australia...	66.55	-0.37%
S&P/ASX...	8,766.10	-0.59%

Most active

OPEN	10.21
Opendoor Techn...	+1.29 (+14.46%)
PLUG	2.0000
Plug Power Inc.	+0.3200 (+19.05%)
NVDA	170.29
NVIDIA Corporation	-4.55 (-2.60%)
BBAI	6.02
BigBear.ai Holdin...	+0.08 (+1.35%)
SNAP	7.99
Snap Inc.	+0.25 (+3.23%)

Top losers

GEMI	24.53
Gemini Space St...	-3.60 (-12.80%)
FIGR	37.17
Figure Technology ...	-3.31 (-8.18%)
TREX	53.84
Trex Company, Inc.	-4.45 (-7.63%)
MANU	15.38
Manchester Unite...	-1.03 (-6.28%)
ARW	119.08
Arrow Electronics, ...	-7.92 (-6.24%)

Top gainers

BGM	10.44
BGM Group Ltd.	+2.23 (+27.16%)
QMMM	105.64
QMMM Holding...	+17.64 (+20.05%)
QBTS	22.54
D-Wave Quantu...	+3.56 (+18.76%)
OPEN	10.21
Opendoor Techn...	+1.29 (+14.46%)
LYFT	22.84
Lyft, Inc.	+2.65 (+13.13%)

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"Most institutional and individual investors will find the best way to own common stock is through an index fund that charges minimal fees. Those following this path are sure to beat the net results [after fees and expenses] delivered by the great majority of investment professionals."

Warren Buffett, Chairman, Berkshire Hathaway

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