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Weekly Global Stock Market Review

European shares: Crisis in Ukraine threatens European markets

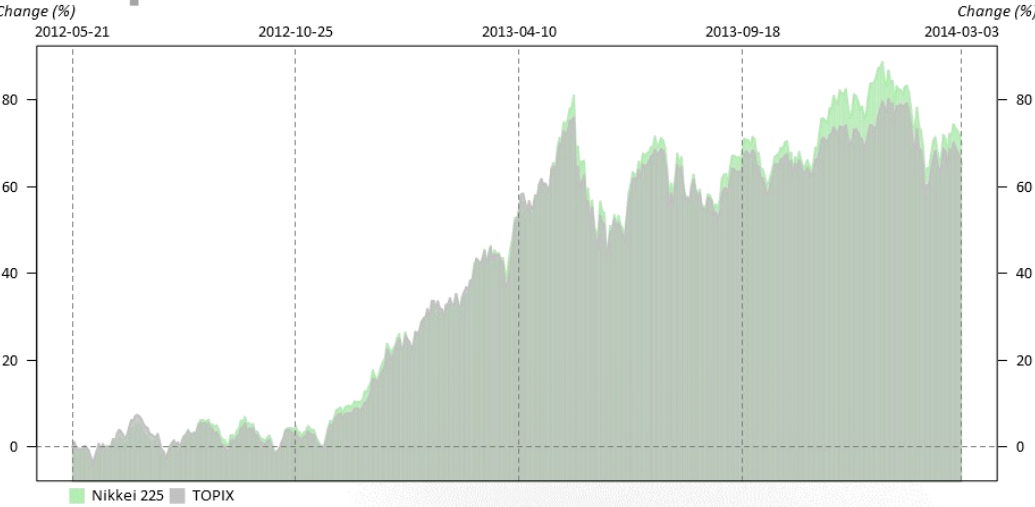


European shares finished last week in the red territory after Eurozone inflation data came out at 0.8%, below the expected 0.7% level that raised concerns among investors that the ECB could bring up new stimulus measures. However, some analysts argue that loosening monetary policy further would bolster European stock markets. The ongoing political conflict in Ukraine is also seen as a potential threat to European markets.

The Euro Stoxx 600 Index was 0.1% down on week, finishing at 338.02 on February 28. All but one industry groups tracked by the declined on week, with only travel and leisure shares soaring 0.7%. Scania AB, Swedish producer of large trucks, buses and coaches, was the last week's best performing blue chip, as Volkswagen bulked to buy the rest of Scania Company in a 6.7 billion euro bid on in a shareholder meeting last Monday to strengthen its trucks business. The firm's gains capped losses in the industrial sector. Vodafone was the last week's worst performing stock as its price dropped from 3.05 euros on February 24 to 3.02 euros ahead of its cash payout to shareholders from March 4 under its deal with Verizon.

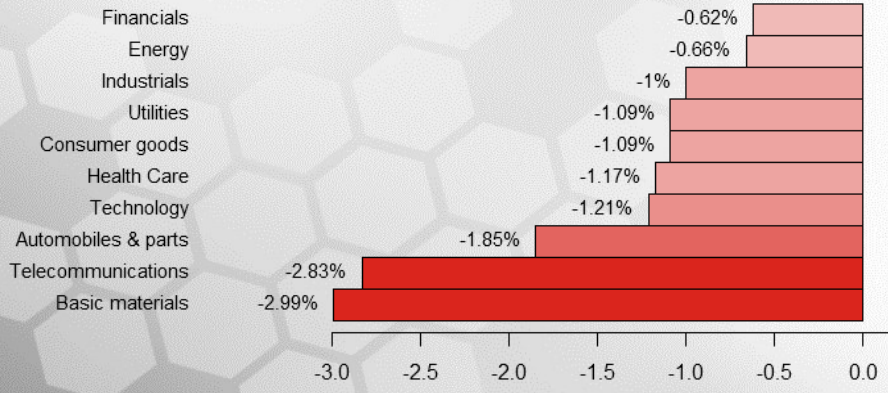
The German DAX Index dipped 0.2% to 9,692.08 points on week, despite trading within sight of record highs earlier in the week.

The FTSE 100 Index plummeted 0.8% last week after posting gains in the middle of the week due to positive earnings season and signs of growth in the European economy.

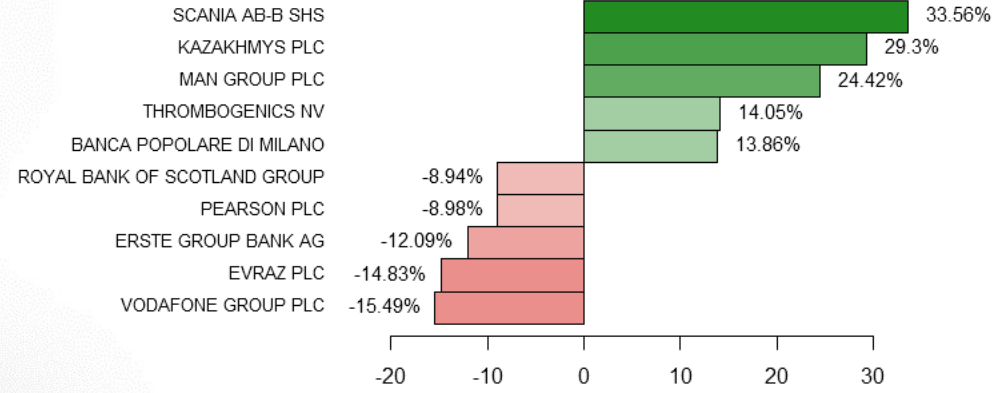


Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Eurostoxx	-0.05	4.85	3.95	13.69	17.71	16.58
DAX	-0.17	3.81	3.05	19.61	26.27	25.19
FTSE 100	-0.82	4.06	2.39	4.36	7.65	7.06

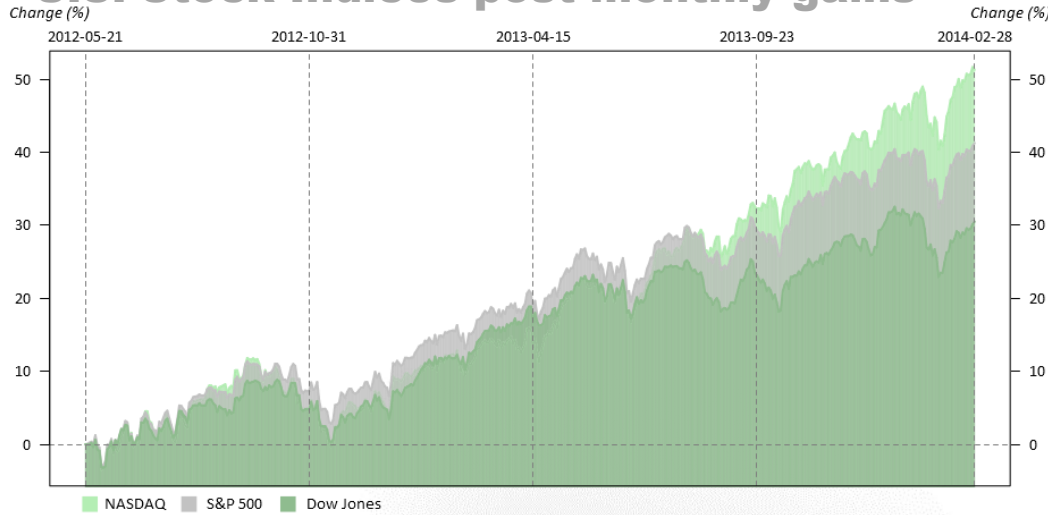
Industry Performance (STOXX600)



TOP performers (SXXP600)



U.S. Stock Indices post monthly gains



Price Changes (%)

	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
S&P 500	0.64	4.8	2.97	13.87	22.66	22.76
Dow Jones	0.71	3.7	1.46	10.21	15.96	16.13
NASDAQ	0.35	6.34	6.11	20.01	36.24	36.32

U.S. stock market traded in green throughout the last week, with major stock indices rallying to new records, as positive economic data on the world's largest economy offset worries about the escalating political conflict in Ukraine.

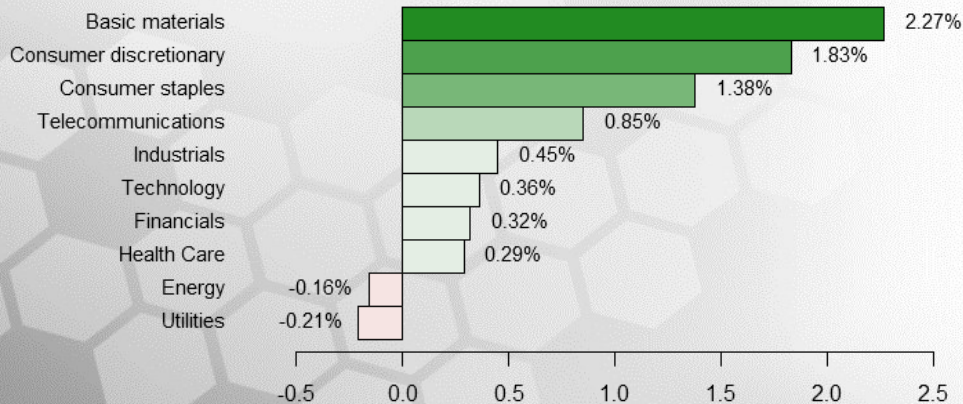


The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was 0.6% on week to end at 1,859.45 points on the last day of February. The index capped a nearly 5% advance in February. All but two sectors in the gauge posted weekly gains with basic materials showing the strongest performance. The retail company J.C. Penney Co Inc. jumped 29% on week with its stock price trading up from \$5.23 to \$7.28 and dragged higher the consumer discretionary sector. The firm rallied 25% to end Thursday's session at \$7.47, marking the biggest climb in 34 years, after forecasting a significant increase in its annual revenue and margin expansion. Newfield Exploration Co was 14% up on week to cap further losses in the energy sector. On the downside, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. erased 8.8% during last week with its share price dropping to \$20.03, as the company's recently announced deal with ArcelorMittal to supply iron ore pallets until January 2017 did not offset other major problems, such as declining iron ore prices stemming from a demand slowdown from Chinese steel mills.

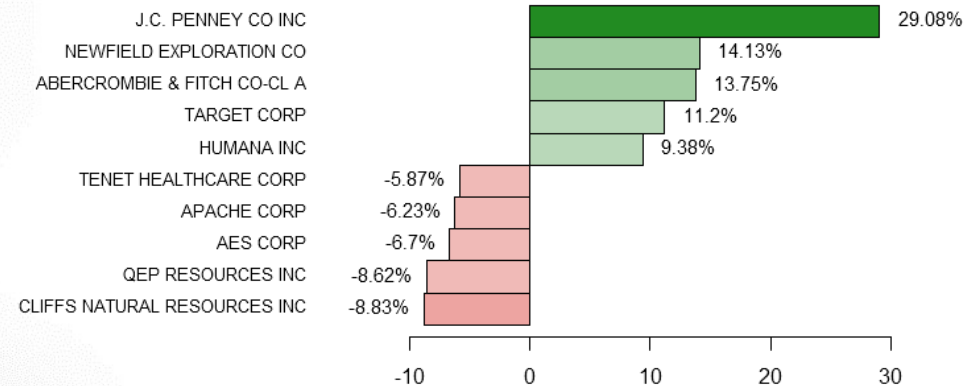
The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 0.7% up on week to finish at 16,321.71 points, up from its Monday's level at 16,103.30.

The Nasdaq Composite ended the week at 4,308.12, 0.4% higher compared to February 24.

Industry Performance (S&P 500)



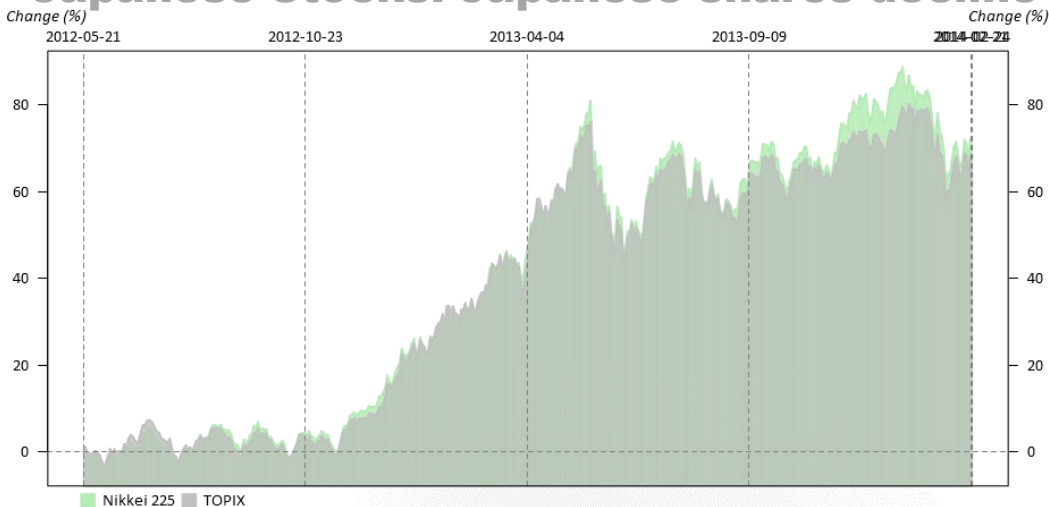
TOP performers (S&P 500)



Japanese Stocks: Japanese shares decline amid higher Yen

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Japanese stocks swung between gains and losses last week, ending week on the downside, as the broader TOPIX Index dropped as much as 0.6% on week. On Friday, shares were rather fluctuating, as machinery firms advanced while retail companies suffered losses.

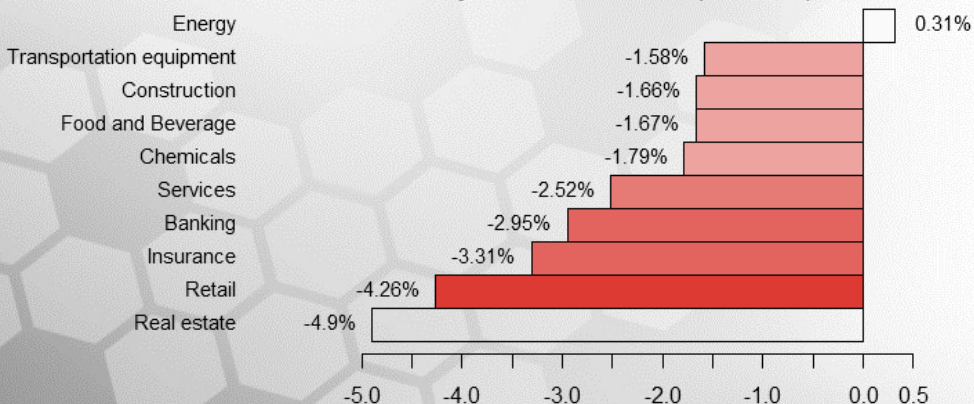
The broader TOPIX Index finished the week ending February 28 at 1,1211.66 points, ending this year's second month with a 3.5% decline. Friday, the gauge's volume was nearly 29% less than the 30-day average. Only three out of 33 industry groups edged higher on week, while real estate shares declined the most. Among individual performers, Seiko PMC Corporation jumped 48.7% on week to end at 1,300 yen, up from 1,024 yen on February 24. The paper making chemical producer capped further losses in the paper sector. On the downside, Zeria Pharmaceutical Co Ltd plummeted 17% to end Friday's closing session at 2,220 yen, losing 269 yen of its stock price.

In the meantime, the Nikkei 225 Index traded rather flat during the week as it closed at 14,841.07 points, 0.02% up from Monday's close at 14,837.68.

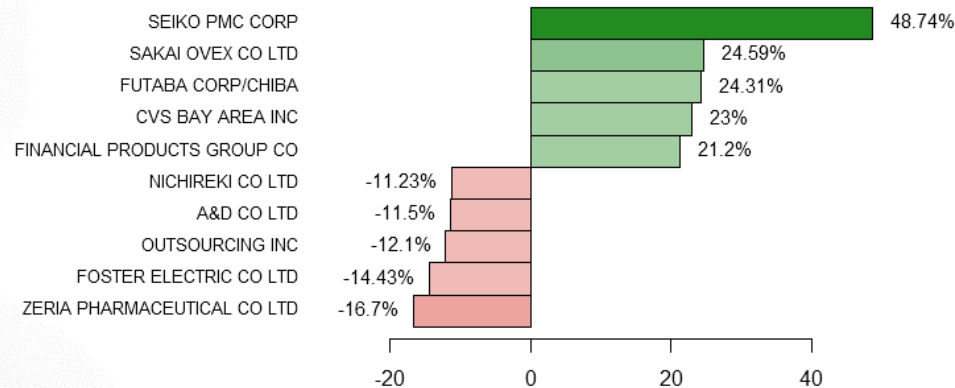
Price Changes (%)

	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
Nikkei 225	0.02	-3.53	-5.24	10.85	31.87	28.39
TOPIX	-0.61	-3.54	-3.73	9.55	27.05	24.19

Industry Performance (TOPIX)



TOP performers (TOPIX)



Asia Pacific Shares boosted by Yellen's comments

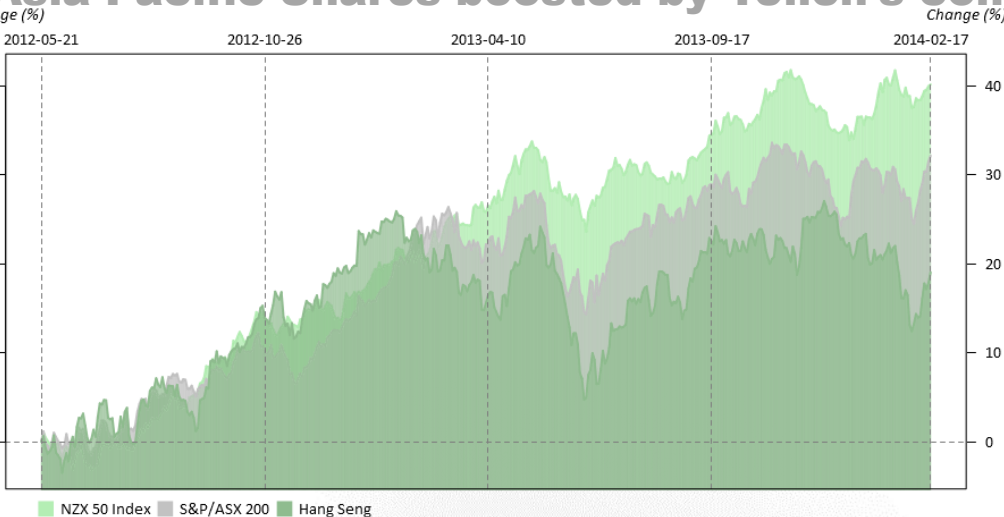


Asia Pacific stock market ended Friday's trading session on a positive note, following Janet Yellen's comments that bolstered investors confidence and the outlook on the world's largest economy. The Fed's new government gave signs that the QE tapering pace would be reduced in case of worsening economy.

The Australian S&P/ASX 200 Index added 2.6% throughout the week to close at 5,404.82 points on February 28, heading the index to a monthly gain of 2.6%. The gauge inched lower on Friday, as investors booked some garnered profit made during February. Nine out of ten industry groups included in the index posted weekly advances, with tech shares showing the strongest performance. Perseus Mining Ltd St and Barbara Ltd were the last week's best performing blue chips, closing at A\$0.39 and A\$0.35 on Friday, both adding to gains in basic material sector.

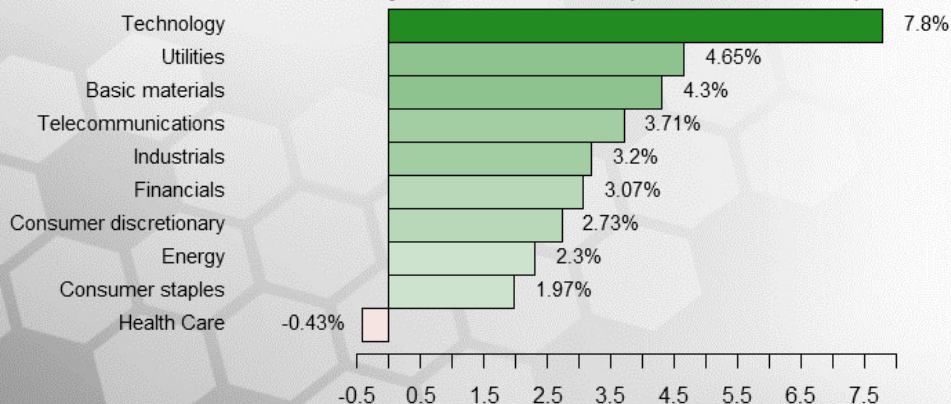
The Hang Seng Index finished the previous week at 22,836.96 points, yet posting a monthly decline of 2.6%.

The New Zealand's NZX 50 Index was 1.2% higher on week, closing the last day of February at 1,044.84 points.

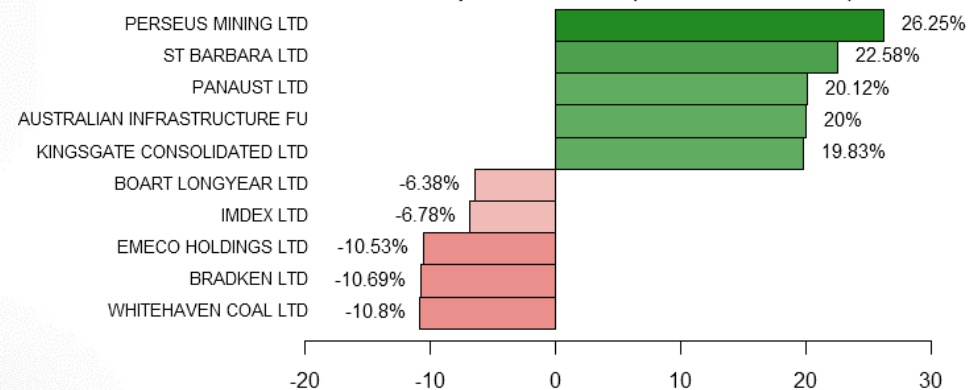


Price Changes (%)						
	Weekly	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	YTD
S&P/ASX 200	2.57	2.11	-0.84	4.74	7.74	6.34
Hang Seng	3.33	-2.64	-3.19	-0.74	-3.95	-4.76
NZX 50 Index	1.15	-0.5	-0.52	8.3	15.68	15.31

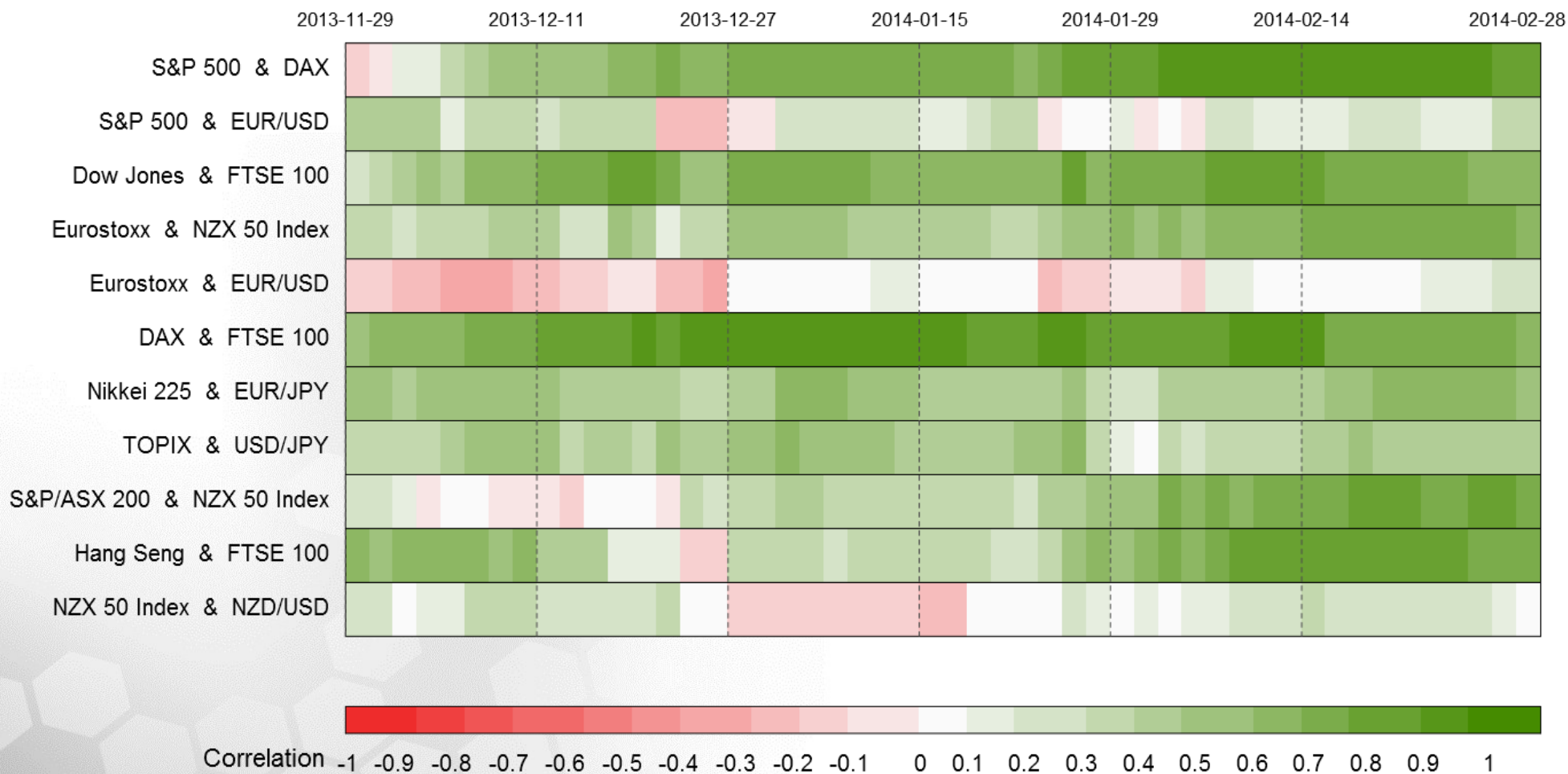
Industry Performance (S&P/ASX 200)



TOP performers (S&P/ASX 200)

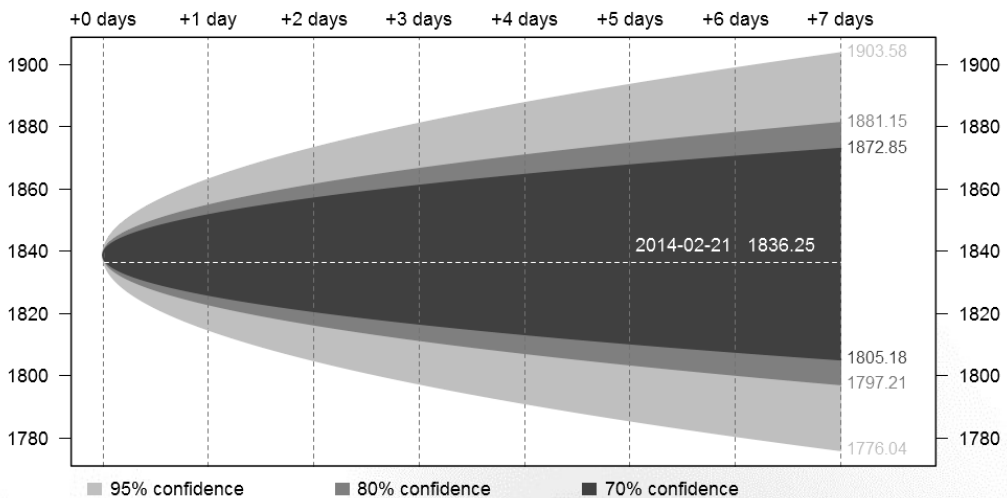


Correlation Matrix

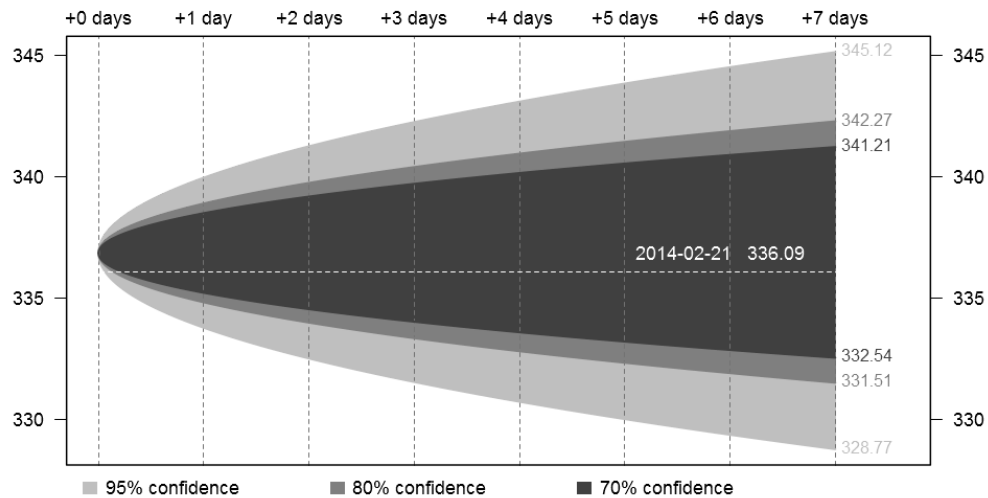


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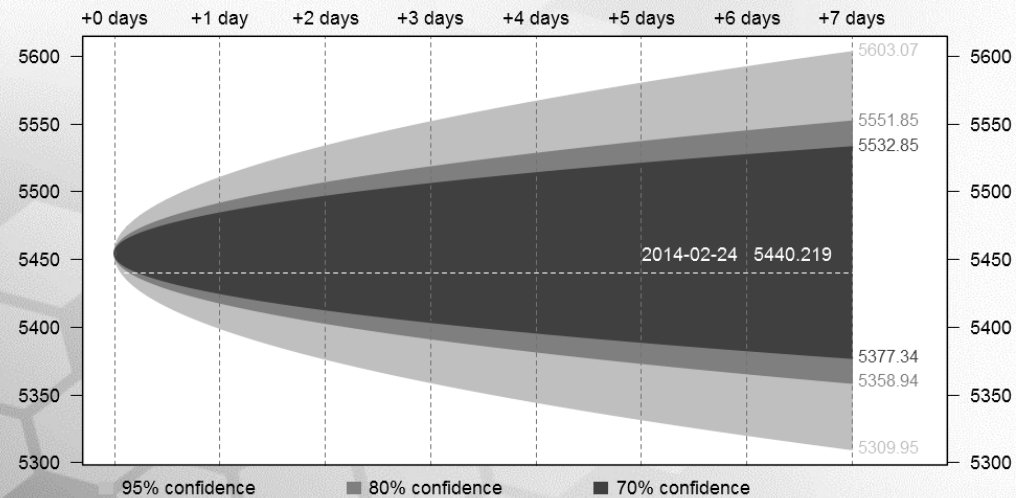
S&P 500 Potential Rates



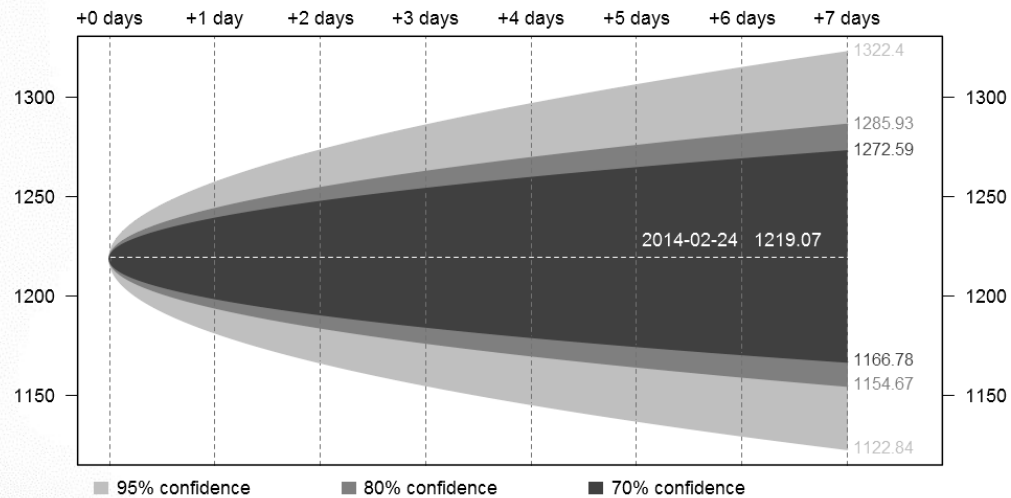
Eurostoxx Potential Rates



S&P/ASX 200 Potential Rates



TOPIX Potential Rates



EXPLANATIONS

Indexes

- **Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) or (SPX)** - U.S. stock market index consisting of the 500 large-cap shares widely traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ.
- **Dow Jones Industrial Average Index (INDU)** - U.S. stock market index consisting of the 30 large publicly owned U.S. companies, primarily industrials
- **NASDAQ Composite Index** - U.S. stock market index representing all the stocks that are traded on the Nasdaq stock market, mostly technology and Internet-related
- **New Zealand Exchange 50 Gross Index (NZX 50)** - stock market index consisting of the top 50 companies listed on the New Zealand Stock exchange
- **S&P/ASX 200** - a market-capitalization weighted stock market index of stocks listed on the Australian Securities Exchange from Standard and Poor's
- **Hang Seng Index (HI)** - Hong Kong's stock market index consisting of 48 largest companies listed on the Hong Kong Exchange
- **Japan's Nikkei Stock Average (Nikkei 225 Index) or (NKY)** - Japanese stock market index consisting of the 225 largest companies listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange
- **FTSE 100 Index (UKX)** - U.K. stock market index consisting of the 100 most capitalized U.K. companies trading on the London Stock Exchange
- **DAX Index (DAX)** - German stock market index consisting of the 30 largest and most liquid German companies trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange
- **Eurostoxx 600** - stock market index, derived from the Stoxx Europe Total Market Index, consisting of 600 large, mid- and small-sized companies from 18 European countries

Chart

- **Correlation** - statistical measure of the linear relationship between two random variables. It is defined as the covariance divided by the standard deviation of two variables.
- **Historical price changes** - chart reflecting the historical price changes of particular region's stock indices

Indicators

- **Industry performance** - weekly performance of industries within the particular stock market index
- **Top performers** - companies within a particular stock market index showing the best or worst weekly performance
- **Performance** - relative historical change of stock market index value



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