

FTSE 100 to open: -30 / 7,720

DOW JONES SLIPS AMID DEFAULT CONCERNS AND CONSUMER HESITATION

- THE DOW FELL OVER 300 POINTS ON DEBT CEILING CONCERNS AND WEAKER RETAIL SALES
- SHARES IN HOME DEPOT FELL AS CONSUMERS POSTPONED LARGE RENOVATION PROJECTS



Home Depot shares have fallen -33% (1.5 years)

EQUITY HEADLINES

AstraZeneca announces positive Phase III results from Tagrisso.

JD Sports reports revenues rose 47.8% to £10.1bn but operating profits fell 29% to £509m.

Experian reports full year revenues rose 6% to \$6.5bn with benchmark EBIT margin expansion at the top end of estimates, and raises the dividend by 6%.

British Land reports full year profits growth of 6.9% but macroeconomic uncertainties remain.

An investor consortium including Blackrock and Thomson Reuters set to sell around \$2.4bn worth of shares in the **London Stock Exchange**.

Analysts at Morgan Stanley have names **Tesla** and **Ford** among EV companies set to benefit from supply chains moving West, relying less on China.

EQUITY ROUND UP

In London, **Vodafone** (-7.5%) slumped to a new 20-year low after forecasting a decline in free cash flow this year.

Prudential (-2.5%) and **HSBC** (-1%) were lower after China's industrial output fell in April.

DCC (+2.8%) was the best performer after raising its full year dividend.

Land Securities (+2.5%) was higher after earnings beat expectations.

In New York, **Home Depot** (-2.2%) fell after cutting its annual sales and profit forecast.

Horizon Therapeutics (-14%) tumbled after the FTC said it would file a lawsuit to block **Amgen's** (-2.4%) \$28bn takeover.

Capital One (+2.1%) traded higher after Berkshire Hathaway disclosed a near \$1bn stake in the company.

AMD (+4.1%) hit its highest level since August after hedge fund, Third Point, took a stake of almost a million shares.

Today's watchlist (GMT)

Time	Event	Watch
10:00	EUR Consumer Prices	DAX, CAC
10:50	UK BoE Governor Bailey speech	Natwest, Barclays, Lloyds, Barratt Developments, Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon

Yesterday - European trading

European markets posted drifted lower amid disappointing company earnings and US debt ceiling concerns.

FTSE 100	-26	7,751
DAX	-19	15,897
CAC	-12	7,406

Overnight - US trading

US markets mostly traded lower amid ongoing debt ceiling concerns.

Dow Jones	-336	33,012
S&P 500	-26	4,109
Nasdaq	+12	13,426

This Morning - Asian trading

Asian markets traded mixed in reaction to the US government potentially defaulting.

Nikkei	+224	30,067
Hang Seng	-190	19,788
ASX 200	-31	7,203

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