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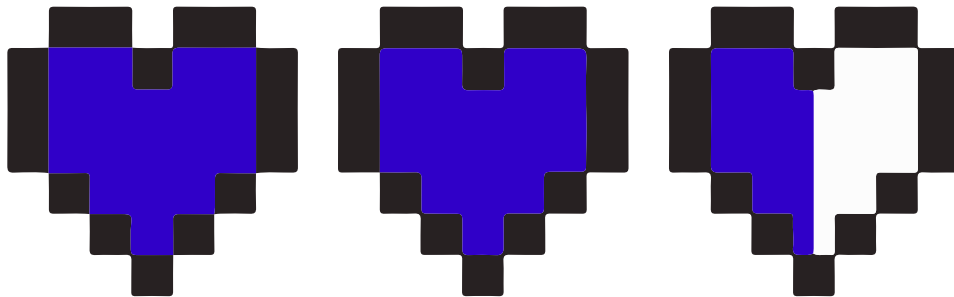
# NewsFlight

Taste what's on tap in the **investor's world**

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amidst Omicron  
worries

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# Markets



Nikkei 225  
Index

28,640.49

+202.72/+0.71%



Bovespa  
Index

108,090.39

+332.05/+0.31%



BMV Ipc

51,213.48

-24.54/-0.05%



DAX 30  
Index

15,761.31

+138.00/+0.88%



FTSE 100  
Index

7,279.40

-12.38/-0.17%



SSE Composite  
Index

3,681.08

+14.73/+0.40%



Straits Times  
Index

2,589.65

+50.37/+1.98%



Dow Jones

35,970.99

+216.30/+0.60%



BSE SENSEX

58,283.42

-503.25/-0.86%



JSE Top 40

65,394.84

+4.52/+0.01%





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## Market news

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Worries regarding the Omicron variant have caused volatility in global markets. In Europe, the STOXX 600 index fell 0.3% for the third consecutive session. However, by the start of last week, it had two days of gains that caused a jump of 2.8%, the highest weekly increase since march.



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## Wild Card

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The Peloton selloff caused by 'Sex and the City' reboot.

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# Three Pfizer shots can stop the Omicron



Research in Israel has found that Pfizer's Covid booster shot [protects people from the Omicron variant](#). The analysis was made by Sheba Medical Center and the Health Ministry's Central Virology Laboratory. Blood samples from people vaccinated with the first two doses and people vaccinated with the booster dose were compared. According to Gili Regev-Yochay, director of the Infectious Diseases Unit at Sheba, people vaccinated with the first two doses are protected from Delta variant only, while. "The good news is that with the booster dose it increases about a hundred fold. There is a significant protection of the booster dose", she mentioned.



## Oil prices increasing amidst Omicron worries

Oil prices registered their **highest weekly increase since august**. Despite Omicron worries and its impact on different markets, oil demand has increased. Last Friday, reference indices such as the Brent and the US West Texas Intermediate had gains of approximately 8% after seven weeks. After several price dips, both increased by 73 cents, establishing Brent prices at \$75.15 per barrel and WTI at \$71.67 per barrel. Oil market has been recovering from the loss caused by the Omicron thanks to recent studies stating that booster shots offer protection from the new variant.



## **Ford is working hard on Mustang EVs**

Ford is expecting to **triple its production of Mustang electric vehicles for 2023** in North America and Europe. "It's hard to produce Mustang Mach-Es fast enough to meet the incredible demand, but we are sure going to try", wrote Jim Farley, CEO of the company, in a tweet, explaining it is expected to reach more than 200,000 units per year for North America and Europe by 2023. The EV market is constantly growing; according to Automotive News, Ford postponed the production of Explorer and Lincoln Aviator to increase the production of electric Mustangs. Competition in the industry is fierce, including the participation of big companies like GM, Volkswagen, and Tesla.



# The very first NFT-based ETF



The great popularity gained by non-fungible tokens (NFTs) is leading to the creation of the first NFT ETFs by Defiance ETFs. In the third quarter of 2021, NFT trading increased to \$10.7 billion, more than 700% than last quarter. This is why Defiance launched the [Defiance Digital Revolution ETF](#), the very first exchange-traded fund listed on the market focused on NFTs. Sylvia Jablonski, CIO and co-founder of Defiance said: “The virtual sky is the limit for NFTs, and we wanted to provide investors with access to the theme in a simple and transparent way”. She moved on explaining that, similar to bitcoin, an investor can buy or create an NFT directly. It looks like NFTs are here to stay.



## More Things to Sip On...

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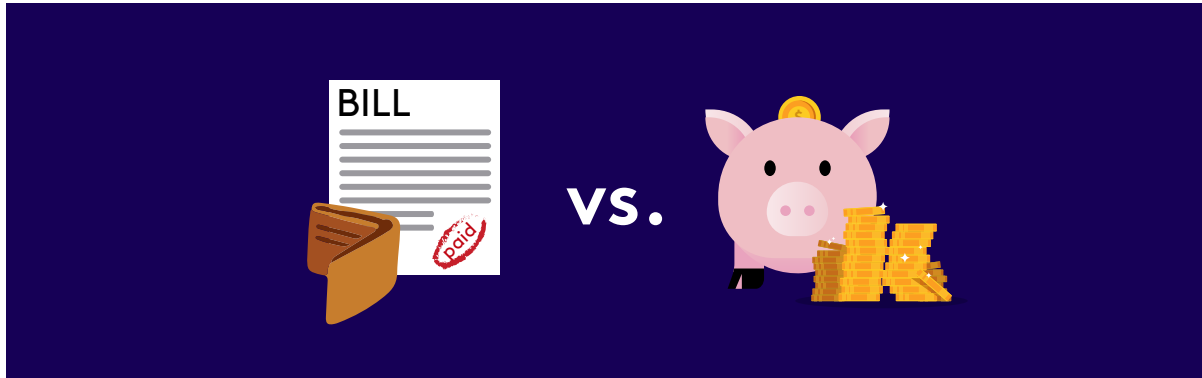
- Apple could be the [first \\$3 trillion company](#).
- Moderna will stay with [yet-to-be proven drugs](#).
- Pfizer plans on [buying Arena Pharmaceuticals](#) for \$6.7 million.



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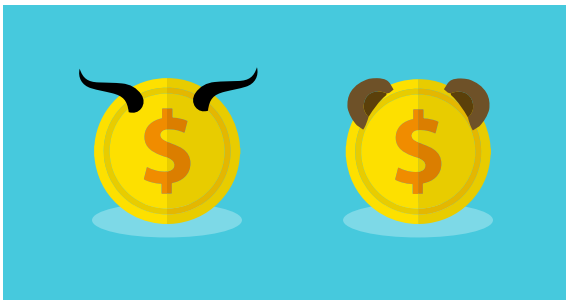


## 20 Side Hustle Ideas to **boost your income**



“Credit card debt is an oddly taboo subject for many of us. Publicly, many shake a finger at the ‘irresponsibility’ of this type of debt. However, in private, we accumulate and avoid our own debt issues.” Learn more [here](#).

### **Becoming a smart investor** **[5 Simple Investment Tips]**



“While commonly used when talking about the stock market, the terms “bear market” and “bull market” are applicable to almost any tradable assets, from currencies and bonds, commodities and real estate.”

Learn more [here](#).

### **6 Steps to set your** **Personal Financial Goals**



“If someone asks you if it’s better to have \$100 now or in 1 year, what would be your answer? As rational investors, we instinctively tend to choose the first option, but why? The answer is the time value of money, which basically shows that having \$100 now is better than receiving them in the future.”

Learn more [here](#).



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about managing risk,  
not avoiding it.**

**- Benjamin Graham -**



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