

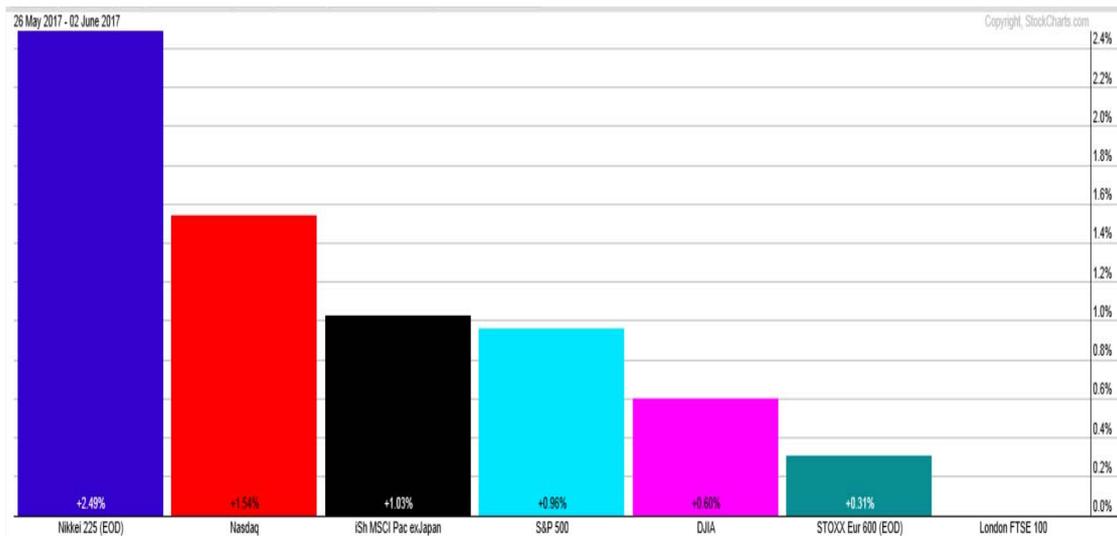


Investment Markets overview *Free taster*

Week Ending 2 June 2017

Momentum.....is defined as the impetus gained by a moving object or a loss of it if the rate of change slows. There are a variety of ways to measure momentum within the financial markets and this is where the use of "pictorial exhibits," **better known as charts**, comes into their own. A glance at a simple plain chart, such as the one shown below within the UK section on house-price inflation, offers an immediate observation on whether price or value is rising or falling, plus it's fairly obvious if the rate of the advance or decline of the price/value is increasing or decreasing. The use of additional indicators, such as a "rate of change" measure or a "relative strength index" also highlight the context of any rise or fall over a period of time and where they are used within our 'overviews' an explanation and guidance is provided. At its simplest a good analogy is to liken momentum to driving a car, you do not yank it into reverse when doing 80km/hr as it wouldn't do the gearbox a lot of good. You slow-down first, losing momentum, before you either regain it once again or stop before going into reverse. There has been a **loss of momentum of late** in respect of global economic data, with a fair amount of the evidence announced this week, including the closely watched US non-farm payrolls, vehicle sales within the US and Japan, wage price inflation and consumer confidence readings for the US, Japan and for the UK, the list goes on. Of particular concern has to be the loss of momentum within the housing sector, as **trillions of \$US/£/¥,€ and Yuan debt are dependent** on continued momentum and higher prices, particularly as the interest-rate cycle has now turned. All of the aforementioned are expanded on within the relevant sections of this overview, plus a lot more.

On the political front, "the Donald" confirmed to a polarised domestic and international community his decision to decline American support for the "Paris Agreement" on climate change, whilst the UK "political horses" enter the final furlong ahead of next week's general election with the latest polls suggesting a marked narrowing of the gap between the front-runners. For more on this, supported with interesting charts, please continue, with a reminder for non-subscribers of the limited-time offer "at your discretion":



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