Investing and Personal Finance Blog

# Important stock market news and some stocks worth checking out!

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Hello and welcome to the second entry of my **investing** and **personal finance** blog. Thank you for joining me on my journey of learning and improving my own **personal finance**. Today I will be sharing some very important news from China that has affected the **stock market** here in the US. If you wonder why **stock** prices have dropped so much as soon as the **stock market** opened on Monday, then stick around because I will explain what happened in China and how that news affects the US **stock market**.

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Before I continue, I would also like to share why I use Robinhood instead of other websites or applications. First, I love the look of the website and mobile app compared to its competitors. Besides that, Robinhood has a long history of being a very trusted **investment** app. It also has excellent reviews on the Appstore.

**Important stock market news**

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News article from CNN (link to: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/20/investing/dow-stock-market-evergrande-today/index.html>) about **stocks** dropping on Monday.

I am going to summarize what happened on Monday, Sept 21, for you. Evergrande Group, the enormous real estate company in China, was supposed to pay interest on some of its bank loans worth more than $100 million. It is still unclear if the company is going to pay. Because of their ridiculously large debt of $300 billion, it is just a matter of time before the company is in big trouble. Considering how the world’s **stock markets** are connected, the instability of the Chinese market would also cause **stock prices** in the US to plummet. On Monday, **Dow Jones** was down almost 900 points a couple of hours after the market opened. Leading up to that, the Hong Kong markets have also dropped by 10%.

Thankfully, prices have begun to go up since then. **Dow Jones** has gone up by 400 points after some announcements by the Federal Reserve on Wednesday. Even Evergrande **stocks** have rebounded as the company is struggling to repay its debts. Nonetheless, the large debt of $300 billion is still looming.

**Dow Jones**: The Dow or the Dow Jones Industrial Average is the price-weighted measurement of 30 top US stocks. The well-being of stocks in the US is usually measured by how well the Dow is doing.

**Stocks worth checking out!**

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The first **stock** I will mention is **Target (TGT)**. Targeta safe place to hold your **money** for a long time while earning a good chunk of dividends. For now, its dividend yield is only 1.22%, but they have been giving out dividend payments to their investors for almost 50 years. Its dividend yield will continue to rise, so do not miss out on this opportunity to diversify your portfolio and make some **money**.

Besides Target and other large companies, I have also been paying attention to more affordable and smaller **stocks**. One worth mentioning is **Arbor Realty Trust (ABR)**. Arbor (link to: <https://arbor.com/>) is a REIT or real estate investment trust. Arbor engages in various forms of property and real estate like healthcare, senior homes and provisions of loan organizations. Their current dividend yield is 7.35%, which is very high for a real estate company.

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Description automatically generated Another smaller **stock** worth mentioning is **CareTrust REIT (CTRE)**. This company is a very interesting one. CareTrust (link to: <https://www.caretrustreit.com/>) engages in purchasing, owning and leasing properties that will be used for healthcare and other medical-related stuff. The current dividend yield for CTRE is 4.82%. I see a lot of potential in this company. **Stock** prices for this company rebounded from dropping low during the pandemic and is consistent in growth.

Thanks again for reading guys. Hope you stick around for the next one where I am going to share my more market research and my budget plan for October!