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What a difference a week makes



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What a difference a week makes.

As the Dinah Washington classic goes, “What a difference a day makes”.  
It’s starting to look the same with the financial markets.

In defining the ups and downs of politics the successful Labour PM said to the world, “A week in politics is a long time”, but a week in financial markets can turn the world upside down.

Just last week the financial markets saw an earthquake moment after the launch of Trump’s Tariffs, which created the collapse of world confidence, causing the dramatic falls in the value of international stock markets. Yet within a week, there was a dramatic climb back up towards recovery. The chart below shows how the FT100 was affected by the chaos within the week.

8,222.59 ▼ -0.32% FTSE 100

Net variation of the value	High / Low	Previous close
-26.53	8,249.12 / 8,177.04	8,249.12

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Immediately after Trump's Liberation Day broadcast there was a knee jerk reaction and on the 7<sup>th</sup> April the world markets dropped like a stone. However, less than one week later, the markets on 10<sup>th</sup> April soared back up again to cancel out the crash of the previous week. After the chaos caused by Trump's Tariffs the markets started the steady climb back towards some stability and hopefully recovery to near normal times.

Already we are starting to see some common sense and order beginning to prevail over chaos. Trump is starting to reduce the tariffs imposed on some countries and classes of products such as cars and phones. There is even talk from the Vice President Vance that the US could do a free trade deal with the UK.

From the earthquake created in the markets by Trump's Tariffs some degree of order is returning to international markets. However, there will obviously be some after-shocks which will cause smaller drops in the markets along the road to recovery. With the human desire for security, common sense and positive progress for a brighter future, we will see a steady rise in the values of financial markets in the long term.

Happy Easter to everyone and enjoy the sunshine.

Regards

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