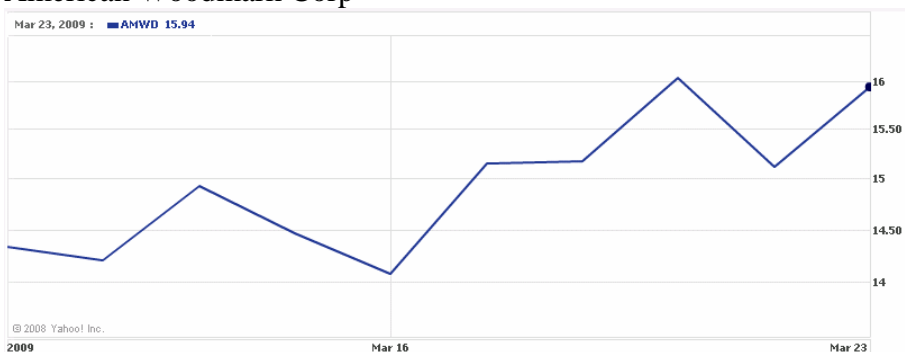


## Good News for the Home Products Channel

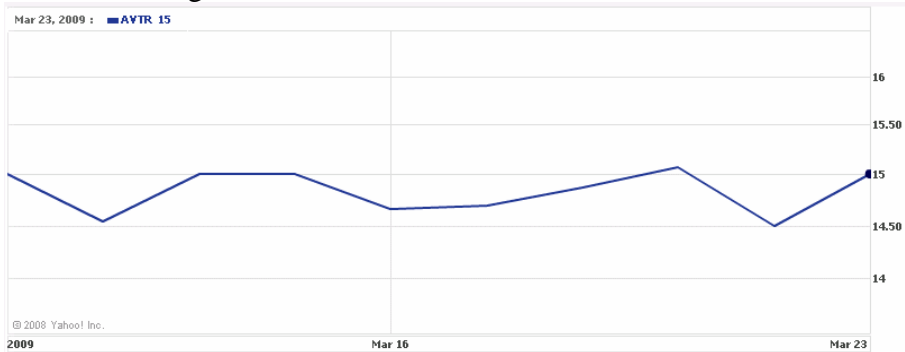
Housing construction posted a surprisingly large increase in February, bolstered by strength in almost all parts of the country. As well, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments jumped 22 percent.

Building permits are indicating that starts could improve modestly in coming months while inflation is not expected to be a problem for some time. We don't believe the Fed will contemplate interest rate increases until the unemployment rate, which is a lagging indicator, stabilizes. Investors reignited Wall Street's rally, snapping up homebuilder stocks and industry channel leaders:

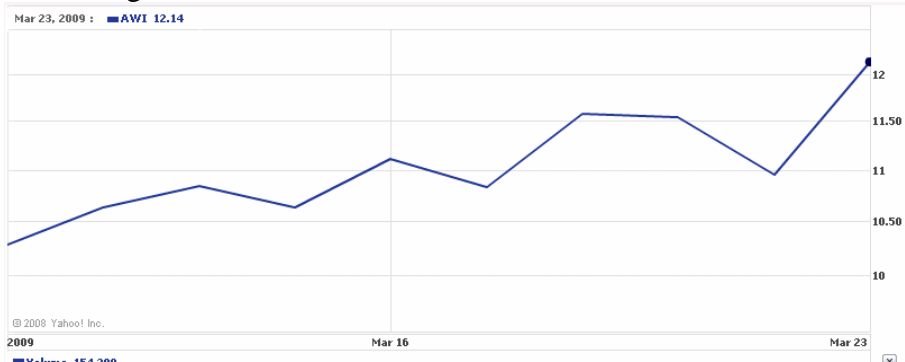
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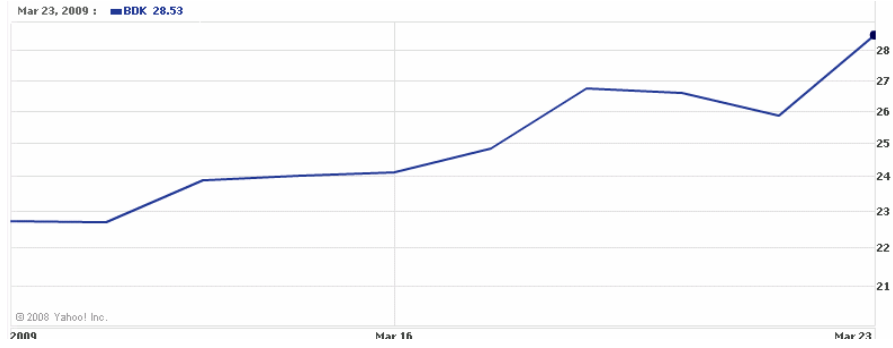
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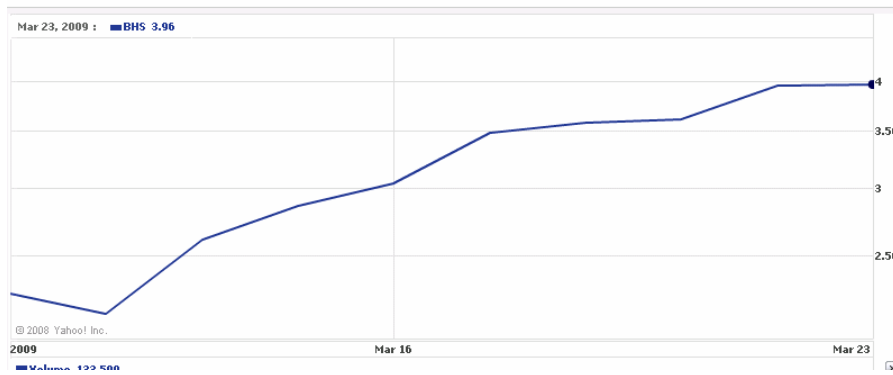
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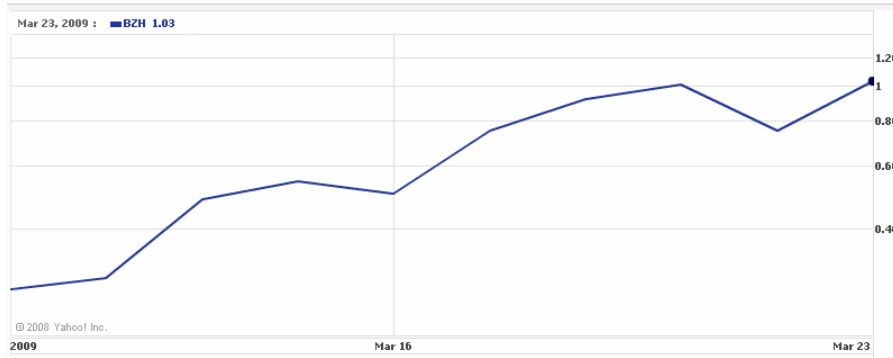
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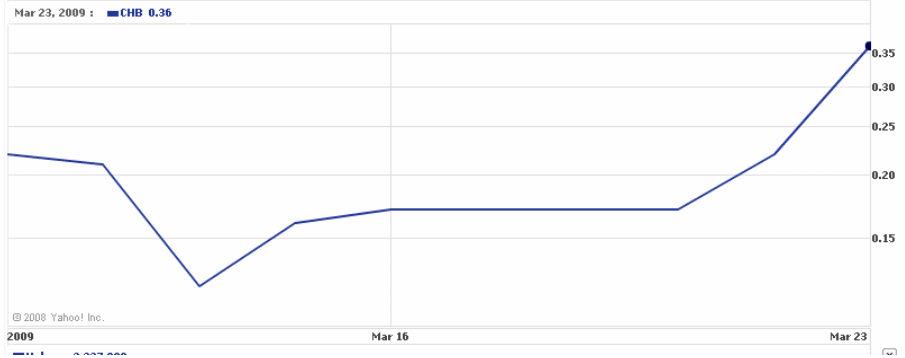
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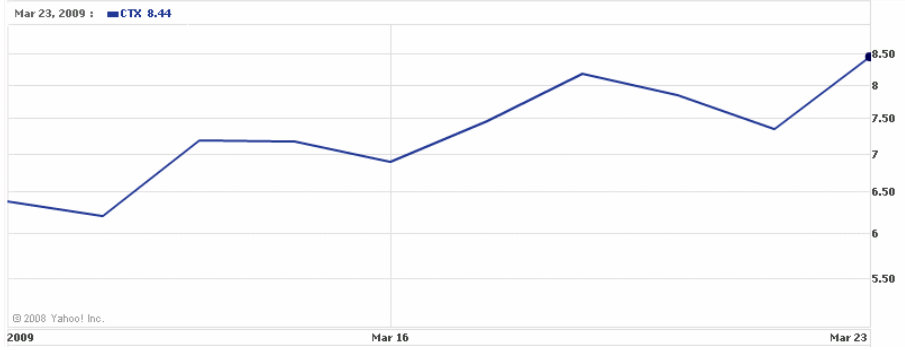
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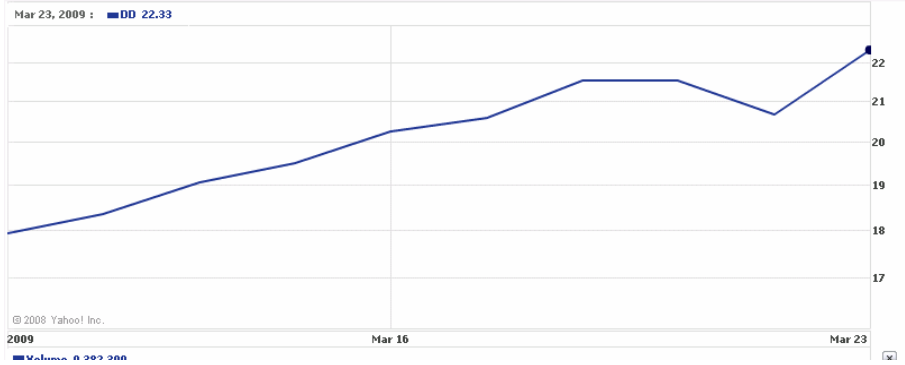
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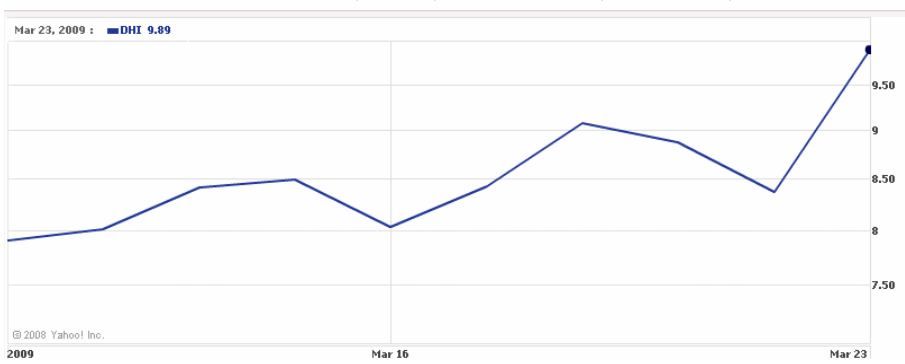
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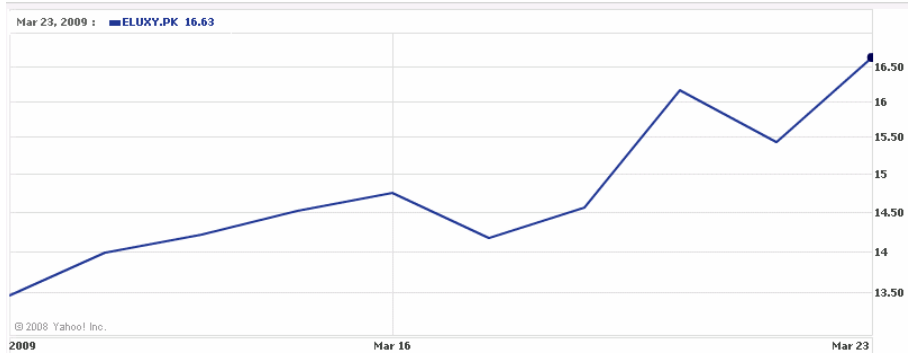
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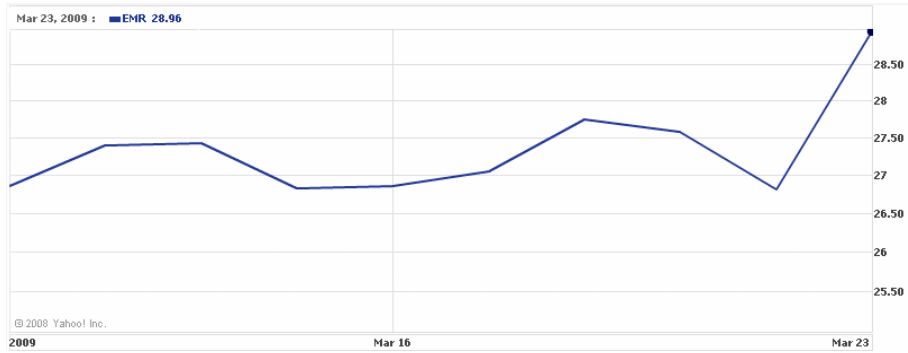
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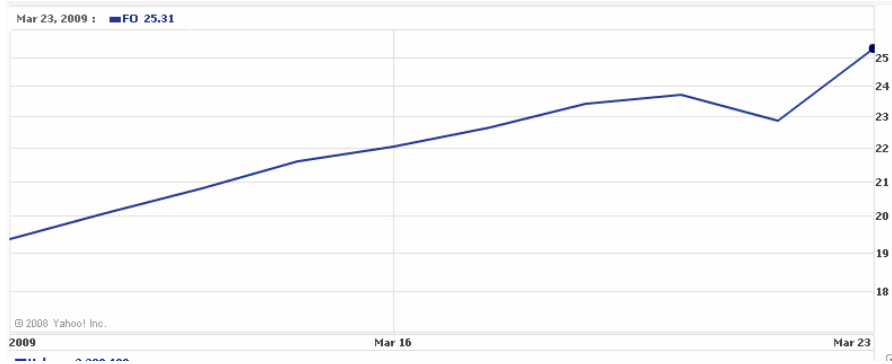
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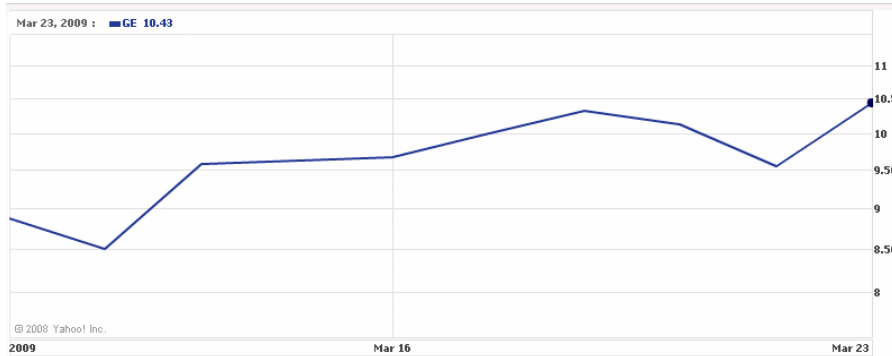
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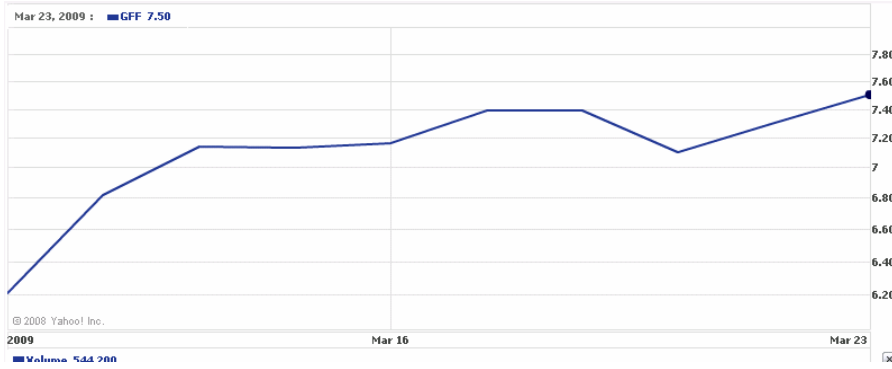
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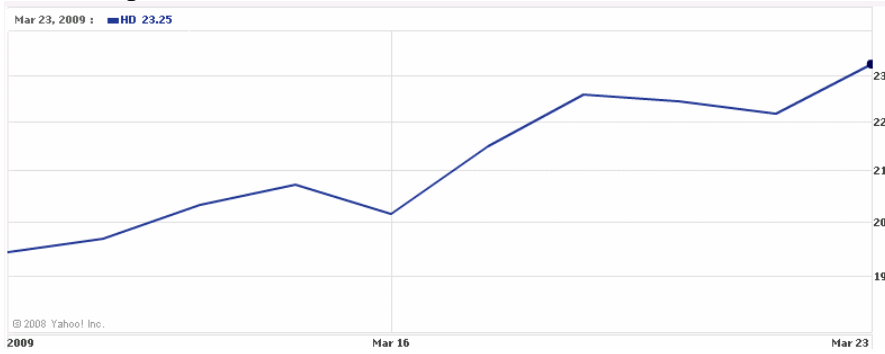
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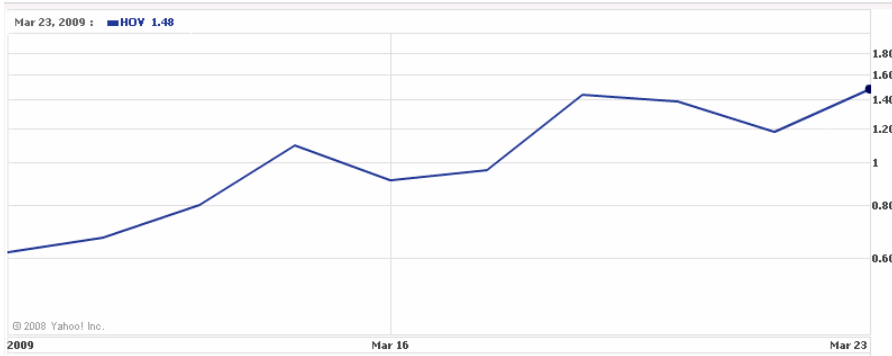
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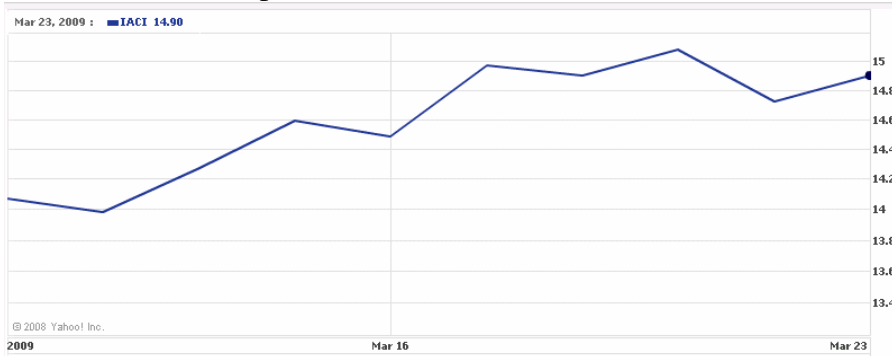
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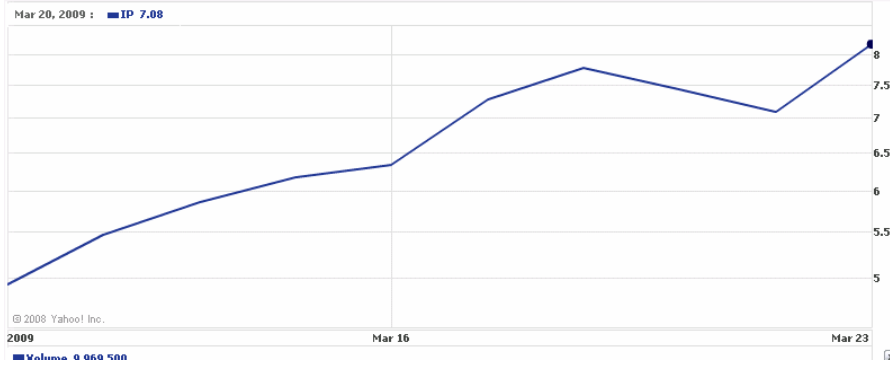
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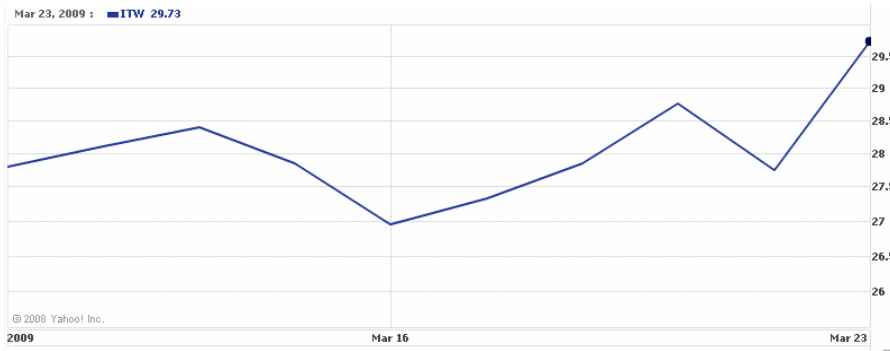
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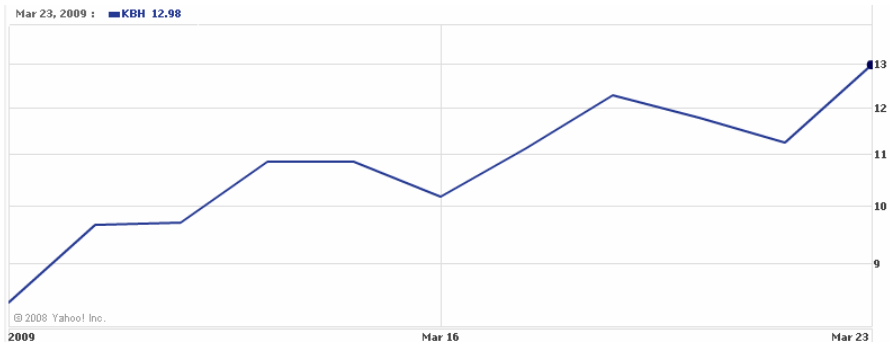
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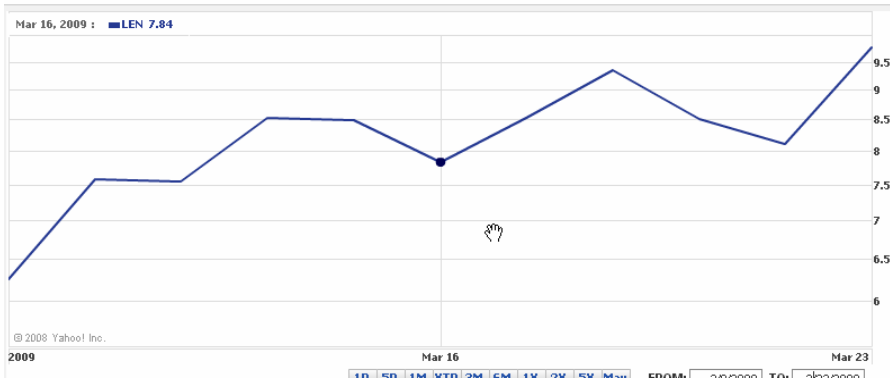
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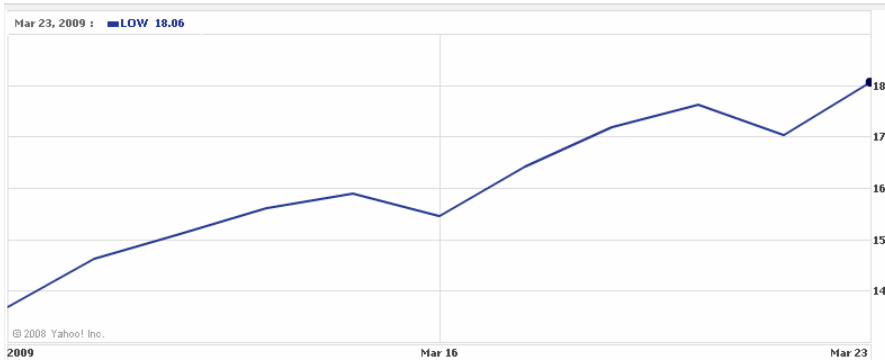
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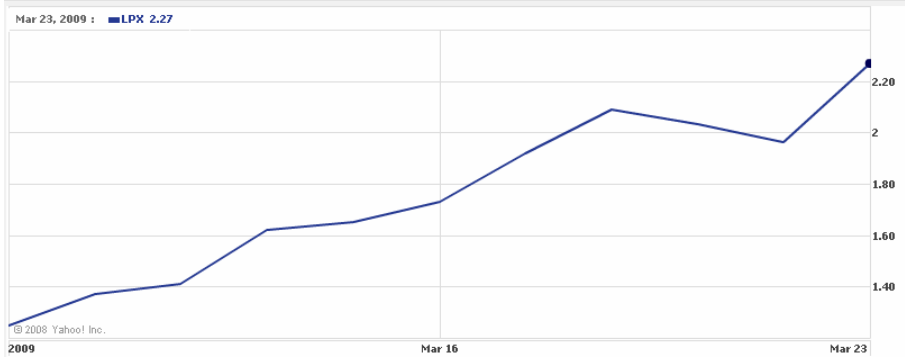
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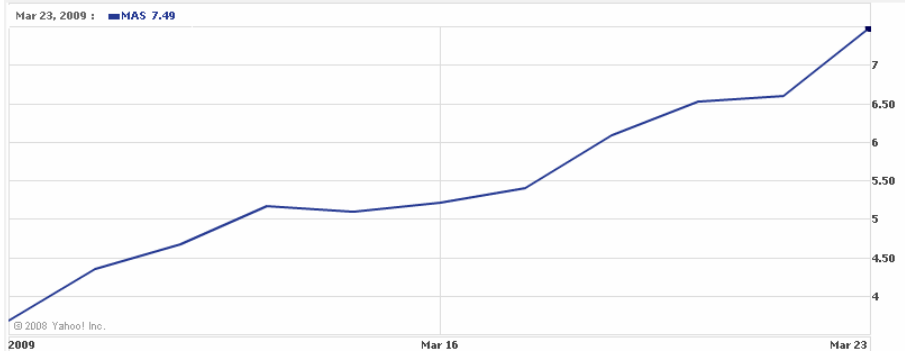
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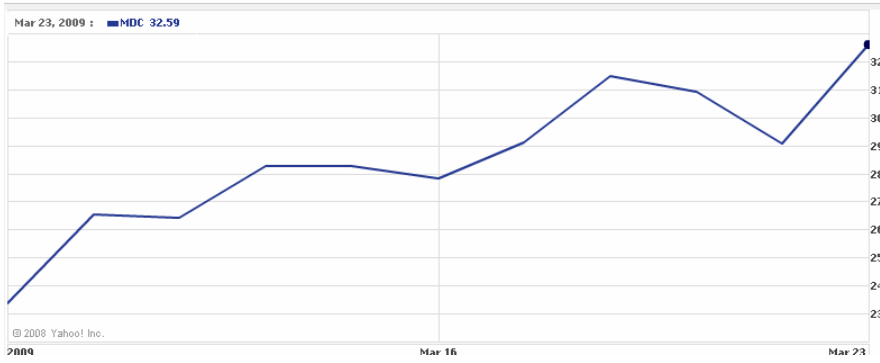
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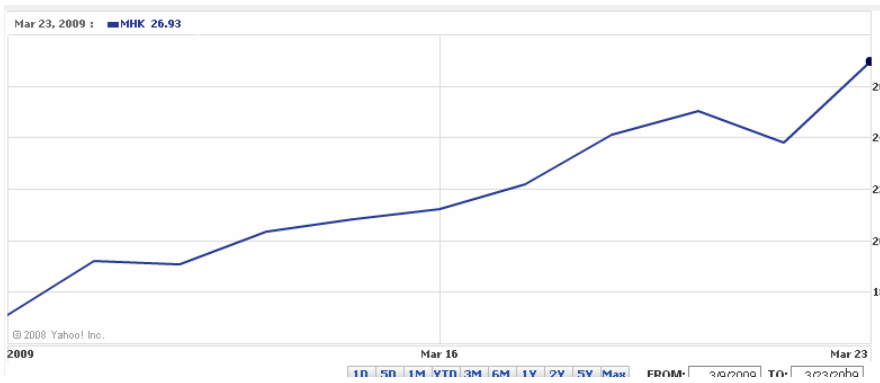
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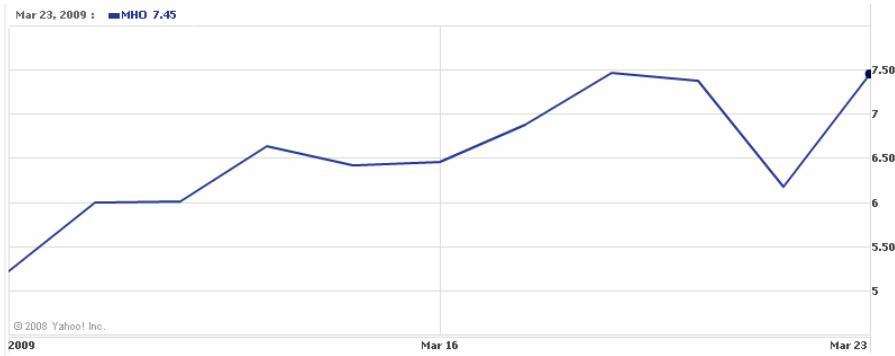
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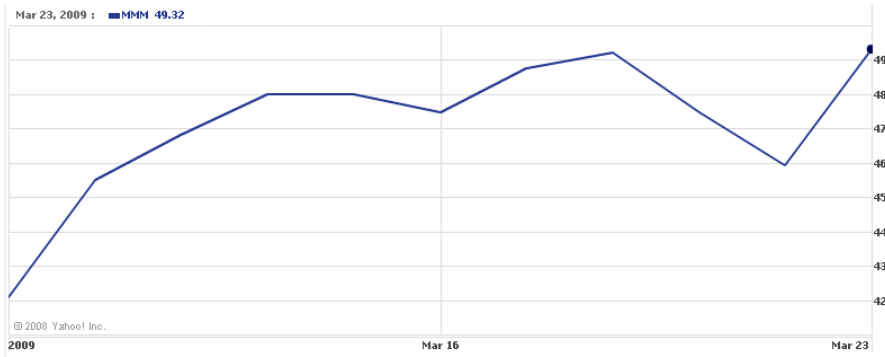
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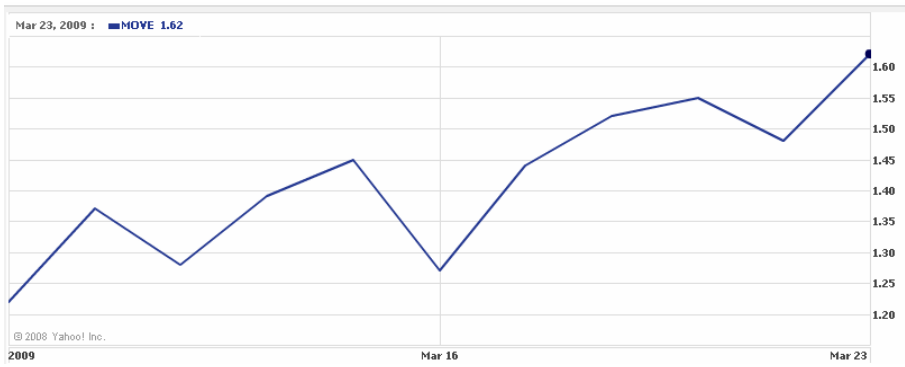
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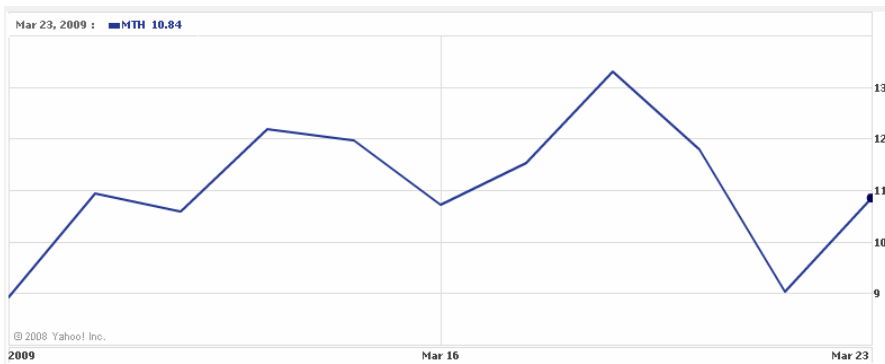
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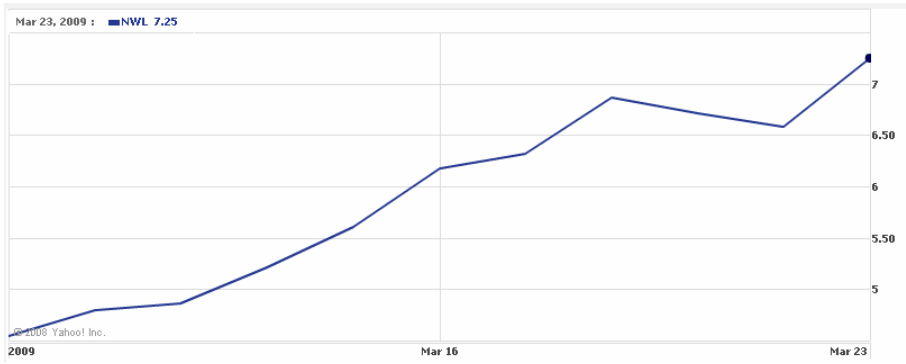
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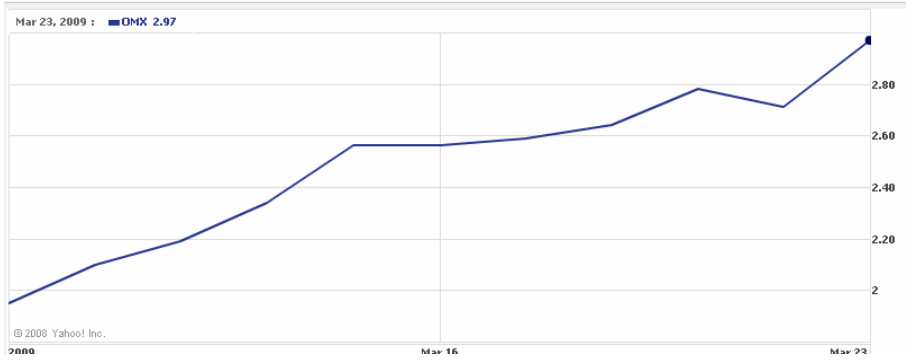
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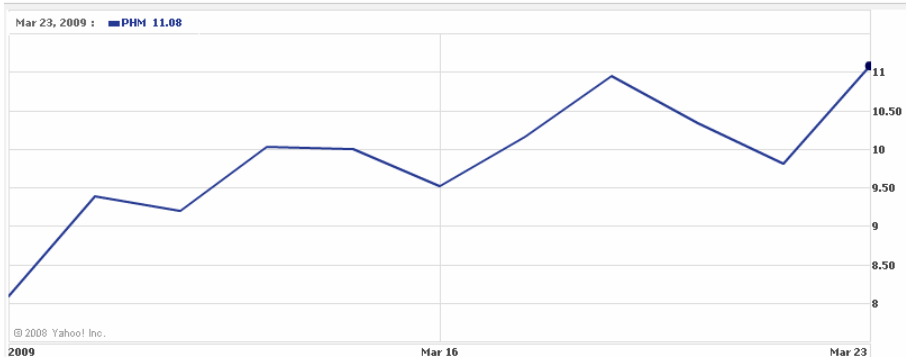
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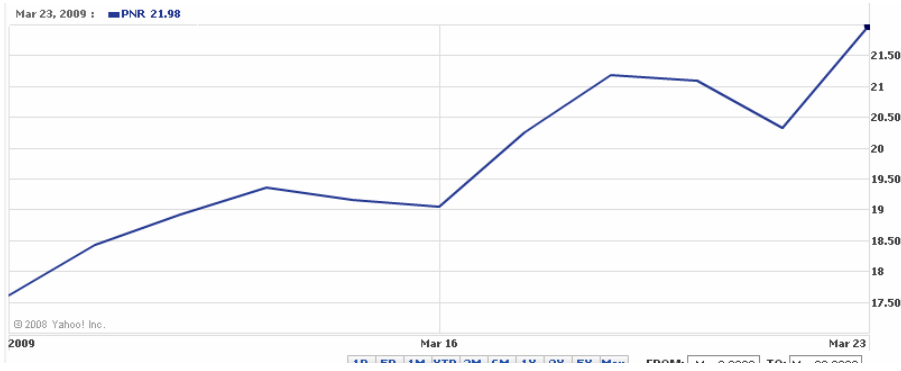
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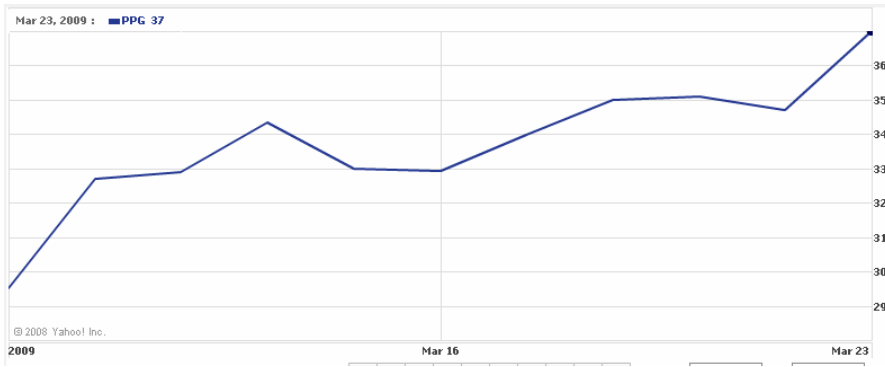
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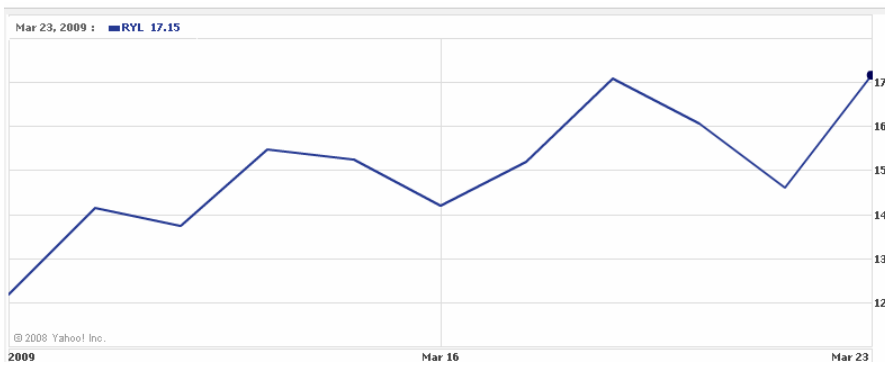
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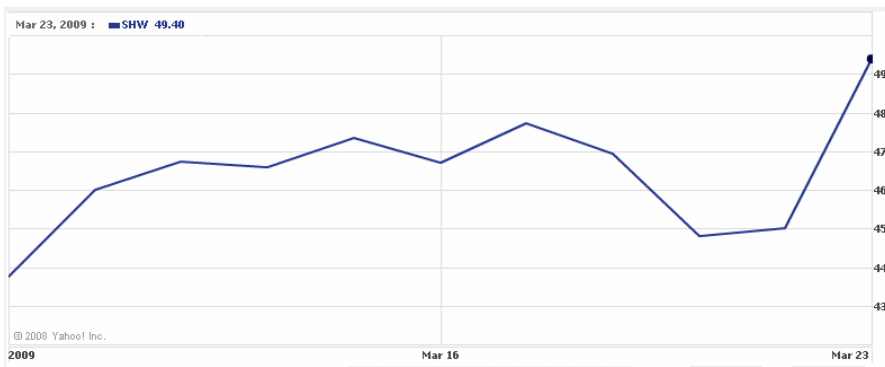
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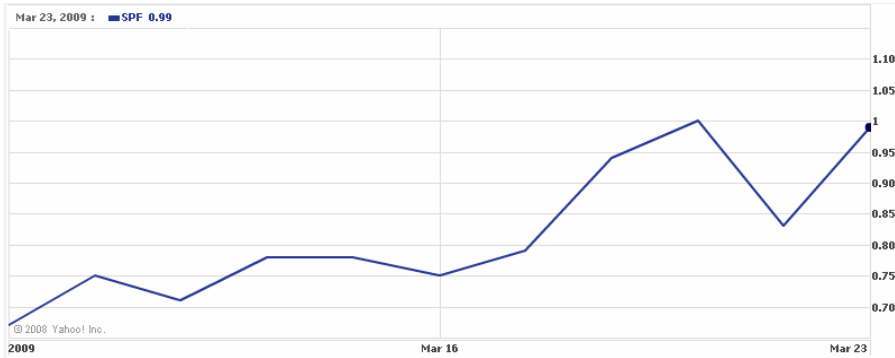
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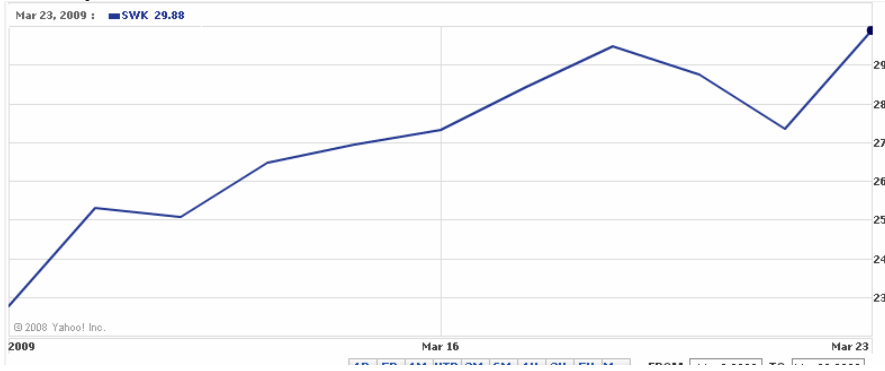
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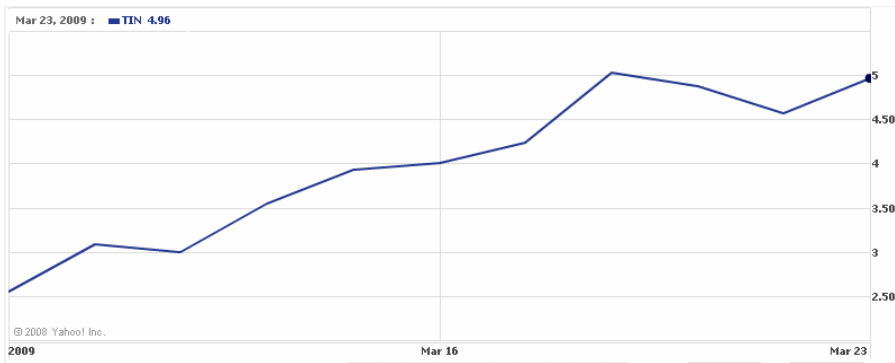
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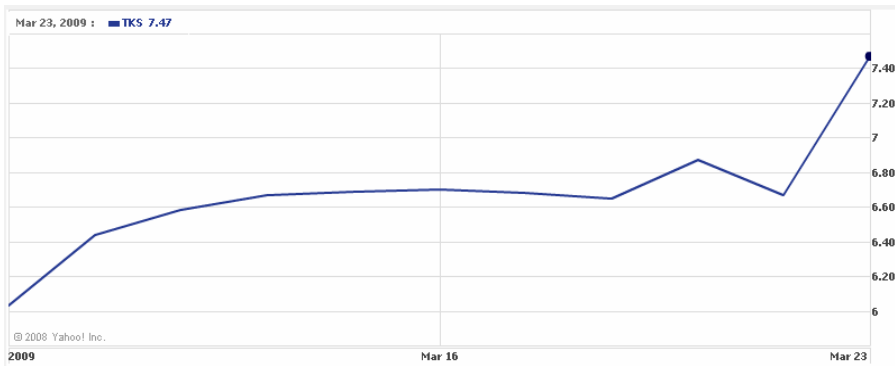
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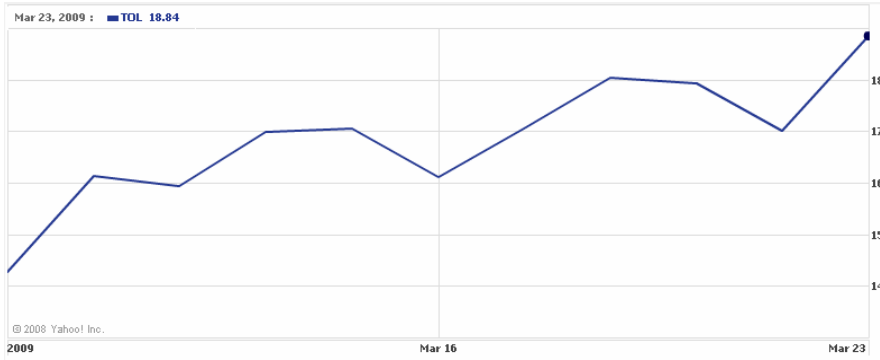
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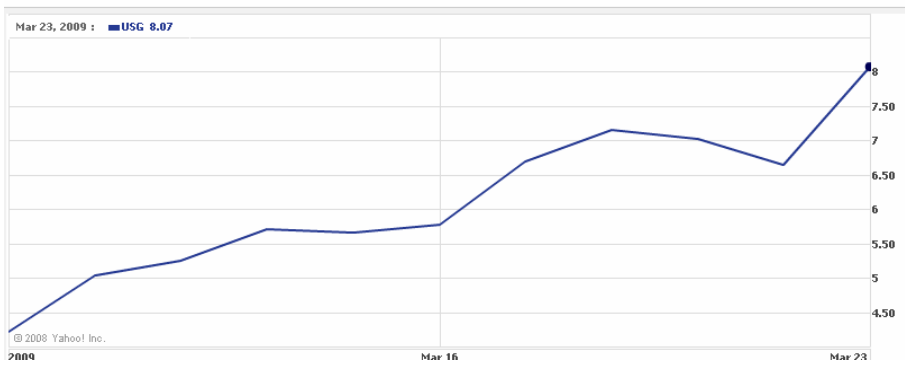
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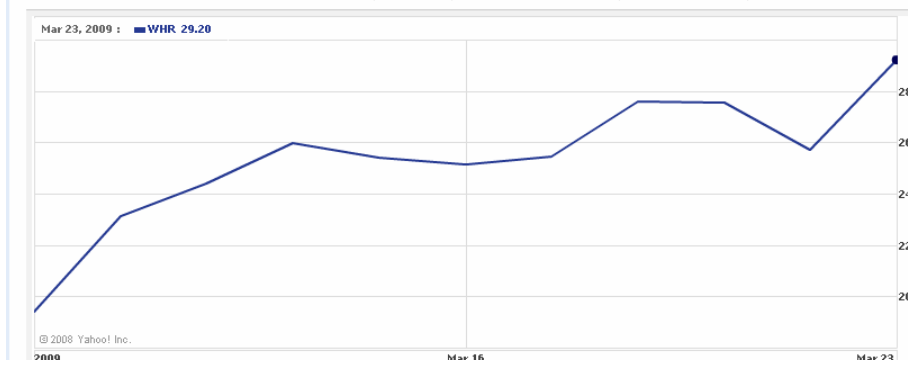
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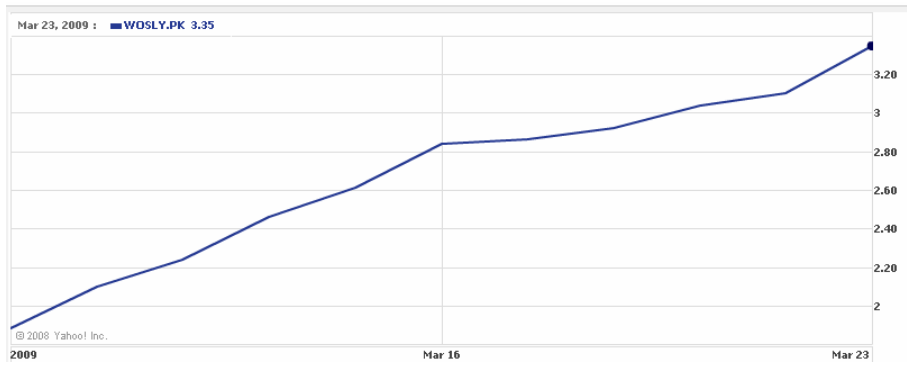
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