

## Greek hopes rise



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Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange saw the fourth straight day of gains Tuesday with Alcoa leading the Dow index higher.

# Stocks' winning run hits 4 days

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NEW YORK — Stocks rose for a fourth day straight Tuesday on hopes that a vote of confidence in the Greek government will help the country avoid a default.

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou's government survived a confidence vote in Parliament late Tuesday, which could reassure investors that Greece will

push through budget cuts required to get the latest installment of emergency loans.

Materials producers and other companies whose profits are closely tied to global economic growth had the biggest gains Tuesday. Alcoa Inc. rose 4 percent, leading the 30 companies that make up the Dow. Of the 10 industry groups, only consumer goods saw a decline.

Another reason stocks

are rising is that analysts expect corporate earnings growth to remain strong. That's despite more than a dozen reports since May that showed the U.S. economy has slowed.

The Federal Reserve began a two-day policy meeting Tuesday. Economists expect the central bank to keep interest rates at record lows, but most don't expect a new round of bond buying to boost the economy.