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## European stocks decline at start of trading



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Brussels, June 23 (QNA) – European stock indices declined at the beginning of Monday's trading.

The Stoxx 600 index fell by 0.3 percent to reach 535.11 points, while major benchmark indices in the region also declined.

Shares of oil and gas companies led the winning sectors on the index, rising by 0.7 percent as crude oil prices increased.

In contrast, the travel and leisure sector index dropped by 0.8 percent, while Spectris shares

surged by 14.6 percent, marking one of the largest gains of the session.