

Only 20 gainers as Lady's Challenge enters final lap.

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Only 20 ladies, or less than one per cent of participants, are making net gains as the "Lady's 1-Carat" Stock Challenge enters its final week.

After yet another turbulent week in the Singapore stock market, last week's scoreboard saw newcomer Soo Bee Hong, 35, lead the game with a net gain of \$71,147 - or 7.1 per cent on her initial capital of \$1 million.

Previous week's leader Angela Low, 30, has had her gains reduced by 0.6 percentage point to 6.7 per cent, relegating her to second position with \$67,208.

Another newcomer, Tan Tzay Shaur, 28, is currently occupying third spot with a gain of 5.3 per cent, or \$53,379.

However, with the rally in the US stock markets last Friday and possible spillover to Asian markets today, this will be an interesting final week for those still sitting on open positions. As registration for the game is still open, newcomers will also be in the running for the grand prize.

The winner will be the proud owner of a rare one-carat Soo Kee Diamond ring sponsored by UOB Card Centre.

The runners-up win \$2,000 and \$1,000 worth of units in United Global Unifem Singapore Funds respectively. The units are sponsored by UOB Asset Management.

In addition, there will also be bonus prizes for UOB customers.

The "Lady's 1-Carat" Stock Challenge, powered by Asian Bourses Corporation, was launched on March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day and is restricted to women only.

The game simulates a real-time online trading environment and is hosted on <http://www.asiaonemarkets.com/> which is produced by The Business Times to help users follow and understand financial markets.

Registration is free.

To find out more and register to play, log on to <http://www.asiaonemarkets.com/> or <http://www.uobgroup.com/>