

Morning Report

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Top News

NZ dollar gains vs pound after BoE keeps rates unchanged, cuts growth, inflation forecasts

The New Zealand dollar rose against the British pound after the Bank of England kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged and lowered its forecasts for economic growth, inflation and wages citing the likely impact of exiting the European Union.

BoE governor Mark Carney said the "speed limit" of the economy had slowed and economic growth this year was expected to be 1.7%, down from a previous forecast of 1.9%, while 2018 growth was cut to 1.6% from 1.7%. The pound tumbled against the euro and the greenback. The kiwi gained against the US dollar after US services sector data printed weaker than expected.

"The BoE took centre stage with the Bank downgrading its GDP and wage growth forecasts," said Cameron Bagrie, chief economist at ANZ Bank New Zealand, in a note. "The USD remains unloved and that makes it difficult to get too bearish NZD/USD."

While you were sleeping: Tesla jumps, Wall St mixed

Wall Street was mixed, as the Dow continued its record-setting streak, while tech stocks including Apple and Amazon slid as investors locked in some profits. Earlier in the day, the Dow touched to a fresh record high of 22,044.85.

In the Dow, advances in shares of Pfizer and those of 3M, recently up 1.8% and 0.8% respectively, outweighed declines in shares of DuPont and those of McDonald's, recently down 1.3% and 1.1% respectively.

Shares of Tesla jumped, up 6.6% as of 3.22pm in New York, after the electric-car maker posted a lower-than-expected loss for the second quarter.

Meanwhile, the latest US economic data were mixed, with further evidence of strength in the jobs market but some surprising weakness in the services sector.

NZ shares rise, Kathmandu + Briscoes gain on sales while Xero at new high

New Zealand shares hit a fresh record, with retailers Kathmandu Holdings and Briscoe Group gaining on positive earnings, while Xero hit a new high. Freightways was the best performer, up 2.1% to \$8.15, while Vector gained 1.8% to \$3.40 and CBL Corp gained 1.6% to \$3.75.

Kathmandu Holdings rose 0.9% to \$2.28. Full-year profit rose as much as 13% to \$37.4 million and \$38 million after a successful winter sales season and increased revenue from Australia. Earnings before interest and tax were in a range of \$56 million to \$57 million, from \$50.9 million in the previous year.

Xero rose 0.5% to \$27.80, marking eight consecutive sessions of gains and another record price. TradeMe Group was the worst performer, down 4.2% to \$5.23. Auckland International Airport fell 1.2% to \$6.80 and Sky Network Television dropped 0.9% to \$3.32.

	NZX Index			
Index	Last		Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	8,406.37	9.28	A	0.11%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	,	5.44	 ↑	0.07%
S&P/NZX Mid Cap Index	7,753.74 22,191.68	90.81		0.41%
S&P/NZX Small Cap	52,809.56	255.82	↑	0.41%
S&P/NZAX All Index	•			2.08%
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Index	Last		Change	
ALL ORDINARIES	5.786.8	7.7		0.13%
S&P/ASX 200	5,735.1	9.1		0.15%
S&P/ASX SMALL ORD	,	0.1	↓	0.16%
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S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,219.7	28.0	1	0.45%
S&P/ASX 20	3,265.3	14.6	<u> </u>	0.45%
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	Last		Change	
S&P 500	2,472.16	5.41		0.22%
DJIA	22,026.10	9.86	1	0.04%
Nasdaq	6,340.34	22.31	\downarrow	0.35%
FTSE 100	7,474.77	63.34	↑	0.85%
ALL ORDINARIES	5,786.80	7.70	\downarrow	0.13%
Nikkei 225	20,029.26	50.78	\downarrow	0.25%
Hang Seng	27,531.01	76.37	\downarrow	0.28%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last		Change	
AUD	0.9360	0.0035	↑	0.38%
USD	0.7439	0.0009	↑	0.12%
CNY	4.9950	0.0020	↑	0.04%
EUR	0.6264	0.0002	\downarrow	0.03%
CAD	0.9360	0.0022	1	0.24%
GBP	0.5660	0.0042	↑	0.75%
JPY	81.8150	0.4560	\downarrow	0.55%
NZ Interest Rates				
	Last		Change	
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.95			
5-year Swap	2.71			
10-year Swap	3.24			
	Commodities		01	
	Last		Change	0.4.07
Spot Gold \$US	1,268.27	1.80		0.14%
Spot Silver \$US	16.63	0.07	↑	0.39%

48.91

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