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Top News

Apple, Athenahealth climb

Wall Street gained as shares of Apple rose to a record, while fresh corporate deals also boosted sentiment. Also climbing were the US dollar and oil prices.

Shares of Athenahealth soared, up 15.5 percent to US\$145.57 as of 3.11pm in New York, after activist investor Elliott Management offered to buy the medical company for US\$160 a share.

The Dow moved higher as gains in shares of Caterpillar and those of Exxon Mobil, recently up 2.8 percent and 2.2 percent respectively, outweighed declines in shares of Walmart and those of UnitedHealth Group, recently down 2.1 percent and 1.1 percent respectively.

Shares of Apple rose, gaining for the sixth straight session and trading 0.8 percent higher as 2.53pm in New York. The stock rose as high as a record US\$187.67 earlier in the day. Last Friday, the company posted better-than-expected quarterly sales while Warren Buffett said he boosted his stake in the company.

NZ dollar holds above 70 US cts ahead of inflation survey, RBNZ

The New Zealand dollar held above 70 US cents ahead of today's survey of inflation expectations and in the lead-up to Reserve Bank governor Adrian Orr's first monetary policy statement on Thursday.

Inflation expectations will be keenly watched in the Reserve Bank's survey of expectations for the June quarter as consumer price increases remain near the bottom of central bank's target band. The RBNZ is expected to keep the official cash rate at 1.75 percent and retain a flat track, putting it at odds with the Federal Reserve which is likely to keep hike the federal funds rate.

NZ shares up, led by Gentrack and Port of Tauranga

New Zealand shares gained, led higher by Gentrack Group and Port of Tauranga, with Westpac Banking Corp gaining on its first-half result.

Gentrack Group led the index higher, up 2.3 percent to \$7.20. The stock has jumped 10 percent over the past fortnight, hitting a record high on May 2.

Port of Tauranga rose 2 percent to \$5.10, Trustpower gained 1.9 percent to \$5.84, and NZX advanced 1.9 percent to \$1.08.

Dual-listed Westpac Banking Corp rose 1.3 percent to \$31.65. The bank's New Zealand unit lifted first-half cash earnings 4 percent to \$482 million as it fattened margins and cut costs with a transformation programme that's introduced greater self-service and shut down several branches. Westpac's New Zealand unit contributed around 10.4 percent of the group's A\$4.25 billion total cash earnings.

New Zealand regulators are putting local bank behaviour under greater scrutiny after the Royal Commission in Australia uncovered some dubious practices, with the Reserve Bank and FMA demanding local lenders demonstrate how their operations differ from their Australian parents.

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	9,349.06	39.80	▲	0.43%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,587.94	38.57	▲	0.45%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	24,562.00	117.17	▲	0.48%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	60,201.03	112.74	▲	0.19%
S&P/NZAX All Index	503.77	4.17	▼	0.82%

ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	6,175.60	20.20	▲	0.33%
S&P/ASX 200	6,084.50	21.60	▲	0.36%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,800.70	3.60	▲	0.13%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,917.20	12.00	▲	0.17%
S&P/ASX 20	3,343.50	14.10	▲	0.42%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	2,672.63	9.21	▲	0.35%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	24,357.32	94.81	▲	0.39%
NASDAQ Composite	7,265.21	55.60	▲	0.77%
FTSE 100	7,567.14	64.45	▲	0.86%
ASX All Ordinaries	6,175.60	20.20	▲	0.33%
NIKKEI 225	22,467.16	5.62	▼	0.03%
HANG SENG INDEX	29,994.26	67.76	▲	0.23%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9335	0.0025	▲	0.27%
USD	0.7015	0.0006	▼	0.09%
CNY	4.4660	0.0010	▲	0.02%
EUR	0.5885	0.0014	▲	0.24%
CAD	0.9036	0.0014	▲	0.16%
GBP	0.5176	0.0013	▼	0.25%
JPY	76.5210	0.0940	▼	0.12%

NZ Interest Rates				
	Last	Change		
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.94			
5-year Swap	2.73			
10-year Swap	3.20			

Commodities Futures				
	Last	Change		
Gold	1,314.80	0.10	▲	0.01%
Silver	16.50	0.01	▼	0.08%
Crude Oil	69.96	0.24	▲	0.34%

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