

### Top News

#### NZ dollar falls vs euro, pound after German data; political concerns ebb

The New Zealand dollar fell against the euro and the pound as political concerns ebbed in Spain and the UK and figures showed stronger-than-expected German production.

The euro gained after figures showed German industrial production rose 2.6% in August, more than twice expectations of a 0.9% gain, while in Spain's Catalonia, thousands of pro-unity marchers showed not everyone in the region wants to split. Also helping the euro were comments from European Central Bank board member Sabine Lautenschlaeger that the bank should reduce its asset purchases next year. The pound rose as expectations faded that Prime Minister Theresa May would be toppled.

Locally today, traders will be watching for September electronic cards for the latest update on retail sales, while NZ First leader Winston Peters has set Thursday as the cut off for negotiations on forming the next government.

#### Wall St drifts from record highs

Wall Street drifted lower, after both the Dow and the Nasdaq touched record highs earlier in the day, as investors eyed a fresh round of US bank earnings due later this week as well as the Federal Reserve minutes from its most recent meeting.

Minutes from last month's Federal Open Market Committee meeting are scheduled for release on Wednesday, and will be closely eyed for any further indications about the outlook for inflation and interest rates as bets for a December hike have firmed.

The Dow moved lower as declines in shares of General Electric and those of Nike, recently down 3.7% and 1.6% respectively, outweighed gains in shares of Wal-Mart Stores and those of IBM, recently up 2.7% and 0.8% respectively.

#### NZX50 cracks 8,000, led by market darlings A2, Xero

New Zealand shares rose, with the benchmark index surpassing 8,000 for the first time, led higher by export-orientated, investor favourites A2 Milk Co and Xero.

Mark Lister, head of private wealth research at Craigs Investment Partners, said the local market's strength came despite the official election results released on Saturday, which showed the incumbent National Party lose two seats while Labour and the Greens picked up one each, making the likely outcome of coalition negotiations with New Zealand First less clear-cut.

A2 Milk was once again the best performer, up 2.8% to a record \$7.36, meaning the stock has now risen 236% in the year. Xero, which has gained 80% this year, advanced 2.1% to \$32.16 today. Both stocks generate most of their revenue overseas and are beneficiaries of a weaker currency.

Genesis Energy was the worst performer, down 2.3% to \$2.33, while Summerset Group Holdings fell 1.7% to \$5.16.

NZX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	8,676.92	31.42	↑	0.36%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,010.28	32.94	↑	0.41%
S&P/NZX Mid Cap Index	23,697.08	108.83	↑	0.46%
S&P/NZX Small Cap	53,996.58	28.86	↓	0.05%
S&P/NZAX All Index	574.26	0.78	↑	0.14%

ASX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
ALL ORDINARIES	5,805.1	27.70	↑	0.48%
S&P/ASX 200	5,739.3	28.60	↑	0.50%
S&P/ASX SMALL ORD	2,509.1	20.30	↑	0.81%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,185.9	37.30	↑	0.60%
S&P/ASX 20	3,232.9	15.40	↑	0.48%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last		Change	
S&P 500	2,544.73	4.60	↓	0.18%
DJIA	22,761.07	12.60	↓	0.06%
Nasdaq	6,579.73	10.45	↓	0.16%
FTSE 100	7,507.89	14.98	↓	0.20%
ALL ORDINARIES	5,805.10	27.70	↑	0.48%
Nikkei 225	20,690.71	62.15	↑	0.30%
Hang Seng	28,326.59	131.45	↓	0.46%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last		Change	
AUD	0.9111			
USD	0.7067	0.0001	↓	0.01%
CNY	4.6830			
EUR	0.6014	0.0001	↓	0.02%
CAD	0.8866	0.0002	↓	0.02%
GBP	0.5377			
JPY	79.5525	0.0145	↓	0.02%

NZ Interest Rates		
	Last	Change
NZ OCR	1.75	
3-month Bank Bill	1.93	
5-year Swap	2.75	
10-year Swap	3.26	

Commodities				
	Last		Change	
Spot Gold \$US	1,284.70	8.78	↑	0.69%
Spot Silver \$US	16.95	0.14	↑	0.84%
Oil(WTI)	49.66	0.37	↑	0.75%

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