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NZ dollar gains to 7-week high as Xi, Trump soothe trade dispute fears, risk appetite rises

The New Zealand dollar rose to the highest level in seven weeks as US President Donald Trump tweeted his thanks to Chinese President Xi Jinping for saying he was committed to an open economy and lower tariffs.

Trump tweeted that he and Xi "will make great progress together" and he was very thankful for President Xi's "kind words on tariffs and automobile barriers." He was responding to Xi's keynote address to the Boao Forum yesterday that set a conciliatory tone despite offering no substantial new concessions.

Equities, oil climb as Xi calms trade worries

Equities on both sides of the Atlantic climbed, as did the price of oil, as Chinese President Xi Jinping said he remains committed to opening up the country's economy, calming concerns about a global trade war.

Wall Street gained. In 1.24pm trading in New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 1.7 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index rose 1.6 percent. In 1.09pm trading, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index advanced 1.4 percent.

The Dow rose, led by gains in shares of Verizon and those of DowDuPont, recently up 4.1 percent and 3.5 percent respectively. Shares of Nike slipped, down 0.6 percent each recently, and was the only stock in the Dow to trade lower in early afternoon.

"China is not interested in a trade war for sure, but the US is not bluffing either," Hans Goetti, founder of HG Research, told Bloomberg. "The truth is that the US wants to come out on top of this, but I do know at some point there would be negotiations."

NZ shares gain as Xi speech lifts sentiment; Pushpay, Ryman, Air NZ, ANZ rise

New Zealand shares rose as equity investors took heart from comments by Chinese President Xi Jinping that he favoured an open economy and lower tariffs. Pushpay Holdings, Ryman Healthcare, Air New Zealand, Trade Me and Australia & New Zealand Banking Group gained.

Pushpay, which markets a payment app to religious organisations, rose 2.4 percent to \$4.27. The shares have gained 137 percent in the past 12 months. In January, Pushpay said it would bring forward its US listing plans and would seek a listing before the end of this year, after reaching a target of US\$100 million in annualised committed monthly revenue.

Ryman rose 1.9 percent to \$10.80 and Content gained 1.7 percent to \$5.30. Heartland Bank rose 1.2 percent to \$1.72 and Mainfreight gained \$24.60. Air New Zealand rose 1 percent to \$3.385.

Fletcher was unchanged at \$6.01, having recovered from a nine-year low of about \$5.77, plumed last week. ANZ Bank rose 1.1 percent to \$28.62 and Westpac Banking Corp gained 0.8 percent to \$31.05.

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	9,214.331	15.181	▲	0.17%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,469.768	15.638	▲	0.18%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	24,322.720	59.120	▲	0.24%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	58,552.969	20.019	▲	0.03%
S&P/NZAX All Index	512.128	1.372	▼	0.27%
ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	5,951.80	47.10	▲	0.80%
S&P/ASX 200	5,857.00	48.30	▲	0.83%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,672.40	17.40	▲	0.66%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,657.80	32.00	▲	0.48%
S&P/ASX 20	3,242.40	31.60	▲	0.98%
Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	2,656.87	43.71	▲	1.67%
Dow Jones	24,408.00	428.90	▲	1.79%
NASDAQ Composite	7,094.30	143.96	▲	2.07%
FTSE	7,266.75	72.00	▲	1.00%
ASX All Ordinaries	5,951.80	47.10	▲	0.80%
NIKKEI 225	21,794.32	116.06	▲	0.54%
HANG SENG INDEX	30,728.74	499.16	▲	1.65%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9491	0.0002	▲	0.02%
USD	0.7368	0.0061	▲	0.83%
CNY	4.6270	0.0210	▲	0.46%
EUR	0.5964	0.0033	▲	0.56%
CAD	0.9289	0.0011	▲	0.12%
GBP	0.5198	0.0027	▲	0.52%
JPY	78.9480	0.9515	▲	1.22%
NZ Interest Rates				
	Last	Change		
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.94			
5-year Swap	2.70			
10-year Swap	3.16			
Commodities Futures				
	Last	Change		
Gold	1,343.50	3.40	▲	0.25%
Silver	16.57	0.04	▲	0.25%
Crude Oil	65.58	2.16	▲	3.41%

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