

## **MORNING REPORT**

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## **Top News**

## NZ dollar falls to 3-week low ahead of RBNZ rate decision

The New Zealand dollar is trading near a three-week low against the greenback ahead of a local rate decision and as the economic outlook improves in the US.

The US dollar firmed last week on the back of rising interest rates, and even negative comments from US President Donald Trump on the latest US-China trade talks weren't enough to stall the fifth week of straight gains by the S&P 500 Index.

Talks for an interim trade deal between the US and China remain the focus of investors globally. On Friday, Trump cooled market optimism saying he hadn't yet agreed any roll-back of tariffs – a pre-condition of China's approval for any phase-1 deal.

China is the biggest trading partner of both New Zealand and Australia. Data there Friday showed that while its October exports and imports were down 0.9 percent and 6.4 percent respectively, they were stronger than expected, based on a Reuters poll of economists.

Expectations have become more mixed in recent weeks after third-quarter inflation was stronger than the RBNZ expected, commodity prices have generally improved and unemployment data last week was also better than the Reserve Bank had previously expected.

## NZ shares rise as Fletcher remains in MSCI index

New Zealand shares gained as Fletcher Building and Mercury NZ rose on the back of their inclusion in the MSCI New Zealand Index.

Fletcher Building drove the NZX50 higher, trading up 5.6 percent at \$5.11. The shares have gained about 12 percent this week on strong volumes. More than 6.5 million shares changed hands, making it today's volume leader. Some investors had expected Fletcher to be excluded from the MSCI index, which was reweighted today. Institutional investors tracking those indices then have to match their portfolios to the changes.

Pushpay Holdings extended recent gains, rising 3.8 percent to \$3.55 and taking this week's gain to more than 12 percent. Earlier this week it reported a US\$6.5 million net profit for the six months ended September a turnaround from the previous first-half's US\$4.4 million net loss.

Vista Group International and Meridian Energy also made gains, with the cinema software firm's price rising by 1.3 percent to \$3.83, and the electricity company up 2.1 percent at \$4.65.

Ryman Healthcare led retirement village operators higher, up 2.6 percent at \$13.59. Summerset Group rose by 2.2 percent to \$6.86 while Oceania Healthcare was up by 1.9 percent at \$1.05.

Demand for equities was being driven by funds being diverted from bonds into stocks, as well as a belief the US-China trade war would be resolved in the next month or so, McIntyre said.

	NZX Index			
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	11,771.31	85.48		0.73%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	10,876.98	81.01		0.75%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	31,019.61	66.49		0.21%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	64,205.09	94.12		0.15%

	Index	ASX Index Last		Change				
y	Index	LdSL		Change	2			
4	ASX All Ordinaries	6,833.20	3.70	-	0.05%			
s g	S&P/ASX 200	6,724.10	2.50	-	0.04%			
	ASX Small Ordinaries	2,901.80	13.70	-	0.47%			
:	S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	7,054.20	7.80	-	0.11%			
!	S&P/ASX 20	3,718.00	0.50		0.01%			
2	Foreign Markets Index							
		Last		Change	5			
:	S&P 500	3,093.08	7.90		0.26%			
r I	Dow Jones Industrial Average	27,681.24	6.44		0.02%			
	NASDAQ Composite	8,475.31	40.79		0.48%			
n	DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX	13,228.56	60.94	-	0.46%			
	ASX All Ordinaries	6,833.20	3.70	-	0.05%			
I	NIKKEI 225	23,391.87	61.57		0.26%			
	HANG SENG INDEX	27,651.14	196.06	-	0.70%			
	Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)							
		Last		Change	2			
	AUD	0.9228	0.0009		0.10%			
	USD	0.63	0.0004		0.06%			
(	CNY	4.4270	0.0000		0.00%			
I	EUR	0.57	0.0000		0.00%			
(	CAD	0.8373	-0.0001	-	0.01%			
	GBP	0.49	-0.0006	-	0.12%			
r, ]	IPY	69.1750	0.0100		0.01%			
		NZ Interest Ra	tes					
		Last		Change	9			
1	NZ OCR	1.00						
	3m Bank Bill	1.15						
	5y Swap	1.19						
	10y Swap	1.54						
	Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD)							
		Last		Change	2			
		1,459.80	6.60	-	0.45%			
	Gold	1,459.60						
1	Gold Silver	1,459.80	0.25	-	1.47%			

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