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New Zealand shares fell to a five-week low as rising concerns about global growth due to heightened US-China trade tensions extended into Asian markets. The S&P/NZX 50 index declined 107.3 points, or 1.2 percent, to 8,660.02, the lowest close since Oct. 30. Turnover was quieter than usual at \$78.7 million.

Wall Street lost ground on Friday and Asian markets followed suit on concerns that Canada's arrest of Huawei global chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou could derail the temporary truce between the US and China. The S&P 500 Index fell 2.3 percent on Friday, while across Asia today, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was down 2.2 percent in afternoon trading and Hong Kong's Hang Seng declined 1.4 percent.

Locally, dual-listed companies were among those hardest hit. Sky Network Television led the market lower, sliding 7.1 percent to \$2.11 and Fletcher Building dropped 3.4 percent to \$4.56, both on light trading volumes. Hallenstein Glasson dropped 8.3 percent to \$4.45. A2 fell 4.1 percent to \$10.57 on half its average trading volume, following the firm's announcement about the departure of general manager of international development Simon Hennessy and head of emerging markets business development Michael Bracka. Spark New Zealand was the most traded stock, with 2.3 million shares changing hands compared to the 3 million 90-day average. Spark rose 1.7 percent to \$4.27, posting the biggest gain on the day. It is seen in the market as quite defensive and it produces an extremely good dividend income. Trade Me declined 1.9 percent to \$6.07. Veteran chief executive Jon Macdonald will stay on a little longer while the online marketplace considers competing takeover bids.

The New Zealand dollar climbed to a 15-month high against the British pound after a delayed Brexit vote reignited fears the UK won't agree to terms on leaving the European Union, adding to uncertainty in the global economy. The kiwi rose to 54.74 British pence as at 8am in Wellington from 54.06 pence yesterday. It traded at 68.73 US cents from 68.90 cents yesterday. The pound dropped 1.4 percent against the greenback after UK Prime Minister Theresa May put off a vote on Brexit that would have been rejected by a "significant margin". The British turmoil added to growing unease about the geopolitical environment, where trade tensions between the US and China threaten to slow global growth. The market is concerned about the growing risk that the UK could slide

NZX Index			
Index	Last	Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	9,421.71	113.50	▼ 1.19%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,660.02	107.30	▼ 1.22%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	25,783.63	219.09	▼ 0.84%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	58,475.29	692.39	▼ 1.17%
S&P/NZAX All Index	519.09	4.75	▼ 0.91%
ASX Index			
Index	Last	Change	
ASX All Ordinaries	5,627.50	130.40	▼ 2.26%
S&P/ASX 200	5,552.50	129.00	▼ 2.27%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,486.80	62.60	▼ 2.46%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,044.50	153.40	▼ 2.48%
S&P/ASX 20	3,103.20	72.90	▼ 2.30%
Foreign Markets Index			
	Last	Change	
S&P 500	2,646.34	13.26	▲ 0.50%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	24,486.31	97.36	▲ 0.40%
NASDAQ Composite	7,046.58	77.33	▲ 1.11%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX	10,622.07	166.02	▼ 1.54%
ASX All Ordinaries	5,627.50	130.40	▼ 2.26%
NIKKEI 225	21,219.50	459.18	▼ 2.12%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,752.38	311.38	▼ 1.19%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)			
	Last	Change	
AUD	0.9508	0.0002	▼ 0.02%
USD	0.6862	0.0017	▼ 0.25%
CNY	4.7160	0.0200	▼ 0.42%
EUR	0.6024	0.0022	▼ 0.36%
CAD	0.9121	0.0084	▼ 0.91%
GBP	0.5377	0.0005	▼ 0.09%
JPY	77.3335	0.1655	▼ 0.21%
NZ Interest Rates			
	Last	Change	
NZ OCR	1.75	1.75	
3-month Bank Bill	1.94	1.94	
5-year Swap	2.36	2.36	▼ 0.00
10-year Swap	2.79	2.79	▼ 0.00
Commodities Futures			
	Last	Change	
Gold	1,249.50	3.10	▼ 0.25%
Silver	14.60	0.09	▼ 0.62%
Crude Oil	50.65	1.96	▼ 3.73%

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