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NZ dollar gains as Trump bemoans strong greenback, rising US rates

The New Zealand dollar gained as US President complained about the greenback's recent strength and rising US interest rates at a time when his administration is engaged in a trade war with China.

The US dollar index, a measure of the greenback against a basket of currencies, fell 0.7 percent after Trump tweeted that "China, the European Union and others have been manipulating their currencies and interest rates lower, while the US is raising rates while the dollars gets stronger and stronger with each passing day - taking away our big competitive edge".

The greenback has been buoyed by the Federal Reserve's tighter monetary policy, although that's added pressure to US exporters at a time when the White House is imposing tariffs on trading partners in an effort to bolster domestic industries.

The People's Bank of China has been setting the yuan's reference rate lower and introducing measures to support credit growth in the world's second-biggest economy to offset slowing growth. The moves have also been seen as a broader effort to minimise the impact of the trade war on Chinese exporters. The kiwi decreased to 4.5974 Chinese yuan from 4.6055 yuan.

With no local data today investors will continue to take their cues from overseas.

The kiwi fell to 75.60 yen from 75.82 yen on Friday in New York and declined to 91.46 Australian cents from 91.74 cents. It fell to 57.84 euro cents from 58.04 cents last week and traded at 51.72 British pence from 51.79 pence.

NZ shares up, led by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Ryman

New Zealand shares gained, turning around from recent weakness, with Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corp and Ryman Healthcare leading stocks higher.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corp was the best performer, up 2.1 percent to \$14.85. Ryman Healthcare rose 2 percent to \$12.24 and Port of Tauranga gained 2 percent to \$5.11.

Spark New Zealand gained 1.2 percent to \$3.89. A2 Milk Co was unchanged at \$10.75, but traded lower throughout the day.

Pushpay Holdings was the worst performer, down 2.9 percent to \$4.06, while Vector fell 1.8 percent to \$3.31 and Investore Property dropped 1.3 percent to \$1.51.

Outside the benchmark index, SeaDragon was unchanged at 0.4 of a cent. Its proposed funding transaction is not fair to non-associated shareholders but the positives outweigh the negatives given the position in the company is in, according to independent advisers Campbell MacPherson.

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	9,747.97	40.89	▲	0.42%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,955.54	37.95	▲	0.43%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	25,604.91	26.32	▼	0.10%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	63,294.31	114.53	▲	0.18%
S&P/NZAX All Index	528.45	1.73	▼	0.33%

ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	6,377.40	22.40	▲	0.35%
S&P/ASX 200	6,285.90	23.20	▲	0.37%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,858.30	8.10	▲	0.28%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	7,059.20	10.60	▲	0.15%
S&P/ASX 20	3,480.60	8.90	▲	0.26%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	2,801.83	2.66	▼	0.09%
Dow Jones	25,058.12	6.38	▼	0.03%
NASDAQ Composite	7,820.20	5.10	▼	0.07%
FTSE	7,678.79	5.18	▼	0.07%
ASX All Ordinaries	6,377.40	22.40	▲	0.35%
NIKKEI 225	22,697.88	66.80	▼	0.29%
HANG SENG INDEX	28,224.48	213.62	▲	0.76%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9164	0.0008	▼	0.09%
USD	0.6801	0.0009	▼	0.13%
CNY	4.6080	0.0000		0.00%
EUR	0.5797	0.0013	▼	0.22%
CAD	0.8932	0.0021	▼	0.23%
GBP	0.5179	0.0006	▼	0.12%
JPY	75.7150	0.1600	▼	0.21%

NZ Interest Rates				
	Last	Change		
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.94			
5-year Swap	2.53			
10-year Swap	2.99			

Commodities Futures				
	Last	Change		
Gold	1,231.90	7.90	▲	0.65%
Silver	15.56	0.15	▲	0.99%
Crude Oil	70.31	0.85	▲	1.22%

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