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Top News

NZ dollar gains amid Fed doubts about pace of inflation, weak US data

The New Zealand dollar rose to its highest level in almost a week after minutes of the last Federal Reserve policy meeting showed lingering concerns about persistently low inflation, echoing outgoing chair Janet Yellen's view that weak prices may not be transitory.

The Fed minutes were released after US figures showed durable goods orders unexpectedly dropped 1.2% in October. While Fed policymakers expected interest rates would have to be raised soon, some wanted to see more data for confirmation inflation was on the rise and two were concerned about weak inflation.

Today traders will be watching for New Zealand third-quarter retail sales, with expectations growth in sales slowed to 0.1% from 2% three months earlier.

Energy stocks follow oil higher

Wall Street moved lower, while energy stocks rose with the price of oil ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

US financial markets will be closed on Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Dow fell as declines in shares of Johnson & Johnson and those of Boeing, recently down 1% and 0.8% respectively, outweighed gains in shares of Verizon and those of General Electric, recently up 1.9% and 1.8% respectively.

Energy stocks including Chevron and Exxon Mobil moved higher with the price of oil after an Energy Information Administration report showed US crude stockpiles declined last week.

NZ shares up on A2, Port of Tauranga gains while F&P Healthcare falls further

New Zealand shares rose, led higher by A2 Milk Co and Port of Tauranga, while Fisher & Paykel Healthcare weakened further after its first half results yesterday.

A2 was the best performer for the second day in a row, up 5.2% to \$8.69. The milk marketer said yesterday that both revenue and net profit jumped in the first four months of the current financial year as it continues to benefit from strong demand for its infant formula.

Port of Tauranga rose 4.1% to \$4.86 and Air New Zealand gained 2.1% to \$3.18. Stride Property rose 1.2% to \$1.68. The property company plans to spend \$43 million transforming an Auckland bottling plant into a logistics site for the country's biggest rubbish collection and recycling firm, Waste Management NZ.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare was the worst performer, down 4.9 percent to \$12.60, continuing yesterday's weakness.

NZX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	8,793.60	17.87	↑	0.20%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,104.99	16.51	↑	0.20%
S&P/NZX Mid Cap Index	24,504.74	281.05	↑	1.16%
S&P/NZX Small Cap	56,058.00	56.11	↑	0.10%
S&P/NZAX All Index	562.09	8.40	↑	1.52%
ASX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
ALL ORDINARIES	6,067.6	23.40	↑	0.39%
S&P/ASX 200	5,986.4	22.90	↑	0.38%
S&P/ASX SMALL ORD	2,681.50	19.90	↑	0.74%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,649.90	24.90	↑	0.37%
S&P/ASX 20	3,327.4	14.40	↑	0.43%
Foreign Markets Index				
	Last		Change	
S&P 500	2,597.72	1.31	↓	0.05%
DJIA	23,532.20	58.63	↓	0.25%
Nasdaq	6,869.38	6.90	↑	0.10%
FTSE 100	7,419.02	7.68	↑	0.10%
ALL ORDINARIES	6,067.60	23.40	↑	0.39%
Nikkei 225	22,523.15	106.67	↑	0.48%
Hang Seng	30,003.49	185.42	↑	0.62%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last		Change	
AUD	0.9042	0.0030	↑	0.33%
USD	0.6883	0.0054	↑	0.79%
CNY	4.5320	0.0040	↑	0.09%
EUR	0.5822	0.0004	↑	0.07%
CAD	0.8744	0.0017	↑	0.19%
GBP	0.5168	0.0008	↑	0.16%
JPY	76.5125	0.2600	↓	0.34%
NZ Interest Rates				
	Last		Change	
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.94			
5-year Swap	2.61			
10-year Swap	3.11			
Commodities				
	Last		Change	
Spot Gold \$US	1,294.15	14.02	↑	1.09%
Spot Silver \$US	17.16	0.20	↑	1.20%
Oil(WTI)	57.75	1.09	↑	1.92%

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