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NZ dollar falls to 18-month low on TWI basis as government policy in focus

The New Zealand dollar fell, reaching an 18-month low on a trade-weighted basis, as traders keep watch on emerging details of the new coalition government's fiscal policies.

Traders are keeping a close watch for policy details from the incoming government.

Yesterday Prime Minister-elect Jacinda Arden cited 4% as a target for unemployment and incoming transport minister Phil Twyford said a fuel tax for Auckland was looming, while the Greens have flagged moves on pay equity. The TWI has dropped almost 7% since the Sept. 23 election.

Boeing sends Dow lower

Wall Street slid from record highs as shares of Boeing and AT&T declined following their latest earnings.

The Dow fell as declines in shares of Boeing and those of General Electric, recently down 3.2% and 2.2% respectively, outweighed gains in shares of Nike and those of Visa, recently up 3.5% and 1.1% respectively.

Shares of Chipotle Mexican Grill also sank, plunging 15.1% as of 1.06pm trading in New York, after the fast-food restaurant chain posted disappointing quarterly results that raised fresh doubts about its ability to rebound from food safety scandals.

McDonald's will launch a new value-priced menu nationally next year, offering items for US\$1, US\$2 and US\$3, the company said on Tuesday, Bloomberg reported. The rollout will provide a long-awaited replacement to the Dollar Menu, which was popular with customers but less so with McDonald's franchisees.

NZ shares break winning streak on Fletcher downgrade, Comvita, A2 gain

New Zealand shares dipped, breaking a 15-day streak of gains as Fletcher Building faltered on another earnings downgrade, while Comvita, A2 and retirement village stocks gained.

Fletcher led the index lower, down 3.6% to \$7.67. It has taken a further \$125 million provision against problematic construction contracts including the Convention Centre and the Justice Precinct in Christchurch, and said its B&I unit would report a full-year loss of \$160 million, including \$35 million of overhead costs.

A trading halt was lifted on Fletcher's shares after the announcement, which followed a review by KPMG. The company also announced its new chief executive, Ross Taylor, replacing former chief Mark Adamson.

Retirement village stocks recovered today after recent sell-downs, with Ryman Healthcare rising 1.7% to \$9, Metlifecare up 1.2% to \$5.80 and Summerset Group Holdings gaining 1% to \$4.90.

NZX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	8,783.23	8.16	↓	0.09%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	8,122.67	7.43	↓	0.09%
S&P/NZX Mid Cap Index	24,263.38	64.17	↑	0.27%
S&P/NZX Small Cap	53,877.82	18.93	↓	0.04%
S&P/NZAX All Index	561.96	3.77	↑	0.68%

ASX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
ALL ORDINARIES	5,972.7	10.20	↑	0.17%
S&P/ASX 200	5,905.6	8.00	↑	0.14%
S&P/ASX SMALL ORD	2,602.2	8.90	↑	0.34%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,472.1	20.50	↑	0.32%
S&P/ASX 20	3,306.1	3.30	↓	0.10%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last		Change	
S&P 500	2,557.50	11.63	↓	0.45%
DJIA	23,333.07	108.69	↓	0.46%
Nasdaq	6,563.45	34.98	↓	0.53%
FTSE 100	7,447.21	79.33	↓	1.05%
ALL ORDINARIES	5,972.70	10.20	↑	0.17%
Nikkei 225	21,707.62	97.55	↓	0.45%
Hang Seng	28,302.89	147.92	↑	0.53%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last		Change	
AUD	0.8931	0.0058	↑	0.65%
USD	0.6875	0.0028	↓	0.41%
CNY	4.5620	0.0160	↓	0.35%
EUR	0.5824	0.0047	↓	0.80%
CAD	0.8800	0.0046	↑	0.53%
GBP	0.5189	0.0001	↑	0.02%
JPY	78.1915	0.3860	↓	0.49%

NZ Interest Rates		
	Last	Change
NZ OCR	1.75	
3-month Bank Bill	1.94	
5-year Swap	2.67	
10-year Swap	3.21	

Commodities				
	Last		Change	
Spot Gold \$US	1,277.44	0.87	↑	0.07%
Spot Silver \$US	16.93		↑	0.01%
Oil(WTI)	52.47	0.52	↑	1.00%

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