

# MORNING REPORT

As at 8.46 AM 29/08/2018

Web: [www.equity.co.nz](http://www.equity.co.nz) / E-mail: [Info@equity.co.nz](mailto:Info@equity.co.nz) / Tel: +64 (9)304 0145 / Address: Level 7, 12-26 Swanson Street, Auckland, NZ

## Top News

### NZ shares suspended from trading on technical difficulties; Synlait, a2 rise, Tourism Holdings falls

New Zealand shares barely traded today as the system was down for most of the day due to operational issues.

The S&P/NZX50 Index rose 7.6 points, or 0.08 percent, to 9,214.02 before the glitch halted trading. Within the index, 19 stocks rose, 16 were unchanged and 15 fell. Turnover was \$33 million.

Trading was suspended at 11.15am and didn't re-open during the day as the stockmarket operator dealt with technical difficulties. Turnover reached \$16.5 million before trading was suspended.

NZX chief financial officer Graham Law said the first issue the markets experienced was due to an internal operational issue, which is being investigated.

"Following the resolution of the initial issue, a secondary issue has arisen which has resulted in further delays" which NZX is also investigating.

"The exchange has been in regular contact with market participants throughout the period. NZX's current focus is on recommencing trading as soon as possible," Law said earlier this afternoon. He confirmed there was no issue with the Nasdaq trading system, having earlier said NZX was working with Nasdaq to resolve the issue.

After the close of trading, NZX said normal trading will resume tomorrow with the problem resolved. A full investigation will take place over the next few days and an incident report released to the market.

### NZ dollar gains on optimism Canada may join US, Mexico trade talks

The New Zealand dollar gained as investors hope a North American Free Trade Agreement can be concluded successfully with Canada in the tent.

The kiwi rose to 67.09 US cents as at 8am in Wellington from 66.81 cents. The trade-weighted index increased to 72.28 from 72.08.

Investors were buoyed yesterday when the US and Mexico reached an agreement to replace Nafta, allaying concerns over the threat growing trade protectionism poses to global growth. That got another boost from Canadian foreign minister Chrystia Freeland travelling to Washington in an effort to re-join the trade talks. Still, the stand-off between the US and China remains the biggest threat and President Donald Trump said overnight that "it's just not the right time to talk right now", referring to that relationship.

"While there remain a number of sticking points between Canada and the US, including the protections afforded to the Canadian dairy sector, the market seems to be viewing recent developments positively for now," Bank of New Zealand interest rate strategist Nick Smyth said in a note. "The CAD is the second best performing G10 currency on the day and is at its strongest level since June (although the Mexican peso, in contrast, has fully reversed its post-agreement gains)."

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	10,028.51	7.51	▲	0.07%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	9,214.02	7.60	▲	0.08%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	25,832.25	12.64	▲	0.05%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	63,758.60	65.23	▼	0.10%
S&P/NZAX All Index	547.20	1.46	▲	0.27%
ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	6,413.60	32.50	▲	0.51%
S&P/ASX 200	6,304.70	35.80	▲	0.57%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,907.00	10.00	▲	0.35%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	7,176.20	55.50	▲	0.78%
S&P/ASX 20	3,465.00	20.70	▲	0.60%
Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	2,897.52	0.78	▲	0.03%
Dow Jones	26,064.02	14.38	▲	0.06%
NASDAQ Composite	8,030.04	12.14	▲	0.15%
DAX	12,527.42	10.89	▼	0.09%
ASX All Ordinaries	6,413.60	32.50	▲	0.51%
NIKKEI 225	22,813.47	13.83	▲	0.06%
HANG SENG INDEX	28,351.62	80.35	▲	0.28%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9145	0.0026	▲	0.29%
USD	0.6709	0.0010	▲	0.15%
CNY	4.5640	0.0010	▼	0.02%
EUR	0.5737	0.0001	▲	0.02%
CAD	0.8676	0.0009	▼	0.10%
GBP	0.5213	0.0017	▲	0.33%
JPY	74.5930	0.1860	▲	0.25%
NZ Interest Rates				
	Last	Change		
NZ OCR	1.75			
3-month Bank Bill	1.94			
5-year Swap	2.38			
10-year Swap	2.89			
Commodities Futures				
	Last	Change		
Gold	1,206.60	9.40	▼	0.77%
Silver	14.64	0.22	▼	1.47%
Crude Oil	68.54	0.33	▼	0.48%

Disclaimer: The above information is provided on a best endeavours basis and Equity Investment Advisers Ltd does not accept any liability under any circumstances for errors or omissions. Parties should recheck the information before using it in any decision-making process. Acknowledgements: Equity Investment Advisers (EIA) sincerely expresses its gratitude to the following sources for the contribution of valuable information in the production of EIA morning reports: Yahoo New Zealand, ANZ securities, ASX, Nikkei Indexes, NZX, NYSE, NASDAQ, business desk.

**Do you need to make any changes to your portfolio?**  
[www.equity.co.nz](http://www.equity.co.nz)      E-mail: [Info@equity.co.nz](mailto:Info@equity.co.nz)

**Contact Equity Investment Advisers today.**  
 Tel: +64 (9)304 0145 / NZ: 0800 474 669