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Top News

NZ dollar gains against UK pound on Brexit ructions

The New Zealand dollar gained against the British pound after UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson moved to stop any bids to block a no-deal Brexit on Oct. 31.

Johnson - who has pledged to take the UK out of the European Union with or without a deal by Oct. 31 - announced he would shut down parliament for more than a month, limiting the time his opposition has to stop him. Prior to Johnson taking the helm in July, lawmakers had rejected legislation that would have allowed a no-deal Brexit three times.

The current UK parliamentary session will end between Sept. 9 and Sept. 12 and the queen will reopen Parliament on Oct. 14. Today, investors will be watching for the ANZ Business Outlook survey for a steer on whether confidence has picked up at all.

NZ shares rise; F&P Healthcare jumps on modest earnings upgrade

New Zealand shares rose, led higher by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare on a modest increase in forecast earnings. Port of Tauranga rose as record cargo volumes underpinned its profit gain.

F&P Healthcare led the market higher, up 6.1 percent at \$16.07 on a volume of 679,000 shares, compared to its 90-day average of 517,000. The breathing mask respirator maker increased its annual earnings forecast by \$5 million to \$245-\$255 million on the assumption of a weaker kiwi dollar.

Meridian Energy, the country's biggest listed company, climbed 4.8 percent to \$5.03 on a volume of 1.6 million shares, while Auckland International Airport - the NZX's second-largest stock - rose 4.2 percent to \$9.59.

Port of Tauranga was up 2.1 percent at \$6.25 after reporting a 6.7 percent increase in annual profit on record cargo volumes. It warned log volumes will be weaker in the year ahead but said it will continue to pay special dividends having completed its major capital spending programme in 2016.

Scales Corp decreased 0.7 percent to \$4.50 after reaffirming annual guidance. It reported a record first-half profit due to one-off gains on asset sales but said sales were stronger across all divisions in the period.

Genesis Energy fell 1 percent to \$4.30 after reporting a 16 percent increase in underlying earnings. The electricity company's stronger retail earnings offset a flat performance from the generation arm and weaker oil production from its interest in the Kupe field.

Fletcher posted the day's biggest decline, down 2.7 percent, or 12 cents, at \$4.32. However, it shed rights to a 15 cent dividend. Some 2.8 million shares changed hands, more than twice its 1.2 million average. Contact Energy fell 2.4 percent, or 20 cents, to \$8.28 after shedding rights to a 23 cent dividend.

A2 Milk dropped 2.2 percent to \$14.11. ASX-listed rival Bellamy's Australia reported weaker sales and earnings for the 2019 financial year, which Goodson said weighed on investor sentiment for A2.

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	11,473.92	86.96	▲	0.76%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	10,626.17	84.20	▲	0.80%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	30,331.92	94.10	▲	0.31%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	59,572.84	347.68	▼	0.58%

ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	6,600.80	35.20	▲	0.54%
S&P/ASX 200	6,500.60	29.40	▲	0.45%
ASX Small Ordinaries	2,825.00	30.90	▲	1.11%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	6,974.30	94.20	▲	1.37%
S&P/ASX 20	3,580.90	2.40	▲	0.07%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	2,887.94	18.78	▲	0.65%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,036.10	258.20	▲	1.00%
NASDAQ Composite	7,856.88	29.94	▲	0.38%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX	11,701.02	29.00	▼	0.25%
ASX All Ordinaries	6,600.80	35.20	▲	0.54%
NIKKEI 225	20,479.42	23.34	▲	0.11%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,615.48	48.59	▼	0.19%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9408	0.0001	▲	0.01%
USD	0.63	0.0002	▲	0.03%
CNY	4.5380	0.0000	▲	0.00%
EUR	0.57	0.0002	▲	0.03%
CAD	0.8432	0.0003	▲	0.04%
GBP	0.52	0.0004	▲	0.08%
JPY	67.2265	0.0745	▲	0.11%

NZ Interest Rates		
	Last	Change
NZ OCR	1.00	
3m Bank Bill	1.19	
5y Swap	0.96	
10y Swap	1.22	

Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD)			
	Last	Change	
Gold	1,550.50	1.30	▼ 0.08%
Silver	18.34	0.19	▲ 1.06%
Crude Oil	55.92	0.99	▲ 1.80%

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