

MORNING REPORT

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KEY FACTORS IMPACTING KEY OVERSEAS

U.S. stock markets indexes fell Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.42%, while the S&P 500 index and the Nasdaq Composite index dropped 0.71%, respectively. The core personal consumption expenditures price index, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, rose 3.5% annually in June, making for the biggest increase since July 1991. Prices were up 0.4% month over month. However, both readings were below what analysts expected.

Stock earnings reported were mixed in terms of beating expectations. Amazon Inc.'s quarterly revenue topped \$100 billion for the third straight quarter but was below analyst estimates for the first time in three years. Caterpillar Inc., a bellwether for global economic activity, reported equipment sales spiked 31% from a year ago. The heavy-equipment maker said demand is likely to remain strong in the current quarter, but that supply chain disruptions remain a concern. Procter & Gamble Co. beat both the top and bottom lines expectations, but expected rising costs to lower margins for the remainder of the financial year. Other overseas markets were weaker across the board. European stock exchanges were all lower with Britain's FTSE 100 falling 0.83%, Germany's DAX 30 declining 0.65% and France's CAC 40, 0.04% softer. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 tumbled 1.8% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index and China's Shanghai Composite lost 1.35% and 0.42%, respectively.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil lost marginally higher at \$73.95 a barrel and gold fell \$18.60 to \$1,812.60 an ounce.

SOME KEY FACTORS IMPACTING NZX & ASX YESTERDAY

Australian shares closed lower on Friday, as tech and energy stocks fell. The S&P/ASX 200 index ended 0.3% lower at 7,392.6 points. New Zealand's S&P/NZX 50 index dropped over 1% on Friday, and 1.1% for the week. The benchmark index also lost 0.5% over the month of July.

General Capital Ltd, also released its Annual Report last week, with Managing Director, Mr. Brent King commenting "We are pleased with the 33% growth in total assets achieved in a year which was challenging for all due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Group is now well placed for profitable growth with bank deposits of \$10.3m at 31 March 2021 and continued strong balance sheet growth post balance date."

NZX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
S&P/NZX All Index	13,754.30	142.60	▼	1.03%
S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index	8,004.26	81.26	▼	1.01%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	35,760.79	331.80	▼	0.92%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	91,373.54	152.20	▼	0.17%
ASX Index				
Index	Last	Change		
ASX All Ordinaries	7,664.20	31.00	▼	0.40%
S&P/ASX 200	7,392.60	24.80	▼	0.33%
ASX Small Ordinaries	3,406.30	0.30	▼	0.01%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	9,047.20	60.10	▼	0.66%
S&P/ASX 20	4,173.40	13.20	▼	0.32%
Foreign Markets Index				
	Last	Change		
S&P 500	4,395.26	23.89	▼	0.54%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	34,935.47	149.03	▼	0.42%
NASDAQ Composite	14,672.68	105.62	▼	0.71%
FTSE 100	7,032.30	46.12	▼	0.65%
ASX All Ordinaries	7,664.20	31.00	▼	0.40%
NIKKEI 225	27,283.59	498.81	▼	1.80%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,961.03	354.27	▼	1.35%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last	Change		
AUD	0.9508	0.0016	▲	0.17%
USD	0.6973	0.0001	▼	0.01%
CNY	4.5083	0.0000		0.00%
EUR	0.5875	0.0003	▼	0.05%
CAD	0.8705	0.0005	▲	0.06%
GBP	0.5017	0.0001	▼	0.02%
JPY	76.4557	0.0753	▼	0.10%
US 10 Year Treasury Yield				
US 10YR	1.26%			
NZ Interest Rates				
	Last			
NZ OCR	0.25			
90-day Bank Bill	0.43			
5y Bank Bill	1.26			
10y Bank Bill	1.67			
Swap rate spread close (bps)	76			
Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD)				
	Last	Change		
Gold	1,812.50	0.10	▼	0.01%
Silver	25.55	0.00	▲	0.01%
Crude Oil	73.81	0.14	▼	0.19%

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