

MORNING REPORT

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KEY FACTORS IMPACTING KEY OVERSEAS

U.S. share markets climbed to record highs Tuesday as the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill was passed by the Senate. Both the Dow and the S&P 500 closed at all-time highs as the Nasdaq ended just below its peak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 0.46% higher, and the S&P 500 index advanced 0.1%, while the Nasdaq Composite fell 0.49%.

Other overseas markets were broadly higher with Germany's DAX 30 up 0.16% while France's CAC 40 and Britain's FTSE 100 closed 0.1% and 0.4% higher, respectively. Asian markets rallied across the board with Japan's Nikkei 225 rising 0.24%, China's Shanghai Composite up 1.01% and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index increasing 1.23%.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil jumped \$1.81 to \$68.29 a barrel and gold rose \$5.40 to \$1,731.90 an ounce.

SOME KEY FACTORS IMPACTING NZX & ASX YESTERDAY

The ASX hit new all-time highs, driven by a robust performance from technology stocks. However, worries over the spread of COVID-19 infections in the country capped gains on the main index. The S&P/ASX 200 index closed 0.3% higher at a record 7,562.6 points. The benchmark has closed at a record high in five of the seven sessions this month. Tech stocks were among the top gainers, led by Afterpay which the day 3.2% higher.

Investor focus is now on companies' results as the earnings season kicked off this week. Commonwealth Bank continued its winning run with a further rise of 1.5%, ahead of its annual results on Wednesday, when it is expected to announce a large share buyback. Westpac also increased by 1%. Fibre cement maker, James Hardie Industries, rose 5.8% to hit a record high after upping its annual profit forecast range, on the back of a booming U.S. housing market.

Miners were mixed, with lithium miners like Pilbara Minerals and Orocobre up 11% and 8.7% respectively, while gold stocks were the worst performers falling 1.5%.

In New Zealand's benchmark S&P/NZX 50 index rose 0.5% to 12,764.2 points on turnover of \$165m. FBU put in another good performance, up 1.6% to \$7.70, as the market expects good results. Both SKL and EBO were up 1.9 and 1.6% respectively. Energy stocks also had a strong day with MCY, CEN and MEL all up 1.2%, 1.1% and 1.1% respectively, as the electricity.

NZX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	13,926.79	65.05	▲	0.47%
S&P/NZX 50 Portfolio Index	8,086.01	47.19	▲	0.59%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	35,922.30	183.23	▲	0.51%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	91,125.01	209.10	▼	0.23%

ASX Index				
Index	Last		Change	
ASX All Ordinaries	7,830.40	26.10	▲	0.33%
S&P/ASX 200	7,562.60	24.20	▲	0.32%
ASX Small Ordinaries	3,484.20	28.50	▲	0.82%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	9,166.10	31.10	▲	0.34%
S&P/ASX 20	4,274.80	14.00	▲	0.33%

Foreign Markets Index				
	Last		Change	
S&P 500	4,436.75	4.40	▲	0.10%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	35,264.67	162.82	▲	0.46%
NASDAQ Composite	14,788.09	72.09	▼	0.49%
FTSE 100	7,161.04	28.74	▲	0.40%
ASX All Ordinaries	7,830.40	26.10	▲	0.33%
NIKKEI 225	27,888.15	68.11	▲	0.24%
HANG SENG INDEX	26,605.62	322.22	▲	1.23%

Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)				
	Last		Change	
AUD	0.9536	0.0002	▼	0.02%
USD	0.7006	0.0013	▲	0.19%
CNY	4.5445	0.0090	▲	0.20%
EUR	0.5979	0.0021	▲	0.35%
CAD	0.8776	0.0018	▼	0.20%
GBP	0.5063	0.0014	▲	0.28%
JPY	77.48	0.3705	▲	0.48%

US 10 Year Treasury Yield	
US 10YR	1.34%

NZ Interest Rates	
	Last
NZ OCR	0.25
90-day Bank Bill	0.47
5y Bank Bill	1.13
10y Bank Bill	1.52
Swap rate spread close (bps)	73

Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD)				
	Last		Change	
Gold	1,729.70	3.20	▲	0.19%
Silver	23.33	0.06	▲	0.26%
Crude Oil	68.46	1.98	▲	2.98%

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