

MORNING REPORT

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KEY OVERSEAS MARKET

US markets closed lower in choppy trading on Wednesday as investors assessed the Federal Reserve's interest rate stance and a batch of soft earnings early in the financial reporting season. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 0.12%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite were down 0.58% and 1.15% respectively.

Other key markets ended lower. European stocks closed as follows: the FTSE100 (+0.35%), the Dax 30 (+0.02%), CAC 40 (+0.62%) and the STOXX (-0.06%). In Asia, the Hang Seng and Shanghai indices closed mixed. The key Asian indices ended yesterday as follows: Nikkei 225 (-1.32%), HSI (+0.02%) and the Shanghai Composite (+2.14%).

The yield on the US 10 - year note was at 4.589%, while the 2 - year note was at 4.934%. Oil was up to \$82.83 per barrel, down 2.96%. The gold price was at US\$2387.50 per ounce, down 0.84%.

NZX & ASX

The S&P/ASX200 closed sharply lower on Wednesday, - 0.16% to 7,605.60 points. The worst performing stocks in this index were BORAL LIMITED (-4.51%) and SONIC HEALTHCARE LIMITED (-3.99%). The index is virtually unchanged in last five days.

The S&P/NZX 50 closed higher at 11804.836 points down 0.94%. Most sectors ended mixed. The 3 worst sectors were Materials (-0.73%), Energy (-0.56%), Consumer Discretionary (-0.44%). The 3 best sectors were Consumer Staples (+2.09%), Industrials (+1.05%) and Primary Sector (+0.92%).

NZX Index			
Index	Last	Change	
S&P/NZX All Index	12,891.41	73.45	▲ 0.57%
S&P/NZX 50 Index	11,875.35	-29.00	▲ 0.60%
S&P/NZX MidCap Index	31,183.83	114.12	▲ 0.37%
S&P/NZX SmallCap Index	77,872.93	118.60	▼ 0.15%
ASX Index			
Index	Last	Change	
ASX All Ordinaries	7,700.40	9.10	▼ 0.12%
S&P/ASX 200	7,481.70	12.10	▼ 0.16%
ASX Small Ordinaries	3,016.00	4.00	▲ 0.13%
S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50	9,524.30	57.60	▲ 0.61%
S&P/ASX 20	4,229.60	14.50	▼ 0.34%
Foreign Markets Index			
	Last	Change	
S&P 500	5,022.21	29.20	▼ 0.58%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	37,753.31	45.66	▼ 0.12%
NASDAQ Composite	15,683.37	181.88	▼ 1.15%
FTSE 100	7,847.99	27.63	▲ 0.35%
ASX All Ordinaries	7,700.40	9.10	▼ 0.12%
NIKKEI 225	37,961.80	509.40	▼ 1.32%
HANG SENG INDEX	16,251.84	2.87	▲ 0.02%
Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00)			
	Last	Change	
AUD	0.9167	0.0034	▲ 0.37%
USD	0.6469	0.0024	▼ 0.37%
CNY	4.366	0.0336	▼ 0.76%
EUR	0.5966	0.0003	▼ 0.05%
CAD	0.8657	0.0019	▲ 0.22%
GBP	0.524	0.0010	▲ 0.19%
JPY	84.4496	0.2957	▲ 0.35%
US 10 Year Treasury Yield			
US 10YR	3.68%		
NZ Interest Rates			
	Last		
NZ OCR	5.50		
90-day Bank Bill	5.64		
5y Bank Bill	4.27		
10y Bank Bill	4.60		
Swap rate spread close (bps)	-34.00		
Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD)			
	Last	Change	
Gold	2,387.50	20.30	▼ 0.84%
Silver	28.36	0.02	▼ 0.06%
Crude Oil	82.83	2.53	▼ 2.96%

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