

MORNING REPORT

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KEY OVERSEAS MARKET

The US market closed higher on Tuesday, with gains Delta Air Lines and other travel stocks, while the Federal Reserve began its two-day policy meeting amid investors' worries about high oil prices and the Middle East conflict.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average up 0.12%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite were up 0.27% and up 0.47% respectively.

Other key markets ended lower. European stocks closed as follows: the FTSE100 (+0.83%), the Dax 30 (+0.71%), CAC 40 (+0.49%) and the STOXX (+0.53%). In Asia, the Hang Seng and Shanghai indices closed higher. The key Asian indices ended yesterday as follows: Nikkei 225(-0.09%), HSI (+0.13%) and the Shanghai Composite (-0.85%).

The yield on the US 10 - year note was at 4.198%, while the 2 - year note was at 3.669%. Oil was up to \$95.52 per barrel, up 3.31%. The gold price was at US\$5005.51 per ounce, up 0.07%.

NZX & ASX

The S&P/ASX200 closed lower on Tuesday, up 0.36% to 8,583.40 points. The top performing stocks in this index were PANTORO GOLD LIMITED (+12.02%) and ORA BANDA MINING LTD. (+9.09%). The index has lost 0.90% in last five days.

The S&P/NZX 50 closed at 13182.23 points up 0.13%. Most sectors ended mixed. The 3 worst sectors were Consumer Discretionary (-0.95%), Energy (-1.02%), Real Estate (-0.92%). The 3 best sectors were Utilities (+1.10%), Consumer Staples (+0.24%) and Financials (+0.52%).

| NZX Index | | | |
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| Index | Last | Change | |
| S&P/NZX All Index | 13,452.36 | -62.94 | ▼ -0.47% |
| S&P/NZX 50 Index | 12,605.07 | 138.07 | ▲ 1.11% |
| S&P/NZX MidCap Index | 34,784.56 | -82.00 | ▼ -0.24% |
| S&P/NZX SmallCap Index | 77,944.24 | -463.90 | ▼ -0.59% |
| ASX Index | | | |
| Index | Last | Change | |
| ASX All Ordinaries | 8,819.40 | 26.00 | ▲ 0.30% |
| S&P/ASX 200 | 8,614.30 | 30.90 | ▲ 0.36% |
| ASX Small Ordinaries | 3,389.40 | 15.90 | ▲ 0.47% |
| S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50 | 10,693.30 | 47.90 | ▲ 0.45% |
| S&P/ASX 20 | 4,991.60 | 21.90 | ▲ 0.44% |
| Foreign Markets Index | | | |
| | Last | Change | |
| S&P 500 derived | 6,717.19 | 17.81 | ▲ 0.27% |
| Dow Jones | 47,001.88 | 55.47 | ▲ 0.12% |
| Nasdaq | 22,479.53 | 105.35 | ▲ 0.47% |
| FTSE 100 derived | 10,403.60 | 85.91 | ▲ 0.83% |
| ASX All Ordinaries | 8,819.40 | 26.00 | ▲ 0.30% |
| Nikkei 225 derived | 53,700.39 | -50.76 | ▼ -0.09% |
| Hang Seng derived | 25,868.54 | 34.52 | ▲ 0.13% |
| 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 | 4.33% | | |
| NZ Interest Rates | | | |
| | Last | | |
| NZ OCR | 2.25 | | |
| 90-day Bank Bill | 2.50 | | |
| 5y Bank Bill | 4.14 | | |
| 10y Bank Bill | 4.66 | | |
| Swap rate spread close (bps) | 102.00 | | |
| Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD) | | | |
| | Last | Change | |
| Gold | 5,005.51 | 3.31 | ▲ 0.07% |
| Silver | 79.32 | -1.36 | ▼ -1.69% |
| Crude Oil | 95.52 | 3.06 | ▲ 3.31% |

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