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S&P 500 closes lower for fourth straight session as stocks cement worst first half since 1970

- US markets closed lower.** Wall Street ended the session lower on Thursday, crossing the finish line of a grim month and quarter, a dismal coda to the S&P 500's worst first half in more than half a century. All three major US stock indexes finished the month and the second quarter in negative territory, with the S&P 500 notching its steepest first-half percentage drop since 1970. The Nasdaq had its largest-ever January-June percentage drop, while the Dow suffered its biggest first-half percentage plunge since 1962. All three indexes posted their second straight quarterly declines. The last time that happened was in 2015 for the S&P and the Dow, and 2016 for the Nasdaq.
- Futures to open higher.** Australian shares are set to rise as the Dow comes up to its worst half in since 1960 and markets are on track to cap off their worst quarter since the early days of the pandemic. ASX futures are up 12 points or 0.19% to 6473 at 7am AEST.
- The ASX was lower on Thursday.** Australian shares extended their downward slide on Thursday, closing out a painful 2022 financial year. The benchmark S&P/ASX 200 index sank 2 per cent, or 132.1 points, to 6568, while the All Ordinaries fell 1.91 per cent to 6746. The decline brings the big chip index to a 10.2 per cent loss for the financial year, just the third time this past decade that Australian investors have incurred a negative return. Every sector closed in the red, led by a more than 2 per cent decline in utility, real estate, financials, materials and energy stocks. Materials also performed poorly, down 2.8 per cent.
- In other company news.** Openpay has decided to pause its existing US operations indefinitely and cease loan originations on the Opy USA platform, meaning its US workforce will be materially reduced. The buy now, pay later company attributed the decision to "the current macroeconomic and public market conditions, together with the likely ongoing capital investment required in the US to fund its progress for an extended period".

Andrew Forrest's Wyloo has walked away from plans to significantly increase its stake in gold miner Regis Resources. Wyloo's broker, Barrenjoey, told clients on Friday morning that the Thursday-night raid had fallen short of its 15 per cent target and would not proceed. "We received interest for in excess of 12% of the company," the book message said. "When aggregated with Wyloo's existing position (4.9%), the combined stake would not have met 19.9% target as stipulated at launch. "As a result, the transaction did not proceed."

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	6,746.5	6,877.9	-1.9%
ASX 200	6,568.1	6,700.2	-2.0%
ASX Emerging Companies	1,962.4	1,978.0	-0.8%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	30,775.4	31,029.3	-0.8%
S&P500	3,818.8	3,821.6	-0.1%
Nasdaq	11,028.7	11,177.9	-1.3%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,398.6	3,361.5	1.1%
Nikkei	26,393.0	26,804.6	-1.5%
Hang Seng	21,859.8	21,996.9	-0.6%
FTSE 100	7,169.3	7,312.3	-2.0%
DAX 30	12,783.8	13,003.4	-1.7%
CAC 40	5,922.9	6,031.5	-1.8%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
Euro Core Inflation Rate YoY	18:00	3.90%	3.80%
US ISM Manufacturing PMI	23:45		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Selfwealth	0.185	0.185	0.0%
Alderan Resources	0.011	0.012	-8.3%
Lotus Resources	0.210	0.220	-4.5%
Elementos	0.405	0.400	1.3%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	106.03	109.62	-3.3%
Gold	1,805.9	1,820.2	-0.8%
Gold (Aus)	2,617.6	2,642.5	-0.9%
Silver	20.2	20.7	-2.3%
Copper	3.7686	3.8478	-2.1%
Nickel	10.5785	10.9376	-3.3%
Aluminium	1.2008	1.2176	-1.4%
Zinc	1.4740	1.5622	-5.6%
Lead	0.8695	0.8800	-1.2%
Uranium	50.85	50.65	0.4%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
AUD/USD	0.6897	0.6880	0.2%
AUD/GBP	0.5672	0.5671	0.0%
AUD/EUR	0.6582	0.6586	-0.1%
AUD/JPY	93.70	93.95	-0.3%
AUD/NZD	1.1060	1.1051	0.1%
AUD/CAD	0.8883	0.8864	0.2%

