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S&P500, Nasdaq close higher Monday as tech stocks make a comeback

- Global markets.** The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite rose Monday as Wall Street, lifted by a rebound in chip stocks and tech names. The broad market index added 0.58%, closing at 4,489.72. The tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 1.05%, ending the day at 13,788.33. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced by 26.23 points, or 0.07%, to end at 35,307.63. Nvidia closed 7.1% higher, marking a turnaround for the chip giant after it sold off 8.5% last week. Shares got a boost after Morgan Stanley reiterated Nvidia as a top pick ahead of earnings. Chip stocks across the board also jumped, with the VanEck Semiconductor ETF (SMH) up 3% — though it is still down more than 6% in August. The moves come as stocks have struggled to sustain their 2023 rally in the late summer. Last week, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq fell 0.3% and 1.9%, respectively. It was the Nasdaq Composite's first two-week losing streak of the year.
- In earnings news.** The earnings reports are coming after a mixed batch of inflation reports last week, which show that price increases have eased from their post-pandemic peak but are still above the Federal Reserve's 2% target.
- In other markets.** Australian shares were set for a muted open. US shares were higher to start their week, with techs powering Nasdaq up more than 1 per cent. China data and earnings were poised to dominate local trading on Tuesday. ASX futures were up 2 points to 7221 near 7am AEST, reversing earlier modest losses.

The local currency was 0.1 per cent lower, near US\$64.90¢; the Bloomberg dollar spot index edged 0.3 per cent higher. The yield on the US 10-year note was 4 basis points higher to 4.19 per cent at 4.59pm in New York, paring an earlier move to 4.21 per cent.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,493.1	7,568.5	-1.0%
ASX 200	7,277.0	7,357.4	-1.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,086.6	2,078.2	0.4%

US Markets

Dow Jones	35,307.6	35,176.2	0.4%
S&P500	448.1	445.9	0.5%
Nasdaq	15,205.6	15,128.8	0.5%
Russell 2000	1,920.5	1,922.6	-0.1%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,178.4	3,254.6	-2.3%
Nikkei	32,059.7	32,204.3	-0.4%
Hang Seng	18,779.6	19,248.3	-2.4%
FTSE 100	7,507.1	7,524.2	-0.2%
DAX 30	15,904.3	15,832.2	0.5%
CAC 40	7,348.9	7,340.2	0.1%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	2,999.6	2,971.2	1.0%
Communication Services	27.2	226.0	-88.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1,343.8	1,342.3	0.1%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Aus - RBA Meeting Minutes	11:30		
US - Retail Sales MoM	22:30	0.4	0.2

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Alderan Resources	0.008	0.008	0.0%
Elementos	0.140	0.135	3.7%
Frontier Energy	0.380	0.400	-5.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	82.49	82.82	-0.4%
Gold	1,907	1,912	-0.3%
Gold (Aus)	2,940	2,935	0.2%
Silver	22.60	22.70	-0.4%
Uranium (Spot)	57.00	56.75	0.4%
Tin (Futures)	26,457	26,457	0.0%
Copper	3.75	3.77	-0.5%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,287.0	7,339.0	-0.7%
DXY Index	103.2	102.6	0.5%
AUD/USD	0.6486	0.6514	-0.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.973	4.844	13 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.197	4.109	9 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.776	-0.735	-4 bp
VIX Index	14.81	15.84	-6.5%