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## ASX to open slightly higher, US bonds heap pressure on markets

- **Global markets.** Stocks ticked lower Thursday as investors looked toward key jobs data on Friday that could determine the next move for interest rates.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 9.98 points, or 0.03%, to close at 33,119.57. The S&P 500 dipped 0.13% at 4,258.19, and the Nasdaq Composite traded down 0.12% to end at 13,219.83.

Consumer staples companies led the broad market index's losses Thursday. Shares of beverage company Molson Coors fell 6.3% Thursday, followed by Mondelez International and Clorox, which declined more than 5% each.

Weekly initial jobless claims came in at 207,000 for the week ending Sept. 30, up just 2,000 from the prior week's numbers. Economists had forecasted 210,000, according to a Dow Jones consensus estimate. While the slight increase in jobless claims was about in-line with the Street, it disappointed some investors hoping the weekly data would start to signal a labor market breakdown and end the run in rates that's hurting stocks.

- **In economic news.** Local: NZ BusinessNZ Mfg PMI Sep.

Overseas data: China CPI and PPI September; China trade balance, exports and imports September; Euro zone industrial production August; US import and export price index September; US UoM consumer sentiment October.

- **In other markets.** Crude oil also extended its slump overnight on concerns that slowing global growth will erode consumption. West Texas Intermediate settled near \$US82 a barrel, crossing beneath its 50-day moving average for the first time since July.

The yield on the US 10-year eased to 4.7 per cent after touching a 16-year high of about 4.88 per cent this week. The 30-year, which recently hit the 5 per cent level, was advancing toward 4.9 per cent in Thursday's session.

- **Futures.** ASX futures were up 9 points to +0.1% to 6,965.00.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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### Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,117.5	7,082.2	0.5%
ASX 200	6,925.5	6,890.2	0.5%
ASX Emerging Companies	1,881.7	1,878.7	0.2%

### US Markets

Dow Jones	33,119.6	33,129.6	0.0%
S&P500	4,258.2	4,263.8	-0.1%
Nasdaq	14,723.2	14,776.3	-0.4%
Russell 2000	1,729.0	1,729.0	0.0%

### Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,110.5	3,110.5	0.0%
Nikkei	31,075.3	30,526.8	1.8%
Hang Seng	17,213.9	17,195.9	0.1%
FTSE 100	7,451.6	7,412.5	0.5%
DAX 30	15,070.2	15,099.9	-0.2%
CAC 40	6,998.3	6,996.7	0.0%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	2,934.1	2,926.8	0.3%
Communication Services	224.9	225.2	-0.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,252.0	1,259.1	-0.6%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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US - Non Farm Payrolls	23:30	170k	187k
US - Unemployment Rate	23:30	3.7%	3.8%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.240	0.240	0.0%
Elementos	0.135	0.130	3.8%
Frontier Energy	0.305	0.315	-3.2%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	82.52	84.43	-2.3%
Gold	1,820	1,822	-0.1%
Gold (Aus)	2,857	2,879	-0.8%
Silver	20.98	21.01	-0.1%
Uranium (Spot)	71.09	71.09	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	23,926	23,854	0.3%
Copper	3.58	3.59	-0.3%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	6,932.0	6,916.0	0.2%
DX Index	106.8	107.1	-0.3%
AUD/USD	0.6371	0.6328	0.7%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	5.025	5.054	-3 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.719	4.737	-2 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.306	-0.317	1 bp
VIX Index	18.48	18.57	-0.5%