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Nasdaq closes lower for a 3rd day, Nvidia beats earnings; ASX to fall

- Global markets.** The Nasdaq Composite slid for a third session in a row Wednesday as traders looked ahead to Nvidia's latest quarterly earnings report.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 48.44 points, or 0.13%, settling at 38,612.24. The S&P 500 gained 0.13% to end at 4,981.80. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite lost 0.32% to close at 15,580.87.

Nvidia is slated to post its fiscal fourth-quarter results after the bell. Concerns surrounding Nvidia's high valuation have grown leading up to the announcement, as shares of the chipmaker have soared nearly 230% over the past year. The stock slid 2.85% on Wednesday.

Minutes released Wednesday from the Federal Reserve's January meeting — which came on the back of hotter-than-expected economic data the previous week — indicated that central bankers are in no hurry to cut interest rates. Fed officials had decided to leave their key overnight borrowing rate unchanged, and also indicated that no rate cuts would occur until the Federal Open Market Committee has "greater confidence" that inflation is slowing down.

- In economic news.** Local: NZ January trade balance at 8.45am.

Overseas data: February Markit PMIs for Eurozone, UK and the US; US January Chicago Fed activity index, January existing home sales

In other markets. Nvidia reported fourth fiscal quarter earnings that beat Wall Street's forecast for earnings and sales, and said that revenue during the current quarter would be better than expected, even against elevated expectations for massive growth.

Nvidia shares rose about 10% in extended trading

- Futures.** ASX futures down 19 points or 0.3% to 7542 near 8am AEDT

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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All Ordinaries	7,860.0	7,911.5	-0.7%
ASX 200	7,608.4	7,659.0	-0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	1,972.9	1,984.7	-0.6%

US Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Dow Jones	38,612.3	38,563.8	0.1%
S&P500	4,981.8	4,975.5	0.1%
Nasdaq	17,478.9	17,546.1	-0.4%
Russell 2000	1,994.7	2,004.1	-0.5%

Asian & European Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Shanghai Composite	2,951.0	2,922.7	1.0%
Nikkei	38,262.1	38,363.5	-0.3%
Hang Seng	16,503.1	16,247.5	1.6%
FTSE 100	7,662.5	7,719.2	-0.7%
DAX 30	17,118.1	17,068.4	0.3%
CAC 40	7,812.1	7,795.2	0.2%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,576.4	3,604.0	-0.8%
Communication Services	271.0	270.4	0.2%
Consumer Discretionary	1,435.0	1,424.7	0.7%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.320	0.320	0.0%
Elementos	0.125	0.130	-3.8%
Frontier Energy	0.275	0.280	-1.8%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	77.98	77.11	1.1%
Gold	2,026	2,024	0.1%
Gold (Aus)	3,092	3,090	0.1%
Silver	22.89	22.99	-0.4%
Uranium (Spot)	102.00	102.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	26,421	26,434	0.0%
Copper	3.89	3.86	0.8%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,542.0	7,584.0	-0.6%
DX Index	104.1	104.3	-0.2%
AUD/USD	0.6548	0.6549	0.0%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.668	4.616	5 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.319	4.277	4 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	15.35	15.41	-0.4%