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S&P 500 closes lower as tech fuelled rally cools; ASX set for flat open

- **Global markets.** The S&P 500 pulled back on Monday as the rally that brought the major averages to record highs cooled off.

The broad S&P 500 slipped 0.11% to 5,117.94. The Nasdaq Composite slid 0.41% to 16,019.27, as technology stocks struggled. Both saw their second negative sessions in a row. The Dow Jones Industrial Average bucked the trend, adding 46.97 points, or 0.12%, to finish at 38,769.66.

Information technology stock Super Micro Computer dropped more than 5%, while chipmaker Nvidia fell 2%. Both took a hit as investors question if stocks tied to artificial intelligence have more room to run after monster rallies.

Meta also struggled, with the Facebook parent tumbling 4.4%. Outside of tech, pharmaceutical stock Eli Lilly dropped more than 3%.

Those losses come as traders prepare for February's consumer price index due Tuesday. Economists polled by Dow Jones anticipate CPI will rise 0.4% between January and February and 3.1% on an annualized basis. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, the so-called core basket is expect to increase 0.3% on the month and 3.7% on the year.

Later in the week, investor attention will turn to the producer-focused index. The two releases are among the last major economic reports expected before Federal Reserve leaders convene for their March policy meeting.

Monday's action follows a losing week for the major averages that pulled the S&P 500 and Nasdaq off all-time highs.

In economic news. No local data.

Overseas data: Eurozone February final CPI at 6pm; UK January ILO unemployment rate at 6pm; US February CPI at 11.30pm

- **In other markets.** Iron ore tumbled 6.8 per cent to \$US107.35 a tonne in Singapore trading on Monday. Both gold and oil were relatively little changed. Bitcoin topped \$US72,000.
- **Futures.** ASX futures up 5 points or 0.1% to 7719 near 7am AEDT

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,963.6	8,026.7	-0.8%
ASX 200	7,704.2	7,763.7	-0.8%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,068.4	2,065.2	0.2%

US Markets

Dow Jones	38,769.7	38,791.4	-0.1%
S&P500	5,117.9	5,157.4	-0.8%
Nasdaq	17,951.7	18,298.0	-1.9%
Russell 2000	2,065.9	2,084.7	-0.9%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,068.5	3,027.4	1.4%
Nikkei	38,438.0	39,598.6	-2.9%
Hang Seng	16,587.6	16,229.8	2.2%
FTSE 100	7,693.4	7,692.5	0.0%
DAX 30	17,746.3	17,842.9	-0.5%
CAC 40	8,019.7	8,026.0	-0.1%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,760.0	3,845.0	-2.2%
Communication Services	260.2	272.1	-4.4%
Consumer Discretionary	1,445.2	1,459.7	-1.0%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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JPY - PPI YoY	10:50	0.50%	0.2%
GER - Inflation Rate YoY	18:00	2.50%	2.9%
UK - Unemployment Rate	18:00	3.80%	3.80%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.390	0.370	5.4%
Elementos	0.140	0.145	-3.4%
Frontier Energy	0.365	0.340	7.4%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	78.08	79.39	-1.7%
Gold	2,182	2,160	1.0%
Gold (Aus)	3,300	3,263	1.1%
Silver	24.47	24.32	0.6%
Uranium (Spot)	96.00	96.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	27,630	27,192	1.6%
Copper	3.93	3.93	0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,719.0	7,814.0	-1.2%
DX Index	102.9	103.4	-0.5%
AUD/USD	0.6608	0.6618	-0.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.538	4.503	4 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.098	4.088	1 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	15.21	14.43	5.4%