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## S&P 500 closes higher in rebound from inflation sell off; ASX to drop

- Global markets.** The S&P 500 jumped and the Nasdaq Composite closed at a record Thursday as tech shares climbed higher, rebounding from an earlier pullback over concerns of persistent inflation.

The S&P 500 gained 0.74% to close at 5,199.06. The Nasdaq Composite added 1.68% to end the day at 16,442.20, a record level. The Dow Jones Industrial Average underperformed and slipped 2.43 points, or 0.01%, at 38,459.08.

Technology stocks lifted the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite into positive territory midday Thursday as investors bought into the dip from earlier in the week.

The Dow is on pace to end the week lower by 1.1%. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 trimmed its earlier losses following a hot CPI report, and it is down just 0.1% week to date. The tech-heavy Nasdaq is up 1.2% for the week.

The producer price index reading for March came in below estimates, providing some relief after Wednesday's sell-off on a hot consumer prices report.

Meanwhile, New York Fed President John Williams said during an event Thursday that there is no need for a policy change in the near term.

This comes on the back of a hotter-than-expected March consumer price index reading released Wednesday, which sparked a market sell-off. Minutes from the Fed's meeting last month also showed that some officials remain concerned about inflation's path toward the central bank's 2% goal.

- In economic news.** Locally, attention will swing to data from New Zealand, Japan and the UK before the big Wall Street banks kick off the US earnings season later today.
- In other markets.** Treasury 10-year yields rose two basis points to 4.57 per cent. The euro dropped after the European Central Bank gave its clearest signal yet that it will probably cut rates in June after holding them steady overnight. ECB president Christine Lagarde stressed that the nature of inflation in Europe was different from the US.
- Futures.** ASX futures are down 26 points, or 0.3 per cent, to 7823 near 7am AEST.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets			
All Ordinaries	8,074.1	8,109.7	-0.4%
ASX 200	7,813.6	7,848.5	-0.4%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,230.8	2,233.2	-0.1%

US Markets			
Dow Jones	38,459.1	38,461.5	0.0%
S&P500	5,199.1	5,160.7	0.7%
Nasdaq	18,308.0	18,011.7	1.6%
Russell 2000	2,042.6	2,028.4	0.7%

Asian & European Markets			
Shanghai Composite	3,034.3	3,027.3	0.2%
Nikkei	39,442.6	39,581.6	-0.4%
Hang Seng	17,095.0	17,139.2	-0.3%
FTSE 100	7,923.8	7,961.2	-0.5%
DAX 30	17,954.5	18,097.3	-0.8%
CAC 40	8,023.8	8,045.4	-0.3%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,837.4	3,748.8	2.4%
Communication Services	294.2	290.9	1.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,471.3	1,457.6	0.9%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.425	0.420	1.2%
Elementos	0.160	0.155	3.2%
Frontier Energy	0.345	0.340	1.5%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	85.48	86.26	-0.9%
Gold	2,375	2,336	1.7%
Gold (Aus)	3,631	3,587	1.2%
Silver	28.49	27.91	2.1%
Uranium (Spot)	90.00	90.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	31,159	31,159	0.0%
Copper	4.28	4.29	-0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,820.0	7,828.0	-0.1%
DX Index	105.3	105.2	0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6540	0.6512	0.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.952	4.973	-2 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.584	4.546	4 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	14.92	15.81	-5.6%