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Dow closes 300 points higher in Friday rebound; ASX to rise

- Global markets.** Stocks rebounded Friday following the Dow Jones Industrial Average's worst session in more than a year as traders cheered a stronger-than-expected jobs report and looked past a jump in rates.

The 30-stock Dow climbed 307.06 points, or 0.8%, to settle at 38,904.04. The S&P 500 gained 1.11% to end the day at 5,204.34. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite advanced 1.24%, closing at 16,248.52.

Despite the bounce, all three indexes posted a losing week. The Dow slid 2.27%, posting its worst weekly performance in 2024. The S&P 500 declined 0.95% during the period, while the Nasdaq lost 0.8%.

On Friday, Treasury yields jumped following the Labor Department's report showing that job growth totalled 303,000 in March. Nonfarm payrolls were expected to increase by 200,000, according to Dow Jones estimates. Wages rose 0.3% for the month and 4.1% from a year ago, both in line with estimates.

Investors are torn between wanting a strong economy to support further corporate earnings growth and wanting a weaker jobs market that will give the Federal Reserve the green light to begin cutting interest rates.

- In economic news.** N/A

In other markets. Crude oil futures may have more room to rally as the commodity has formed a bullish chart pattern.

U.S. crude and the global benchmark have rallied to five-month highs as geopolitical tensions boil in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. OPEC member Iran has vowed to retaliate after accusing Israel of striking its consulate in Damascus this week.

Citi has lifted its short-term price targets for gold and silver by 9 per cent and 16 per cent respectively, to \$US2400 an ounce and \$US28 an ounce.

Gold prices gained 1.5 per cent on Friday to a fresh record high of \$US2329.8 an ounce.

- Futures.** The ASX is poised to start the week 38 points higher this morning, after a strong rally during Wall Street's session on Friday.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,026.0	8,072.5	-0.6%
ASX 200	7,773.0	7,817.3	-0.6%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,194.0	2,201.0	-0.3%

US Markets

Dow Jones	38,904.1	38,597.0	0.8%
S&P500	5,204.4	5,147.2	1.1%
Nasdaq	18,108.5	17,878.8	1.3%
Russell 2000	2,063.5	2,053.8	0.5%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,069.3	3,069.3	0.0%
Nikkei	39,365.0	39,773.1	-1.0%
Hang Seng	16,723.9	16,725.1	0.0%
FTSE 100	7,911.2	7,975.9	-0.8%
DAX 30	18,175.1	18,403.1	-1.2%
CAC 40	8,061.3	8,151.6	-1.1%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,782.9	3,731.3	1.4%
Communication Services	291.3	286.7	1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	1,457.5	1,443.9	0.9%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AU - Home Loans MoM	11:30	2.25%	-4.6%
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.425	0.425	0.0%
Elementos	0.150	0.150	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.340	0.350	-2.9%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	85.95	86.91	-1.1%
Gold	2,309	2,292	0.7%
Gold (Aus)	3,514	3,480	1.0%
Silver	22.15	26.93	-17.7%
Uranium (Spot)	90.00	90.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	28,795	28,395	1.4%
Copper	4.24	4.23	0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,853.0	7,803.0	0.6%
DXY Index	104.3	104.2	0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6570	0.6585	-0.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.753	4.645	11 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.404	4.307	10 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	16.02	16.34	-2.0%