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Dow closes more than 300 points higher; ASX to slip

- Global markets.** Stocks rose Thursday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average claiming a seventh winning day, as new jobless claims data rekindled hope for Federal Reserve rate cuts later this year.

The 30-stock Dow jumped 331.37 points, or 0.85%, to close at 39,387.76 and notch its longest win streak since a nine-day run in December. The S&P 500 added 0.51% to close at 5,214.08, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.27% and ended at 16,346.26.

Home Depot and Caterpillar led the Dow higher as the stocks gained more than 2% each.

Fresh weekly jobless claims data came in at the highest level since August, raising expectations that central bankers might cut interest rates at some point this year.

Earlier, a fresh batch of quarterly earnings reports came out below Wall Street's expectations, briefly dampening sentiment. Warner Bros Discovery added 3%, despite reporting a miss on the top and bottom lines, while semiconductor company Arm lost more than 2% over lackluster revenue guidance. Airbnb pulled back more than 6% after weak guidance overshadowed a first-quarter beat.

- In economic news.** No Local/Overseas Data
- In other markets.** US Treasury yields rose as traders waited on this week's key April inflation data to guide expectations of Fed monetary policy.

Oil prices fell by nearly \$US1 a barrel on Friday as comments from US central bank officials indicated higher-for-longer interest rates, which could hinder demand from the world's largest crude consumers.

Gold prices rose, en route to their best week in five, with zero-yield bullion building on momentum fuelled by weaker US jobs data last week that reinforced expectations for the Fed to cut rates this year.

- Futures.** ASX futures closed down 0.2 per cent or 15 points as Wall Street ended modestly higher on Friday. The benchmark S&P/ASX 200 advanced 1.6 per cent last week

| World Indices | Close | Prior | % Δ |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| <u>Local Markets</u> | | | |
| All Ordinaries | 8,022.7 | 7,994.2 | 0.4% |
| ASX 200 | 7,749.0 | 7,721.6 | 0.4% |
| ASX Emerging Companies | 2,231.8 | 2,206.4 | 1.2% |

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| <u>US Markets</u> | | | |
| Dow Jones | 39,512.9 | 39,387.8 | 0.3% |
| S&P500 | 522.7 | 5,214.1 | -90.0% |
| Nasdaq | 18,161.2 | 18,113.5 | 0.3% |
| Russell 2000 | 2,059.8 | 2,073.6 | -0.7% |

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| <u>Asian & European Markets</u> | | | |
| Shanghai Composite | 3,154.6 | 3,154.3 | 0.0% |
| Nikkei | 38,229.0 | 38,472.0 | -0.6% |
| Hang Seng | 18,963.7 | 18,537.8 | 2.3% |
| FTSE 100 | 8,433.8 | 8,408.4 | 0.3% |
| DAX 30 | 18,772.9 | 18,686.6 | 0.5% |
| CAC 40 | 8,219.2 | 8,204.0 | 0.2% |

| S&P500 Sectors | Close | Prior | % Δ |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Information Technology | 3,787.4 | 3,769.4 | 0.5% |
| Communication Services | 292.3 | 292.8 | -0.2% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1,455.7 | 1,464.6 | -0.6% |

| Economic Releases | Time | F'cast | Prior |
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| Key BW Names | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Lotus Resources | 0.460 | 0.445 | 3.4% |
| Elementos | 0.165 | 0.170 | -2.9% |
| Frontier Energy | 0.335 | 0.350 | -4.3% |

| Commodities | Close | Prior | % Δ |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Oil - West Texas Crude | 77.99 | 79.65 | -2.1% |
| Gold | 2,362 | 2,347 | 0.6% |
| Gold (Aus) | 3,576 | 3,544 | 0.9% |
| Silver | 28.17 | 28.38 | -0.7% |
| Uranium (Spot) | 91.00 | 94.25 | -3.4% |
| Global X Uranium ETF | 31.22 | 31.82 | -1.9% |
| Sprott Uranium Miners ETF | 54.68 | 55.79 | -2.0% |
| Sprott Physical Uranium Trust | 22.68 | 23.15 | -2.0% |
| Tin (Futures) | 32,093 | 32,593 | -1.5% |
| Copper | 4.63 | 4.60 | 0.7% |

| Other Markets | Close | Prior | % Δ |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| SPI200 Futures | 7,765.0 | 7,767.0 | 0.0% |
| DXY Index | 105.3 | 105.2 | 0.1% |
| AUD/USD | 0.6604 | 0.6622 | -0.3% |
| 2-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 4.870 | 4.820 | 5 bp |
| 10-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 4.500 | 4.459 | 4 bp |
| US 2-10-Year Spread | -0.197 | -0.197 | 0 bp |
| VIX Index | 12.56 | 12.68 | -0.9% |