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S&P 500 closes little changed as traders gear up for payrolls; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** The S&P 500 ended Thursday marginally lower, retreating from a record, while traders awaited a key U.S. economic report.

The broad market index ticked down 0.02% to close at 5,352.96 after hitting an all-time intraday high earlier in the day. The Nasdaq Composite inched lower by 0.09% to 17,173.12. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 78.84 points, or 0.20%, to finish the session at 38,886.17.

Lululemon jumped 4.8% as the sportswear manufacturer beat expectations in its fiscal first quarter. Five Below sank 10.6% on lackluster results and guidance. Chipmaker Nvidia slipped about 1.2% lower and cooled from record highs seen earlier in the week.

Wall Street is looking ahead to Friday's nonfarm payrolls report for May, with investors on the hunt for signs of a weakening labor market, which could support rate cuts from the Federal Reserve. Economists polled by Dow Jones expect a jobs gain of 190,000.

The report also comes after the European Central Bank cut rates for the first time since 2019 on Thursday, raising the pressure on the Federal Reserve to potentially lighten its policy that many see as too restrictive. The Fed next decides on rates next week and is likely to keep rates the same, though bets that they will cut in September are rising.

Stocks are coming off a winning session. The S&P 500 jumped 1.2% to close at a record, while the Nasdaq also hit an all-time high.

- **In economic news.** Local: Housing finance and goods trade balance for April at 11.30am
Overseas data: NZ first-quarter building work at 8.45am; Eurozone April retail sales at 7pm; ECB policy decision at 10.15pm; US April trade balance at 10.30pm
- **In other markets.** Iron ore, gold and oil climbed, alongside the US listed share prices of BHP and Rio Tinto. Nvidia was 1.1 per cent lower and Apple slipped 0.7 per cent. Both finished the day with a market cap of \$US2.98 trillion.
- **Futures.** ASX futures up 18 points or 0.2% to 7852 near 7am AEST. The ASX is closed for the King's Birthday holiday on Monday.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,074.3	8,022.2	0.6%
ASX 200	7,821.8	7,769.0	0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,153.2	2,152.3	0.0%

US Markets

Dow Jones	38,886.2	38,807.3	0.2%
S&P500	5,353.0	5,354.0	0.0%
Nasdaq	19,021.2	19,035.1	-0.1%
Russell 2000	2,049.4	2,063.9	-0.7%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,048.8	3,065.4	-0.5%
Nikkei	38,703.4	39,042.0	-0.9%
Hang Seng	18,652.7	18,425.0	1.2%
FTSE 100	8,285.4	8,247.0	0.5%
DAX 30	18,652.7	18,576.0	0.4%
CAC 40	8,040.1	8,006.6	0.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,116.2	4,135.6	-0.5%
Communication Services	303.8	303.2	0.2%
Consumer Discretionary	1,451.5	1,437.5	1.0%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AUS - Household Spending YoY	9:30	0.60%	-1.2%
ECB - GDP Growth Rate YoY	19:00	0.40%	0.1%
USA - Non Farm Payrolls	22:30		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.415	0.410	1.2%
Elementos	0.120	0.135	-11.1%
Frontier Energy	0.470	0.470	0.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	75.66	74.40	1.7%
Gold	2,377	2,357	0.8%
Gold (Aus)	3,565	3,544	0.6%
Silver	31.34	30.06	4.3%
Uranium (Spot)	89.00	89.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	31.25	30.55	2.3%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	54.10	52.91	2.2%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	19.43	19.24	1.0%
Tin (Futures)	31,321	31,932	-1.9%
Copper	4.66	4.61	1.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,852.0	7,825.0	0.3%
DXY Index	104.3	104.1	0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6668	0.6651	0.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.726	4.724	0 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.287	4.277	1 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	12.57	12.62	-0.4%