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S&P 500, Nasdaq post record closes Friday on jobs report; ASX to slip

- **Global markets.** The S&P 500 rose to a new high on Friday, posting a record close as the latest jobs report reignited hopes for rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.

The broad market index advanced 0.54%, closing at 5,567.19, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.90% to end at 18,352.76. Both indexes reached all-time highs during the session and ended at records, with the S&P 500 registering its 34th record close in 2024. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 0.17%, or 67.87 points, ending at 39,375.87.

The S&P 500's rally this year has grown to 16.7%, with the benchmark posting its fourth positive week in the last five as investors bet that any economic weakness later this year will be met with a Federal Reserve rate cut. The Nasdaq's year-to-date gain is 22.3%.

Widely monitored labor data released Friday morning reflected a 206,000 increase in nonfarm payrolls in June, but a slight uptick in the unemployment rate, which rose to 4.1%. Economists expected the jobless rate to remain steady at 4%.

Tesla rose more than 2%, posting a whopping week-to-date gain of about 27%, while Apple shares jumped more than 2% to a new all-time high. Nvidia slid nearly 2% following a rare Wall Street downgrade, which cited limited upside for the chipmaker. The stock was still up about 1.9% for the week.

All three major indexes finished the week in the green. The Nasdaq Composite advanced 3.5%, and the S&P 500 climbed nearly 2% during the period. The Dow underperformed, adding close to 0.7%. Markets were closed Thursday for Independence Day.

- **In economic news.** N/A
- **In other markets.** Iron ore futures traded in Singapore slumped 3 per cent to \$US110.25 a tonne amid concerns about Chinese demand and signs of oversupply.

The yield on the US 10-year note slid 8 basis points to 4.28 per cent near 4.30pm in New York.
- **Futures.** ASX futures down 11 points, or 0.1% to 7797.

World Indices

	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,070.1	7,986.1	1.1%
ASX 200	7,822.3	7,739.9	1.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,170.4	2,135.8	1.6%
<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	39,375.9	39,308.0	0.2%
S&P500	5,567.2	5,537.0	0.5%
Nasdaq	20,392.0	20,186.6	1.0%
Russell 2000	2,026.7	2,036.0	-0.5%
<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	2,949.9	2,982.4	-1.1%
Nikkei	40,912.3	40,580.7	0.8%
Hang Seng	17,799.6	17,978.6	-1.0%
FTSE 100	8,203.9	8,171.1	0.4%
DAX 30	18,475.5	18,374.5	0.5%
CAC 40	7,675.6	7,632.1	0.6%

S&P500 Sectors

	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,508.1	4,486.3	0.5%
Communication Services	322.3	313.7	2.7%
Consumer Discretionary	1,548.1	1,535.1	0.8%

Economic Releases

	Time	F'cast	Prior
AUS - Home Loans MoM	11:30	2.00%	4.30%
AUS - Investment Lending for Homes	11:30		5.6%

Key BW Names

	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.330	0.340	-2.9%
Elementos	0.115	0.120	-4.2%
Frontier Energy	0.500	0.485	3.1%

Commodities

	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	83.21	83.64	-0.5%
Gold	2,385	2,358	1.1%
Gold (Aus)	3,536	3,514	0.6%
Silver	31.09	30.51	1.9%
Uranium (Spot)	86.00	86.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	29.69	29.83	-0.5%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	49.99	50.76	-1.5%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	19.69	18.90	4.2%
Tin (Futures)	33,874	32,922	2.9%
Copper	4.64	4.52	2.7%

Other Markets

	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	7,797.0	7,802.0	-0.1%
DXY Index	104.9	105.7	-0.8%
AUD/USD	0.6745	0.6709	0.5%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.608	4.708	-10 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.282	4.355	-7 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	12.47	12.08	3.2%