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## Stocks close higher, clawing back losses in weekly recovery; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** Stocks ticked up Friday as the stock market built on its incredible comeback from Monday's violent rout. The broad market index ended the week just shy of completely reversing its weekly losses.

The S&P 500 advanced 0.47% to finish at 5,344.16. The Nasdaq Composite added 0.51% to close at 16,745.30. The Dow Jones Industrial Average inched up 51 points, or 0.13%, to end at 39,497.54.

Week to date, the broad market index was just 0.04% lower. During Friday's session, it had managed to briefly turn positive for the week before losing some of its gains. Meanwhile, the blue-chip Dow and tech-heavy Nasdaq were down on the week by 0.6% and 0.18%, respectively.

This week marked the most volatile week of 2024 for the market. The Dow on Monday tumbled 1,000 points, while the S&P 500 lost 3% for its worst day since 2022. Disappointing U.S. payrolls data from the prior week and concerns the Federal Reserve was too late with rate cuts were the main culprits for the selling, along with the unwinding of a popular currency trade by hedge funds.

However, the major averages mounted a comeback, with Thursday's encouraging weekly jobless claims number helping alleviate investors' concerns about the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 advanced 2.3% on Thursday for its best day since November 2022, while the 30-stock Dow surged roughly 683 points. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite added nearly 2.9%.

Investors stepped in to buy the dip on the notion another crisis or recession was not on the horizon. The week's earlier losses were tied more to hedge funds unwinding a long-time bet on a cheap Japanese yen rather than fundamental threats to the economy.

- **In economic news.** N/A
- **In other markets.** The 10-year Treasury yield fell below 3.70% at one point, only to retake 4% on Thursday. It traded around 3.94% on Friday.
- **Futures.** Futures on the S&P/ASX 200 point to a gain of 0.8 per cent on Monday, after a rally of 1.3 per cent in the last session.

| World Indices | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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### Local Markets

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| All Ordinaries         | 7,990.7 | 7,886.5 | 1.3% |
| ASX 200                | 7,777.7 | 7,682.0 | 1.2% |
| ASX Emerging Companies | 1,998.5 | 1,957.2 | 2.1% |

### US Markets

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| Dow Jones    | 39,497.6 | 39,446.5 | 0.1%  |
| S&P500       | 5,344.2  | 5,319.3  | 0.5%  |
| Nasdaq       | 18,513.1 | 18,413.8 | 0.5%  |
| Russell 2000 | 2,080.9  | 2,084.4  | -0.2% |

### Asian & European Markets

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| Shanghai Composite | 2,862.2  | 2,869.9  | -0.3% |
| Nikkei             | 35,024.9 | 34,831.1 | 0.6%  |
| Hang Seng          | 17,090.2 | 16,891.8 | 1.2%  |
| FTSE 100           | 8,168.1  | 8,145.0  | 0.3%  |
| DAX 30             | 17,722.9 | 17,680.4 | 0.2%  |
| CAC 40             | 7,269.7  | 7,247.5  | 0.3%  |

| S&P500 Sectors | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Information Technology | 4,015.2 | 3,989.6 | 0.6% |
| Communication Services | 296.5   | 293.6   | 1.0% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1,399.7 | 1,394.0 | 0.4% |

| Economic Releases | Time | F'cast | Prior |
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| CHN - New Yuan Loans | 18:00 |  |  |
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| Key BW Names | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Lotus Resources | 0.220 | 0.220 | 0.0%  |
| Elementos       | 0.093 | 0.099 | -6.1% |
| Frontier Energy | 0.430 | 0.415 | 3.6%  |

| Commodities | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Oil - West Texas Crude        | 76.91  | 76.06  | 1.1%  |
| Gold                          | 2,429  | 2,464  | -1.4% |
| Gold (Aus)                    | 3,696  | 3,678  | 0.5%  |
| Silver                        | 27.38  | 27.51  | -0.5% |
| Uranium (Spot)                | 83.00  | 83.00  | 0.0%  |
| Global X Uranium ETF          | 24.72  | 24.69  | 0.1%  |
| Sprott Uranium Miners ETF     | 40.20  | 40.53  | -0.8% |
| Sprott Physical Uranium Trust | 17.72  | 18.28  | -3.1% |
| Tin (Futures)                 | 31,304 | 29,991 | 4.4%  |
| Copper                        | 4.00   | 3.98   | 0.5%  |

| Other Markets | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| SPI200 Futures             | 7,781.0 | 7,722.0 | 0.8%   |
| DXY Index                  | 103.2   | 103.2   | 0.0%   |
| AUD/USD                    | 0.6574  | 0.6590  | -0.2%  |
| 2-Year Treasury Yield (%)  | 4.059   | 4.036   | 2 bp   |
| 10-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 3.944   | 3.990   | -5 bp  |
| US 2-10-Year Spread        | -0.197  | -0.197  | 0 bp   |
| VIX Index                  | 20.36   | 23.78   | -14.4% |