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Stocks close lower as market's comeback attempt fizzles out; ASX to slip

- Global markets.** Stocks closed lower on Wednesday as the market's attempt to fully recover from Monday's sell-off failed.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 234.21 points, or 0.60%, to 38,763.45. The S&P 500 declined 0.77% and ended at 5,199.50, while the Nasdaq Composite dropped 1.05% to close at 16,195.81.

At session highs, the Dow surged 480.30 points, while the S&P 500 jumped 1.73%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq was up more than 2% at one point.

A rollover in Nvidia and other big technology stocks following an early jump led to the major averages tumbling in the afternoon. Nvidia pulled back 5.1%, while shares of Super Micro Computer plummeted 20.1% after the server company's fiscal fourth-quarter earnings missed analyst estimates. Tesla also lost 4.4% and Meta Platforms shed 1%.

On Tuesday, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq each advanced 1%, while the 30-stock Dow added nearly 300 points on Tuesday. On Monday, the Dow and the broad-market S&P 500 posted their worst session since 2022, fueled by recession worries and the unwinding of the yen carry trade.

- In economic news.** Local: Speech by Michele Bullock, RBA governor – Economic Conditions in Post-Pandemic Australia with a Regional Lens – at the Rotary Club of Armidale Annual Lecture, Armidale at 12.40pm

Overseas data: RBNZ inflation expectations survey; China PPI and CPI; German industrial production; US weekly initial jobless claims
- In other markets.** The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield continued its climb and rose about six basis points to 3.95%. This marked a return to its level prior to the weak jobs numbers on Friday that raised concerns of an economic downturn.

The Cboe Volatility Index, known as Wall Street's "fear gauge," was last trading at nearly 28 after falling to as low as 22 earlier on Wednesday. The sharp decline from roughly 65 on Monday indicates investors' fears are abating, but still remain elevated from their initial levels at the start of the month.
- Futures.** ASX futures were down 33 points or 0.4% to 7598 near 7am AEST.

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

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| All Ordinaries | 7,913.1 | 7,890.1 | 0.3% |
| ASX 200 | 7,699.8 | 7,680.0 | 0.3% |
| ASX Emerging Companies | 1,992.3 | 1,981.4 | 0.6% |

US Markets

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| Dow Jones | 38,763.5 | 38,997.7 | -0.6% |
| S&P500 | 5,199.5 | 5,240.0 | -0.8% |
| Nasdaq | 17,867.4 | 18,077.9 | -1.2% |
| Russell 2000 | 2,035.1 | 2,064.3 | -1.4% |

Asian & European Markets

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| Shanghai Composite | 2,869.8 | 2,867.3 | 0.1% |
| Nikkei | 35,089.6 | 34,675.4 | 1.2% |
| Hang Seng | 16,877.9 | 16,647.4 | 1.4% |
| FTSE 100 | 8,166.9 | 8,026.7 | 1.7% |
| DAX 30 | 17,615.2 | 17,354.3 | 1.5% |
| CAC 40 | 7,266.0 | 7,130.1 | 1.9% |

| S&P500 Sectors | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Information Technology | 3,861.9 | 3,872.2 | -0.3% |
| Communication Services | 286.7 | 284.2 | 0.9% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1,364.9 | 1,370.6 | -0.4% |

| Economic Releases | Time | F'cast | Prior |
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| BoJ - Bank Lending YoY | 9:50 | 3.20% | 3.20% |
| USA - Initial Jobless Claims | 22:30 | | |

| Key BW Names | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Lotus Resources | 0.230 | 0.230 | 0.0% |
| Elementos | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.0% |
| Frontier Energy | 0.410 | 0.410 | 0.0% |

| Commodities | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Oil - West Texas Crude | 75.44 | 72.88 | 3.5% |
| Gold | 2,383 | 2,428 | -1.8% |
| Gold (Aus) | 3,657 | 3,662 | -0.1% |
| Silver | 26.58 | 26.92 | -1.3% |
| Uranium (Spot) | 83.00 | 83.00 | 0.0% |
| Global X Uranium ETF | 24.24 | 24.11 | 0.5% |
| Sprott Uranium Miners ETF | 39.90 | 40.18 | -0.7% |
| Sprott Physical Uranium Trust | 17.88 | 17.46 | 2.4% |
| Tin (Futures) | 29,484 | 29,484 | 0.0% |
| Copper | 3.93 | 4.00 | -1.8% |

| Other Markets | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| SPI200 Futures | 7,598.0 | 7,615.0 | -0.2% |
| DXY Index | 102.9 | 102.7 | 0.2% |
| AUD/USD | 0.6517 | 0.6522 | -0.1% |
| 2-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 3.983 | 3.992 | -1 bp |
| 10-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 3.953 | 3.901 | 5 bp |
| US 2-10-Year Spread | -0.197 | -0.197 | 0 bp |
| VIX Index | 27.84 | 27.70 | 0.5% |