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Dow closes 200pts higher, S&P500 four-day streak on tech giants; ASX to rise

- Global markets.** Stocks rose on Thursday as investors continued to shake off a tough start to September and bought the dip in tech stocks in anticipation of a rate cut by the Federal Reserve next week.

The S&P 500 gained 0.75% to close at 5,595.76, marking its fourth winning day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 235.06 points, or 0.58%, to end at 41,096.77. The Nasdaq Composite added 1%, closing at 17,569.68.

The S&P 500 has cut its September losses to just 0.9% and sits just about 1.3% from a new record.

Thursday's producer price index, which measures the average change in prices businesses receive for their goods and services, reflected a 0.2% rise in wholesale prices in August. That is in line with expectations. The PPI report follows consumer inflation data released Wednesday that indicated an uptick in core prices, but also that inflation in August declined to its lowest level since February 2021.

Weekly jobless claims data released Thursday also reflected a marginal increase in the number of individuals filing for unemployment benefits, rising to 230,000 for the week ending Sept. 7.

Investors are coming off a choppy trading session that was initially weighed down by the consumer price index report before it saw a late-day advance in tech shares that helped the major benchmarks rebound from their lows.

- In economic news.** Local: BusinessNZ manufacturing PMI for August at 8.30am
 Overseas data: Japan July industrial production August final at 2.30pm; France CPI August at 4.45pm; US University of Michigan September sentiment at 12am AEST Friday.
- In other markets.** Gold prices scaled fresh record highs as investors eyed the precious metal as a more attractive investment ahead of Fed rate cuts. Spot gold jumped 1.85 per cent to \$US2,558 an ounce. Oil prices soared nearly 3 per cent on expectations of supply disruptions due to Hurricane Francine in the Gulf of Mexico. Brent crude rose to \$US72.17 per barrel.
- Futures.** ASX futures were up 44 points or 0.6 per cent near 8am AEST.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,293.1	8,195.2	1.2%
ASX 200	8,075.7	7,987.9	1.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,162.1	2,108.7	2.5%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	41,096.8	40,861.7	0.6%
S&P500	5,595.8	5,554.1	0.7%
Nasdaq	19,423.1	19,237.3	1.0%
Russell 2000	2,129.4	2,097.0	1.5%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	2,717.1	2,721.8	-0.2%
Nikkei	36,833.2	35,619.7	3.4%
Hang Seng	17,240.4	17,108.7	0.8%
FTSE 100	8,241.0	8,194.0	0.6%
DAX 30	18,518.4	18,330.3	1.0%
CAC 40	7,435.1	7,396.8	0.5%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,269.8	4,234.9	0.8%
Communication Services	294.9	289.1	2.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1,539.0	1,521.5	1.1%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
USD - Monthly Budget Statement	3:30		
USA - Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index	23:30		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.265	0.250	6.0%
Elementos	0.088	0.088	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.215	0.220	-2.3%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	69.27	67.28	3.0%
Gold	2,586	2,540	1.8%
Gold (Aus)	3,802	3,763	1.0%
Silver	29.87	28.72	4.0%
Uranium (Spot)	83.00	83.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	25.81	25.34	1.9%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	42.08	41.41	1.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	17.94	17.98	-0.2%
Tin (Futures)	30,944	30,550	1.3%
Copper	4.20	4.16	1.0%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,115.00	8,026.00	1.1%
DXY Index	101.7	101.7	0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6726	0.6677	0.7%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.65	3.65	0 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.68	3.66	2 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.03	0.01	2 bp
VIX Index	17.08	17.70	-3.5%