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S&P500 to fresh record close, traders aim to extend Fed cut rally; ASX to slip

- Global markets.** The S&P 500 climbed to a fresh closing high on Monday as traders looked to build on last week's gains following the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut.

The broad market index added 0.28% to end at 5,718.57, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 61.29 points, or 0.15%, to close at 42,124.65. Both indexes closed at records. The Nasdaq Composite ticked up 0.14% to 17,974.27.

The moves come after a winning week on Wall Street that centered around the Fed's decision to lower interest rates by 50 basis points, its first cut in four years. Despite some choppiness following the initial announcement, stocks rallied in the days following.

On Friday, the Dow closed at a record, which was notably above 42,000. All three of the major indexes added more than 1% for the week, during which the S&P 500 also reached new records.

Investors parsed fresh economic data on Monday, including a 15-month low reading for PMI manufacturing activity in the U.S. for August.

Traders will be vigilant for any economic data that could dampen hopes for a soft landing. Weekly jobless claims data on Thursday will give Wall Street further insight into the state of the economy and labor market.

- In economic news.** Local: RBA policy decision at 2.30pm

Overseas data: Japan September manufacturing PMI at 10.30am; German September IFO business climate at 6pm; US September Conference Board consumer confidence at 12am Wednesday.

- In other markets.** In commodities, gold reset its record high, rising as much as 0.5 per cent to \$US2634.90 an ounce. The precious metal has risen more than 27 per cent so far this year. Separately, copper advanced on renewed expectations that China is edging closer to a more determined effort to bolster its economy. Still, iron ore dropped below \$US90 a tonne, and oil eased. Bitcoin was holding above \$US63,000.
- Futures.** ASX futures were down 9 points or 0.1 per cent near 7am AEST.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,384.2	8,437.2	-0.6%
ASX 200	8,152.9	8,209.5	-0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,218.1	2,208.5	0.4%

US Markets

Dow Jones	42,124.7	42,063.4	0.1%
S&P500	5,718.6	5,702.5	0.3%
Nasdaq	19,852.2	19,791.5	0.3%
Russell 2000	2,220.3	2,227.9	-0.3%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	2,748.9	2,736.8	0.4%
Nikkei	37,723.8	37,723.8	0.0%
Hang Seng	18,247.1	18,258.6	-0.1%
FTSE 100	8,259.7	8,230.0	0.4%
DAX 30	18,846.8	18,720.0	0.7%
CAC 40	7,508.1	7,500.3	0.1%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,326.1	4,329.4	-0.1%
Communication Services	308.5	309.0	-0.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,602.8	1,585.2	1.1%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AUD - RBA Interest Rate Decision	14:30	4.35%	4.35%
USD - Housing Price Index MoM	23:00	-0.20%	-0.10%
USD - Consumer Confidence	0:00		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.240	0.230	4.3%
Elementos	0.085	0.085	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.235	0.240	-2.1%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	70.59	70.94	-0.5%
Gold	2,651	2,645	0.2%
Gold (Aus)	3,843	3,849	-0.2%
Silver	30.71	31.06	-1.1%
Uranium (Spot)	83.00	83.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	28.00	27.18	3.0%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	45.02	43.07	4.5%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	19.63	18.80	4.4%
Tin (Futures)	31,823	31,823	0.0%
Copper	4.34	4.32	0.5%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,196.00	8,190.00	0.1%
DX Index	100.7	100.7	0.0%
AUD/USD	0.6833	0.6805	0.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.59	3.60	-1 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.75	3.74	1 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.17	0.14	2 bp
VIX Index	15.90	17.75	-10.4%