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S&P500 falls, Nasdaq drops 1% to start Oct. on ME tensions; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** Stocks retreated Tuesday as growing tensions in the Middle East poured water on investor enthusiasm coming off a strong quarter.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 173.18 points, or 0.41%, to 42,156.97. The S&P 500 pulled back 0.93% to 5,708.75, while the Nasdaq Composite lost 1.53% to finish at 17,910.36.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil spiked after the Israel Defense Forces said Iran was firing missiles at the country. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), also known as Wall Street's fear gauge, topped 20 at its high of the day, underscoring the rising concern among traders.

But oil settled off its session highs and stocks moved off their lows after the Iran attack as traders hoped damage and subsequent Israel retaliation would be minimal.

More than 3 out of every 5 S&P 500 stocks were lower in the session, highlighting the broad troubles for the market. But energy names notably diverged following the Middle East report, with the S&P 500 sector climbing more than 2%.

Tech names felt the brunt of Tuesday's declines, explaining the Nasdaq's outsized losses. Tesla, Nvidia and Apple all ended the day lower. But Facebook parent Meta Platforms bucked this trend, posting an all-time intraday high.

Small-cap stocks also took a hit, with the Russell 2000 sliding 1.5%.

Traders were also monitoring a strike by members of the International Longshoremen's Association on the East and Gulf coasts. While consumers may not feel the pinch immediately, the stoppage could cost the U.S. economy hundreds of millions of dollars.

- **In economic news.** Overseas data: Eurozone August jobless rate at 7pm; US September ADP employment report at 10.30pm
- **In other markets.** Oil briefly spiked more than 5 per cent but eased after no casualties were initially reported. Gold was higher and iron ore edged lower.
- **Futures.** Futures indicate the S&P/ASX 200 will start Wednesday flat after falling 0.7 per cent on Tuesday following a series of record highs in previous sessions.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,481.9	8,462.8	0.2%
ASX 200	8,208.9	8,203.7	0.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,307.2	2,283.0	1.1%

US Markets

Dow Jones	42,157.0	42,175.1	0.0%
S&P500	5,708.7	5,745.4	-0.6%
Nasdaq	19,773.3	20,115.5	-1.7%
Russell 2000	2,197.0	2,209.9	-0.6%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,336.5	3,001.0	11.2%
Nikkei	38,651.8	38,925.6	-0.7%
Hang Seng	21,133.7	19,924.6	6.1%
FTSE 100	8,276.6	8,284.9	-0.1%
DAX 30	19,213.2	19,238.4	-0.1%
CAC 40	7,574.1	7,742.1	-2.2%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,286.7	4,420.8	-3.0%
Communication Services	315.9	310.6	1.7%
Consumer Discretionary	1,597.3	1,611.2	-0.9%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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USD - ADP Employment Change	22:15		
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.260	0.285	-8.8%
Elementos	0.089	0.088	1.1%
Frontier Energy	0.125	0.230	-45.7%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	70.84	67.53	4.9%
Gold	2,683	2,695	-0.4%
Gold (Aus)	3,868	3,875	-0.2%
Silver	31.39	32.01	-1.9%
Uranium (Spot)	83.00	83.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	29.25	29.14	0.4%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	47.05	46.81	0.5%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	19.91	19.91	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	33,458	32,102	4.2%
Copper	4.57	4.64	-1.5%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,254.00	8,278.00	-0.3%
DX Index	100.8	100.9	-0.2%
AUD/USD	0.6881	0.6896	-0.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.61	3.63	-2 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.73	3.80	-6 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.13	0.17	-4 bp
VIX Index	19.27	15.36	25.5%