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## Dow closes 185pts lower, oil spikes and Oct. malaise continues; ASX to drop

- **Global markets.** Stocks fell on Thursday as concerns over Middle East tensions kept investors on edge in the run up to September's payrolls report.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 184.93 points, or 0.44%, to end at 42,011.59. The S&P 500 lost 0.17% to close at 5,699.94. The Nasdaq Composite ended the day off 0.04% at 17,918.48 as a rally of more than 3% in Nvidia capped downside pressure.

October trading is off to a rocky start as escalating tensions in the Middle East dampen investors' enthusiasm. After stocks tumbled on Tuesday with Iran launching a missile attack on Israel, investors are now preparing for further uncertainty as Israel starts a ground operation into Lebanon.

Energy stocks have rallied in tandem, with the S&P 500 sector up about 5.9% on the week. The sector is on pace for its best week in more than a year.

But energy was one of few bright spots in Thursday's otherwise bleak market. Nearly 4 out of every 5 S&P 500 members fell. Small-cap stocks also struggled, with the Russell 2000 tumbling 0.7%.

With Thursday's moves, the three major indexes are tracking for losses this week. The Dow and S&P 500 have each dropped 0.7%, while the Nasdaq is poised to finish 1.1% lower.

Weekly jobless claims came in slightly higher than economists polled by Dow Jones forecasted, according to data released Thursday. That offers hints into the health of the labor market as traders gear up for September's closely watched payrolls report due on Friday morning.

- **In economic news.** Local: August household spending and home loans value at 11.30am

Overseas data: US September nonfarm payrolls at 10.30pm

- **In other markets.** Both Brent Crude and the US benchmark, West Texas Intermediate, hit their highest intraday prices in about a month and futures contracts settled more than 5 per cent higher.
- **Futures.** ASX futures down 27 points or 0.3% near 7am AEST.

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

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| All Ordinaries         | 8,474.3 | 8,469.9 | 0.1%  |
| ASX 200                | 8,205.2 | 8,198.2 | 0.1%  |
| ASX Emerging Companies | 2,297.8 | 2,315.3 | -0.8% |

### US Markets

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| Dow Jones    | 42,011.6 | 42,196.5 | -0.4% |
| S&P500       | 5,700.0  | 5,709.6  | -0.2% |
| Nasdaq       | 19,793.3 | 19,802.6 | 0.0%  |
| Russell 2000 | 2,180.1  | 2,195.0  | -0.7% |

### Asian & European Markets

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| Shanghai Composite | 3,336.5  | 3,336.5  | 0.0%  |
| Nikkei             | 38,552.0 | 37,808.7 | 2.0%  |
| Hang Seng          | 22,113.5 | 22,443.7 | -1.5% |
| FTSE 100           | 8,282.5  | 8,290.9  | -0.1% |
| DAX 30             | 19,015.4 | 19,164.8 | -0.8% |
| CAC 40             | 7,477.8  | 7,577.6  | -1.3% |

| S&P500 Sectors | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Information Technology | 4,337.8 | 4,311.8 | 0.6%  |
| Communication Services | 315.2   | 314.5   | 0.2%  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1,564.6 | 1,584.8 | -1.3% |

| Economic Releases | Time | F'cast | Prior |
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| USD - Nonfarm Payrolls | 22:00 |  |  |
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| Key BW Names | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Lotus Resources | 0.255 | 0.260 | -1.9%  |
| Elementos       | 0.087 | 0.088 | -1.1%  |
| Frontier Energy | 0.110 | 0.125 | -12.0% |

| Commodities | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| Oil - West Texas Crude        | 73.86  | 40.79  | 81.1% |
| Gold                          | 2,675  | 2,679  | -0.1% |
| Gold (Aus)                    | 3,880  | 3,863  | 0.4%  |
| Silver                        | 32.03  | 31.85  | 0.6%  |
| Uranium (Spot)                | 83.00  | 83.00  | 0.0%  |
| Global X Uranium ETF          | 29.66  | 29.87  | -0.7% |
| Sprott Uranium Miners ETF     | 47.36  | 47.79  | -0.9% |
| Sprott Physical Uranium Trust | 20.21  | 20.12  | 0.4%  |
| Tin (Futures)                 | 33,893 | 33,879 | 0.0%  |
| Copper                        | 4.55   | 4.65   | -2.2% |

| Other Markets | Close | Prior | % Δ |
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| SPI200 Futures             | 8,215.00 | 8,253.00 | -0.5% |
| DXY Index                  | 101.6    | 101.2    | 0.4%  |
| AUD/USD                    | 0.6846   | 0.6883   | -0.5% |
| 2-Year Treasury Yield (%)  | 3.71     | 3.64     | 7 bp  |
| 10-Year Treasury Yield (%) | 3.85     | 3.78     | 6 bp  |
| US 2-10-Year Spread        | 0.14     | 0.15     | 0 bp  |
| VIX Index                  | 20.48    | 18.91    | 8.3%  |