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Dow drops more than 200pts, S&P500 pulls back from record; ASX to higher

- Global markets.** The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite pulled back from record highs Monday, with tech shares struggling and investors looking ahead to key inflation data due out this week.

The broad market index fell 0.61% to close at 6,052.85, and the tech-heavy Nasdaq slid 0.62% to end at 19,736.69. The Dow Jones Industrial Average shed 240.59 points, or 0.54%, settling at 44,401.93.

Nvidia shares dropped about 2.6% on the heels of a Chinese regulator announcing that it is investigating the artificial intelligence chip darling for potentially violating the country's antimonopoly law. The stock has been a bellwether for the AI trade, up more than 180% in 2024.

Advanced Micro Devices, another chipmaker, closed 5.6% lower after Bank of America downgraded the stock to neutral from buy, with the bank citing its limited market share gain potential as a result of "higher competitive risks in AI against best-of-breed NVDA's dominance." Tech giants Meta Platforms and Netflix also struggled.

The price of bitcoin retreated as well, a sign that investors are moving away from risk-taking. The cryptocurrency topped \$100,000 for the first time ever on Wednesday evening last week.

The November consumer price index, due out Wednesday, is expected to show a slight uptick in pricing pressures. Economists polled by Dow Jones expect a rise of 0.3% and 2.7% on a monthly and annual basis, respectively. That would be up from respective increases of 0.2% and 2.6% in the prior month.

- In economic news.** Local – RBA Interest Rate Decision at 2:30
- In other markets.** The Australian dollar is up more than 1 per cent along with iron ore and base metals after China's Politburo said it would embrace a "moderately loose" strategy for monetary policy next year.
- Futures.** ASX futures are 3 points higher at 84447 points near 7.30am.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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All Ordinaries	8,687.0	8,689.3	0.0%
ASX 200	8,423.0	8,420.9	0.0%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,304.9	2,325.0	-0.9%

US Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Dow Jones	44,401.9	44,642.5	-0.5%
S&P500	6,052.8	6,090.3	-0.6%
Nasdaq	21,440.8	21,622.3	-0.8%
Russell 2000	2,392.8	2,409.0	-0.7%

Asian & European Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Shanghai Composite	3,402.5	3,404.1	0.0%
Nikkei	39,160.3	39,091.0	0.2%
Hang Seng	20,414.1	19,865.9	2.8%
FTSE 100	8,352.1	8,308.6	0.5%
DAX 30	20,346.0	20,384.6	-0.2%
CAC 40	7,480.2	7,427.0	0.7%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,711.3	4,711.2	0.0%
Communication Services	339.2	343.7	-1.3%
Consumer Discretionary	1,887.9	1,894.2	-0.3%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AUD - RBA Interest Rate Decision	14:30	4.35%	4.35%
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.235	0.235	0.0%
Elementos	0.065	0.067	-3.0%
Frontier Energy	0.135	0.130	3.8%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	68.09	67.10	1.5%
Gold	2,685	2,660	1.0%
Gold (Aus)	4,131	4,121	0.2%
Silver	31.82	30.97	2.7%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	77.00	-1.3%
Global X Uranium ETF	30.37	31.80	-4.5%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	45.79	47.78	-4.2%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	17.88	18.73	-4.5%
Tin (Futures)	29,151	29,151	0.0%
Copper	4.28	4.20	1.9%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,447.0	8,420.0	0.3%
DXY Index	106.0	106.0	0.0%
AUD/USD	0.6434	0.6391	0.7%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.13	4.11	3 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.20	4.16	5 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.07	0.05	2 bp
VIX Index	14.18	12.76	11.1%