

Dow tumbles 260pts for 9 day losing streak, longest since 1978; ASX to slip

- Global markets.** The Dow Jones Industrial Average entered the history books Tuesday with its first nine-day losing streak since 1978.

The 30-stock average slid 267.58 points, or 0.61%, to settle at 43,449.90. The S&P 500 lost 0.39% and closed at 6,050.61, while the Nasdaq Composite dropped 0.32% to end at 20,109.06.

The Dow's losing streak began the day after it closed above 45,000 for the first time ever earlier in the month.

The Dow anomaly comes at a time when the broader market is doing well. The S&P 500 hit a new high on Dec. 6 and sits less than 1% from that level. The Nasdaq hit a record on Monday.

Driving the Dow's losses has been a rotation into technology stocks and out of some of the more old-economy stocks that gained in November following the reelection of Donald Trump. Those stocks dominate the Dow, rather than tech.

What's strange, however, is that Nvidia, a new tech member of the Dow that joined in November, has also struggled despite the tech sector's recent gains, slipping into correction territory Monday.

Tesla was higher again on Tuesday, though Broadcom lost 3.9%.

Some of the concern driving some profit-taking in the nontechnology stocks centers around the upcoming Federal Reserve interest-rate decision Wednesday. Traders are pricing in a 95% chance of a quarter-point cut, according to CME Group's Fed Watch tool. However, there's concern among investors and economists that the central bank could be making a mistake and risking a stock market bubble or sparking more inflation.

- In economic news.** Bitcoin briefly traded at more than \$US108,000 as investors eyed alternative assets ahead of the Fed meeting. The Aussie dropped 0.6 per cent overnight to 63.35 US cents. The currency has tumbled in recent weeks, tracking falls in mining stocks that followed muted retail sales data from China and a disappointing stimulus announcement from Beijing last week.
- In other markets.** Fed Interest rate decision 6am
- Futures.** ASX futures were down 14 points or 0.2 per cent near 8am AEDT.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,558.6	8,494.0	0.8%
ASX 200	8,314.0	8,249.5	0.8%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,239.3	2,238.8	0.0%
<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	43,449.9	43,717.5	-0.6%
S&P500	6,050.6	6,074.1	-0.4%
Nasdaq	22,001.1	22,096.7	-0.4%
Russell 2000	2,334.1	2,362.0	-1.2%
<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,361.5	3,386.3	-0.7%
Nikkei	39,364.7	39,457.3	-0.2%
Hang Seng	19,700.5	19,795.5	-0.5%
FTSE 100	8,195.2	8,262.0	-0.8%
DAX 30	20,246.4	20,313.8	-0.3%
CAC 40	7,365.7	7,357.1	0.1%
S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,731.9	4,751.1	-0.4%
Communication Services	354.4	356.6	-0.6%
Consumer Discretionary	1,959.2	1,954.2	0.3%
Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
AUD - Westpac Leading Index MoM	11:00		0.20%
GBP - CPI YoY	18:00	3.60%	3.30%
USD - Fed Interest Rate Decision	6:00	4.50%	4.8%
Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.195	0.195	0.0%
Elementos	0.071	0.071	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.110	0.110	0.0%
Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	69.71	70.19	-0.7%
Gold	2,663	2,670	-0.3%
Gold (Aus)	4,176	4,163	0.3%
Silver	30.54	30.53	0.0%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	28.71	28.91	-0.7%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	41.74	41.99	-0.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	17.02	17.04	-0.1%
Tin (Futures)	29,246	29,097	0.5%
Copper	4.15	4.19	-1.0%
Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,319.0	8,234.0	1.0%
DXY Index	106.9	106.9	-0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6336	0.6397	-1.0%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.25	4.25	-1 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.40	4.40	0 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.15	0.15	0 bp
VIX Index	15.88	14.69	8.1%