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Dow closes 200 points lower, S&P500 falls after hot CPI report; ASX to rise

- Global markets.** The S&P 500 tumbled and interest rates spiked Wednesday after consumer prices rose more than expected in January, raising concern that inflation may reignite.

The broad market index slipped 0.27% to end at 6,051.97, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled 225.09 points, or 0.5%, to 44,368.56. The Nasdaq Composite eked out a 0.03% gain to close at 19,649.95.

A sell-off occurred during the trading day after January's consumer price index jumped 0.5% for the month, putting the annual inflation rate at 3%. Both were more than the respective 0.3% and 2.9% increases expected by economists polled by Dow Jones. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, core CPI rose 0.4% on the month and 3.3% for the past 12 months, both higher than expected.

Helping sentiment were comments from House Speaker Mike Johnson, who said, according to Reuters, the White House was considering reciprocal tariff exemptions on products such as pharmaceuticals and automobiles. GM and Ford shares closed in positive territory, along with Eli Lilly

Gains from Tesla, Apple and Palantir also helped curb losses. CVS Health shares popped nearly 15% on a major fourth-quarter earnings beat.

The latest inflation data makes it less likely the Fed will resume its rate-cutting campaign anytime soon and now raises concern perhaps the next move could even be a hike.

- In economic news.** n/a
- In other markets.** Oil dropped after President Donald Trump said he spoke with Russia's Vladimir Putin and the two agreed to begin negotiations to end Russia's war against Ukraine. He made the announcement in a social media post. The 10-year Treasury yield, a benchmark for mortgages, auto loans and credit cards, jumped to a session high of 4.66%.
- Futures.** ASX futures were just 8 points, or 0.1 per cent, higher at 8am, suggesting the index will extend its closing record in the previous session.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,799.6	8,747.6	0.6%
ASX 200	8,535.3	8,482.8	0.6%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,375.8	2,367.6	0.3%

US Markets

Dow Jones	44,368.6	44,470.4	-0.2%
S&P500	6,052.0	6,066.5	-0.2%
Nasdaq	21,719.3	21,756.7	-0.2%
Russell 2000	2,255.9	2,287.9	-1.4%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,346.4	3,322.2	0.7%
Nikkei	38,963.5	38,801.0	0.4%
Hang Seng	21,857.9	21,522.0	1.6%
FTSE 100	8,807.5	8,767.8	0.5%
DAX 30	22,148.0	21,911.8	1.1%
CAC 40	8,042.2	8,006.2	0.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,583.2	4,577.0	0.1%
Communication Services	366.2	366.5	-0.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,824.1	1,852.3	-1.5%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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USD - Fed Chair Powell	2:00		
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.220	0.235	-6.4%
Elementos	0.063	0.062	1.6%
Frontier Energy	0.120	0.120	0.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	71.16	72.41	-1.7%
Gold	2,929	2,934	-0.2%
Gold (Aus)	4,625	4,632	-0.2%
Silver	32.23	32.04	0.6%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	28.94	29.10	-0.5%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	39.90	40.13	-0.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	15.23	15.47	-1.6%
Tin (Futures)	31,164	31,109	0.2%
Copper	4.70	4.71	-0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,486.0	8,465.0	0.2%
DX Index	107.9	108.1	-0.2%
AUD/USD	0.6278	0.6280	0.0%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.36	4.28	8 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.63	4.50	13 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.27	0.22	5 bp
VIX Index	15.88	15.80	0.5%