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Dow up nearly 500pts higher on hopes for tariff concessions; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** Stocks rose on Wednesday, staging a recovery rally after back-to-back losses as investors hoped that an exemption for automakers to President Donald Trump's controversial tariffs opened the floodgates for more concessions.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average rebounded 485.60 points, or 1.14%, to finish at 43,006.59, regaining ground after plunging more than 1,300 points over the last two sessions. The S&P 500 added 1.12% to 5,842.63, while the Nasdaq Composite climbed 1.46% to 18,552.73.

Stocks took a leg up after the White House said it granted a one-month delay for tariffs on automakers whose cars comply with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Stellantis surged more than 9%, while Ford and General Motors added more than 5% and 7%, respectively.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt also said Trump was open to providing additional exemptions on the taxes.

Traders see that "the administration is going to respond to market pressure," said Ross Mayfield, investment strategy analyst at Baird, adding that the White House will "scramble" to adjust policy as needed. "This is further confirmation for investors who feel that way."

Still, uncertainty lingered as Trump said Canada's fentanyl efforts were "not good enough" in a call with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The three indexes swung between positive and negative territory Wednesday before the announcement of delays for automakers, underscoring the heightened market volatility as investors tracked the status of tariff policy.

- **In economic news.**
- **In other markets.** Iron ore slid back below \$US100 a tonne after Beijing unveiled a stimulus package on Wednesday, intended to boost growth, that disappointed. Prices have slumped this week after the US imposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on Chinese imports. The yield on the US ten-year Treasury slipped to 4.27 per cent.
- **Futures.** ASX futures were pointing 19 points, or 0.2 per cent, higher, predicting the sharemarket would reverse the prior session's losses.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,363.1	8,420.9	-0.7%
ASX 200	8,141.1	8,198.1	-0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,225.6	2,243.2	-0.8%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	43,006.6	42,521.0	1.1%
S&P500	5,842.6	5,778.1	1.1%
Nasdaq	20,628.5	20,352.5	1.4%
Russell 2000	2,100.7	2,079.5	1.0%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,342.0	3,324.2	0.5%
Nikkei	37,418.0	37,331.0	0.2%
Hang Seng	23,594.2	22,941.8	2.8%
FTSE 100	8,755.8	8,759.0	0.0%
DAX 30	23,081.0	22,326.8	3.4%
CAC 40	8,173.8	8,047.9	1.6%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,315.5	4,256.3	1.4%
Communication Services	347.9	342.8	1.5%
Consumer Discretionary	1,692.4	1,663.4	1.7%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
USA - ADP Employment Change	0:15		
USA - ISM Services PMI	2:00		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.170	0.175	-2.9%
Elementos	0.057	0.057	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.105	0.100	5.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	66.33	68.00	-2.5%
Gold	2,926	4,921	-40.5%
Gold (Aus)	4,607	4,652	-1.0%
Silver	32.65	31.98	2.1%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	24.67	24.05	2.6%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	34.21	33.52	2.1%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	14.44	13.87	4.1%
Tin (Futures)	31,312	31,312	0.0%
Copper	4.79	4.58	4.6%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,129.0	8,122.0	0.1%
DX Index	105.5	106.6	-1.0%
AUD/USD	0.6334	0.6271	1.0%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.01	3.98	2 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.28	4.24	4 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.27	0.26	2 bp
VIX Index	21.92	23.50	-6.7%