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**S&P500 tumbles for 4<sup>th</sup> day after Trump threatens tariffs on EU; ASX to drop**

- **Global markets.** Stocks declined Friday after President Donald Trump raised trade fears again, warning Apple and recommending stiffer duties on the European Union.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 256.02 points, or 0.61%, to end at 41,603.07. The S&P 500 shed 0.67% and closed at 5,802.82, and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 1% and settled at 18,737.21.

The president also said trade discussions with the EU “are going nowhere” and recommended “a straight 50% tariff on the European Union, starting on June 1, 2025.”

Stocks came off their lows of the day after CNBC's Eamon Javers reported the White House did not interpret Trump's remarks as a formal statement of policy.

Trump's actions come at a time when tariff tensions were easing. Trump in April implemented duties on most nations in the world, which rattled the stock market and nearly put the S&P 500 in a bear market. The president then paused the stiffest tariffs for 90 days and hatched some preliminary agreements with the U.K. and China, causing stocks to recover. The S&P 500 got back to even on the year last week, but was back in negative territory at the end of Friday's trading.

Elsewhere, shares of United States Steel surged 21% after Trump said on Truth Social that the company would form a “partnership” with Nippon Steel. Earlier this year, the Japanese company's bid to buy its U.S. rival had been blocked.

Friday's declines added to the market's weekly losses. The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq all lost more than 2% on the week.

- **In economic news.**
- **In other markets.** Gold soared almost 2 per cent as Trump's remarked sparked fresh demand for haven assets.
- **Futures.** ASX futures are pointing down 30 points or 0.4 per cent to 8350.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	8,586.7	8,571.4	0.2%
ASX 200	8,360.4	8,348.7	0.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,262.9	2,253.5	0.4%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	41,603.1	41,859.1	-0.6%
S&P500	5,802.8	5,842.0	-0.7%
Nasdaq	20,915.7	21,112.5	-0.9%
Russell 2000	2,039.9	2,045.6	-0.3%

<u>Asian &amp; European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,348.4	3,380.2	-0.9%
Nikkei	37,160.3	36,985.7	0.5%
Hang Seng	23,601.3	23,544.3	0.2%
FTSE 100	8,718.0	8,739.3	-0.2%
DAX 30	23,629.6	23,999.2	-1.5%
CAC 40	7,734.4	7,864.5	-1.7%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	4,420.1	4,479.6	-1.3%
Communication Services	345.3	348.8	-1.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1,688.7	1,704.2	-0.9%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
EU - ECB's Lagarde Speech	23:30		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.185	0.170	8.8%
Elementos	0.105	0.099	6.1%
Frontier Energy	0.210	0.220	-4.5%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	61.93	60.74	2.0%
Gold	3,345	3,297	1.5%
Gold (Aus)	5,146	5,143	0.1%
Silver	33.51	33.07	1.3%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	31.83	28.52	11.6%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	41.10	36.65	12.1%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	16.92	15.56	8.7%
Tin (Futures)	32,709	33,038	-1.0%
Copper	4.87	4.67	4.2%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,350.0	8,388.0	-0.5%
DX-Y Index	99.1	99.7	-0.6%
AUD/USD	0.6503	0.6412	1.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.99	3.99	0 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.51	4.53	-2 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.52	0.54	-2 bp
VIX Index	22.28	20.27	9.9%