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Dow slides 400pts, S&P500 straight losses on unclear trade deal; ASX to fall

- **Global markets.** Stocks slipped Tuesday after President Donald Trump's shaky commentary on global trade deals, dashing hopes that progress will soon be made on the tariff front. Investors also awaited the Federal Reserve's policy decision.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 389.83 points, or 0.95%, to close at 40,829.00. The S&P 500 shed 0.77% and settled at 5,606.91, and the Nasdaq Composite dipped 0.87% to end at 17,689.66. All three of the major averages posted back-to-back declines.

Shares of Tesla shed 1.8% after the company's new car sales in Britain and Germany fell to their lowest in more than two years in April, even though demand for electric vehicles grew. Goldman Sachs shares dipped 1.8%, pulling the Dow lower. Tech giants Nvidia and Meta Platforms also declined.

Stocks wavered after Trump met with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Tuesday afternoon, marking the start of negotiations between the two leaders since since Carney assumed office earlier this year.

Trump during the meeting walked back on promises that trade deals are on the horizon, saying, "We don't have to sign deals." His statement contradicts Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's comments earlier this week. Bessent told CNBC on Monday that "we're very close to some deals," echoing comments Trump made himself on Sunday that agreements could come as early as this week.

To be sure, official trade deals between the U.S. and its trading partners have yet been announced. And while data issued on Monday from the Institute for Supply Management showed stronger-than-anticipated service sector activity in April, concerns around tariffs persisted.

- **In economic news.** The US Federal Reserve begins its two-day meeting today - it will announce its rate decision Wednesday (early Thursday AEST).
- **In other markets.** In commodities, Brent oil jumped 3 per cent to \$US62.05 a barrel, rebounding from its lowest closing price in four years and gold edged higher.
- **Futures.** ASX futures are pointing down 31 points or 0.4 per cent to 8138.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,369.3	8,365.7	0.0%
ASX 200	8,151.4	8,145.6	0.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,260.4	2,220.2	1.8%

US Markets

Dow Jones	40,829.0	40,753.0	0.2%
S&P500	5,606.9	5,604.1	0.0%
Nasdaq	19,791.4	19,786.7	0.0%
Russell 2000	1,983.2	1,975.9	0.4%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	316.1	3,279.0	-90.4%
Nikkei	36,830.5	36,452.1	1.0%
Hang Seng	22,662.7	22,119.4	2.5%
FTSE 100	8,597.4	8,496.8	1.2%
DAX 30	23,249.7	22,497.0	3.3%
CAC 40	7,696.9	7,593.9	1.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,160.7	4,174.0	-0.3%
Communication Services	332.4	326.7	1.7%
Consumer Discretionary	1,570.0	1,585.7	-1.0%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AUD - AiG Industry Index			
USD - Fed Interest Rate Decision	4:00	4.50%	4.50%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.175	0.175	0.0%
Elementos	0.071	0.078	-9.0%
Frontier Energy	0.245	0.170	44.1%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	59.46	58.77	1.2%
Gold	3,399	3,247	4.7%
Gold (Aus)	5,210	5,072	2.7%
Silver	33.09	32.42	2.1%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	26.39	25.31	4.3%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	36.60	35.08	4.3%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	15.88	15.28	3.9%
Tin (Futures)	30,487	31,193	-2.3%
Copper	4.79	4.63	3.5%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,138.0	8,130.0	0.1%
DXY Index	99.8	99.6	0.1%
AUD/USD	0.6506	0.6383	1.9%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.79	3.70	9 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.30	4.22	8 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.51	0.52	-1 bp
VIX Index	24.77	24.61	0.7%