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S&P500 higher in volatile session on Fed & trade developments; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** The S&P 500 rose in choppy trading after the Federal Reserve signaled that the risks for an economic slowdown and higher prices are increasing.

The broad market index added 0.43% to close at 5,631.28, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.27% to end at 17,738.16. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 284.97 points, or 0.70%, and settled at 41,113.97. The 30-stock index was aided by a nearly 11% pop in Disney shares after the company reported a fiscal second-quarter earnings beat and a surprise jump in streaming subscribers.

As expected, the Federal Open Market Committee held its benchmark overnight borrowing rate in a range between 4.25% to 4.5%, where it has been since December.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell said during his post-decision press conference that if the “large increases in tariffs” that have been announced remain at their current levels, they could lead to a slowdown in economic growth, an uptick in long-term inflation and an increase in unemployment.

President Donald Trump earlier Wednesday told reporters that he would not lower the steep tariffs on China as a condition to begin trade negotiations. His statement came ahead of meetings set to take place this weekend in Switzerland between Trump administration members and Chinese officials to discuss trade matters.

- **In economic news.** There’s no local economic data set for release on Thursday. The Fed’s statement, however, will be followed by the Bank of England at 9pm. Swedish policymakers are also set to meet later.
- **In other markets.** In commodities, oil fell below \$US561 a barrel after Trump earlier in the day said “no” when asked by a reporter if he was open to lowering his 145 per cent duties on China to kickstart negotiations. US Treasury Secretary will meet Chinese officials later today to commence trade talks.
- **Futures.** ASX futures are pointing up 8 points, or 0.1 per cent, to 8188.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	8,399.8	8,369.3	0.4%
ASX 200	8,178.3	8,151.4	0.3%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,268.4	2,260.4	0.4%

US Markets

Dow Jones	41,114.0	40,829.0	0.7%
S&P500	5,631.3	5,606.9	0.4%
Nasdaq	19,868.0	19,791.4	0.4%
Russell 2000	1,989.7	1,983.2	0.3%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,342.7	3,342.7	0.0%
Nikkei	36,779.4	36,830.5	-0.1%
Hang Seng	22,691.9	22,662.7	0.1%
FTSE 100	8,559.3	8,597.4	-0.4%
DAX 30	23,100.9	23,249.7	-0.6%
CAC 40	7,626.9	7,696.9	-0.9%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	4,198.4	4,160.7	0.9%
Communication Services	326.2	332.4	-1.8%
Consumer Discretionary	1,586.0	1,570.0	1.0%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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BoE - Interest Rate Decision	21:00	4.25%	4.50%
USD - Initial Jobless Claims	22:30		
USD - Nonfarm Productivity	22:30	-0.40%	1.5%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.195	0.175	11.4%
Elementos	0.068	0.071	-4.2%
Frontier Energy	0.235	0.245	-4.1%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	57.98	59.46	-2.5%
Gold	3,380	3,399	-0.6%
Gold (Aus)	5,247	5,210	0.7%
Silver	32.43	33.09	-2.0%
Uranium (Spot)	76.00	76.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	26.77	26.39	1.4%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	37.55	36.60	2.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	16.21	15.88	2.1%
Tin (Futures)	31,817	30,487	4.4%
Copper	4.63	4.79	-3.3%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	8,188.0	8,138.0	0.6%
DXY Index	99.4	99.8	-0.4%
AUD/USD	0.6429	0.6506	-1.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.78	3.79	0 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.27	4.30	-3 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.49	0.51	-3 bp
VIX Index	23.54	24.77	-5.0%