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S&P500 closes higher as Nvidia gains; ASX to rise

- **Global markets.** The S&P 500 closed higher on Tuesday as Wall Street looked beyond President Donald Trump's removal of Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook from the central bank's board and awaited quarterly figures from chip giant Nvidia.

The broad market S&P 500 settled up 0.41% at 6,465.94. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite also added 0.44% to end the day at 21,544.27. The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average added 135.60 points, or 0.30%, to finish at 45,418.07.

Long-term Treasury yields rose after the Trump move, while short-term yields declined as investors steepened the yield curve on the notion rates may go lower in the short-term, but eventually go higher as a politicized Fed becomes less attentive to inflation. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of major currencies, was last down 0.2%.

Trump's unprecedented move adds to the pressure the president has been putting on the central bank's independence. By law, a president may only remove a Fed governor "for cause."

There are currently six members on the Fed's board, with one seat vacant after the resignation of Adriana Kugler earlier this month. Removing Cook would leave five members, with non-Trump appointees still holding a majority. However, if Stephen Miran is cleared for the Kugler vacancy and the president is successful in removing Cook, it would give Trump a 4-3 majority.

If Fed Chair Jerome Powell leaves his seat voluntarily after his term expires in May, it would give the president a fifth vote.

Shares of the artificial intelligence chip darling were about 1% higher Tuesday, extending their meaningful gains seen in the prior two sessions.

- **In economic news.** In terms of data, the July CPI indicator and second-quarter construction work done will be released at 11.30am. Wall Street awaits Nvidia's latest quarter results expected after 6am AEST on Thursday.
- **In other markets.**
- **Futures.** ASX 200 futures are pointing up 47 points or 0.5 per cent to 8942.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	9,207.3	9,234.3	-0.3%
ASX 200	8,935.6	8,967.4	-0.4%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,537.9	2,499.8	1.5%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	45,418.1	45,631.8	-0.5%
S&P500	6,466.0	6,466.9	0.0%
Nasdaq	23,525.3	23,498.1	0.1%
Russell 2000	2,358.6	2,361.9	-0.1%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,868.4	3,825.8	1.1%
Nikkei	42,394.4	42,633.2	-0.6%
Hang Seng	25,524.9	25,339.1	0.7%
FTSE 100	9,265.8	9,321.4	-0.6%
DAX 30	24,152.9	24,363.1	-0.9%
CAC 40	7,709.8	7,969.7	-3.3%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	5,261.4	5,238.3	0.4%
Communication Services	398.3	397.7	0.2%
Consumer Discretionary	1,875.3	1,869.9	0.3%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
AUD - Monthly Consumer Price Index YoY	11:30	2.30%	1.90%
AUD - Private Capital Expenditure	11:30	0.70%	-0.10%
USD - GDP	10:30	3.10%	3.0%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.195	0.165	18.2%
Elementos	0.160	0.175	-8.6%
Frontier Energy	0.215	0.220	-2.3%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	63.40	63.77	-0.6%
Gold	3,440	3,414	0.8%
Gold (Aus)	5,220	5,190	0.6%
Silver	38.68	38.93	-0.6%
Uranium (Spot)	74.75	74.75	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	40.45	39.44	2.6%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	50.56	48.26	4.8%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	17.76	17.13	3.7%
Tin (Futures)	33,821	33,821	0.0%
Copper	4.47	4.47	0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,942.0	9,011.0	-0.8%
DXY Index	98.4	97.7	0.7%
AUD/USD	0.6496	0.6488	0.1%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.68	3.70	-2 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.27	4.26	1 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.58	0.56	2 bp
VIX Index	14.62	14.21	2.9%