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Trump escalates North Korea tension

Equities slid, while US Treasuries and gold climbed, as US President Donald Trump's latest comments further inflamed tension with North Korea.

If the North Korean regime "does anything" to the US or a US ally "things will happen to them like they never thought possible," Trump told reporters on Thursday, according to Bloomberg.

Wall Street's fear gauge—the CBOE Volatility Index or the VIX—jumped 36 percent to 15.06.

The Dow slid as declines in shares of Apple and those of Goldman Sachs, recently down 2.3 percent and 1.7 percent respectively, outweighed gains in shares of McDonald's and those of Coca-Cola, recently up 1.4 percent and 0.5 percent respectively.

The latest US economic data cemented expectations that inflation will remain subdued amid a robust labour market.

NZ Shares mixed, NZOG gains on takeover while CBLD, Goodman Property drop

New Zealand shares were mixed, with New Zealand Oil & Gas gaining on a partial takeover offer while CBL Corp and Goodman Property Trust fell.

Arvida Group was the best performer, up 1.5 percent to \$1.32. Mercury NZ gained 1.4 percent to \$3.56 and Fletcher Building rose 0.9 percent to \$7.97. Vital Healthcare Property Trust gained 0.4 percent to \$2.29. The listed hospital owner and developer increased annual earnings 54 percent as it saw rental income grow in a year when it made seven major acquisitions, with its outlook strong for 2018.

Distributable earnings, the preferred measure for property investors because it strips out unrealised movements in the value of property, rose to \$61.8 million in the 12 months ended June 30, from \$40.2 million a year earlier. Net profit rose 86 percent to \$217.6 million, including a \$168.5 million gain on the value of Vital's property portfolio.

CBL Corp fell furthest, down 1.8 percent to \$3.73, with Spark New Zealand down 1.8 percent to \$3.87 and Sky Network Television declining 1.5 percent to \$3.25.

Goodman Property Trust dropped 0.8 percent to \$1.27. The NZX-listed commercial and industrial property investor plans to spend \$107 million in six industrial developments in Auckland, saying it is intensifying activity in the city to meet demand. The six new projects will add 58,368 square metres of warehouse and office space to GMT's 1 million sqm portfolio, it said in a statement.

| NZX Index | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| Index | Last | | Change | |
| S&P/NZX All Index | 8,442.77 | 12.07 | ↓ | 0.14% |
| S&P/NZX 50 Index | 7,789.71 | 9.93 | ↓ | 0.13% |
| S&P/NZX Mid Cap Index | 22,343.43 | 45.88 | ↓ | 0.20% |
| S&P/NZX Small Cap | 53,022.63 | 198.41 | ↓ | 0.37% |
| S&P/NZAX All Index | 567.37 | 3.26 | ↓ | 0.57% |

| ASX Index | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|-----|--------|-------|
| Index | Last | | Change | |
| ALL ORDINARIES | 5,810.6 | 5.8 | ↓ | 0.10% |
| S&P/ASX 200 | 5,760.9 | 4.8 | ↓ | 0.08% |
| S&P/ASX SMALL ORD | 2,396.4 | 1.8 | ↑ | 0.08% |
| S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50 | 6,275.0 | 2.2 | ↓ | 0.04% |
| S&P/ASX 20 | 3,273.8 | 7.9 | ↓ | 0.24% |

| Foreign Markets Index | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Last | | Change | |
| S&P 500 | 2,438.21 | 35.81 | ↓ | 1.45% |
| DJIA | 21,844.01 | 204.69 | ↓ | 0.93% |
| Nasdaq | 6,216.87 | 135.46 | ↓ | 2.13% |
| FTSE 100 | 7,389.94 | 108.12 | ↓ | 1.44% |
| ALL ORDINARIES | 5,810.60 | 5.80 | ↓ | 0.10% |
| Nikkei 225 | 19,729.74 | 8.97 | ↓ | 0.05% |
| Hang Seng | 27,444.00 | 313.09 | ↓ | 1.13% |

| Currencies (per NZ\$ 1.00) | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Last | | Change | |
| AUD | 0.9242 | 0.0069 | ↓ | 0.74% |
| USD | 0.7276 | 0.0068 | ↓ | 0.93% |
| CNY | 4.8420 | 0.0490 | ↓ | 1.00% |
| EUR | 0.6178 | 0.0066 | ↓ | 1.06% |
| CAD | 0.9268 | 0.0056 | ↓ | 0.60% |
| GBP | 0.5606 | 0.0041 | ↓ | 0.73% |
| JPY | 79.4830 | 1.3535 | ↓ | 1.67% |

| NZ Interest Rates | | | | |
|-------------------|------|--|--------|--|
| | Last | | Change | |
| NZ OCR | 1.75 | | | |
| 3-month Bank Bill | 1.96 | | | |
| 5-year Swap | 2.67 | | | |
| 10-year Swap | 3.19 | | | |

| Commodities | | | | |
|------------------|----------|------|--------|-------|
| | Last | | Change | |
| Spot Gold \$US | 1,285.56 | 8.17 | ↑ | 0.64% |
| Spot Silver \$US | 17.11 | 0.18 | ↑ | 1.07% |
| Oil(WTI) | 48.58 | 0.97 | ↓ | 1.96% |

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