MORNING REPORT

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The US markets closed lower on Tuesday, as investors turned cautious ahead of the Federal Reserve's last interest rate announcement of the year following stronger-than-expected retail sales data.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 0.84%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite were up 0.56% and 0.43%.

Other key markets ended lower. European stocks closed as follows: the FTSE100 (-0.81%), the Dax 30 (-0.33%), CAC 40 (+0.12%) and the STOXX (-0.09%). In Asia, the Hang Seng and Shanghai indices closed higher. The key Asian indices ended yesterday as follows: Nikkei 225(-0.24%), HSI (-0.48%) and the Shanghai Composite (-0.73%).

The yield on the US 10 - year note was at 4.391%, while the 2 - year note was at 4.243%. Oil was up to \$69.81 per barrel, down 1.04%. The gold price was at US\$2662.40 per ounce, up 0.25%.

NZX & ASX

The S&P/ASX200 closed lower on Tuesday, gained 0.78% to 8,314.00 points. The best performing stocks in this index were PEXA GROUP LIMITED (+8.20%) and WESTGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED. (+4.30%). The index has lost 0.94% in last five days.

The S&P/NZX 50 closed lower at 12914.30 points up 0.91%. Most sectors ended mixed. The 3 worst sectors were Real Estate (-0.09%), Materials (-0.42%), Information Technology (-1.00%). The 3 best sectors were Industrials (+1.81%), Utilities (+1.49%) and Financials (+1.49%).

| | NZX Index | | | | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| Index | Last | | Change | | |
| S&P/NZX All Index | 14,132.49 | 17.59 | | 0.12% | |
| S&P/NZX 50 Index | 12,914.30 | 116.90 | | 0.91% | |
| S&P/NZX MidCap Index | 33,359.42 | -139.40 | | -0.42% | |
| S&P/NZX SmallCap Index | 73,712.45 | -549.10 | _ | -0.74% | |
| | ASX Index | | | | |
| Index | Last | | Chang | | |
| ASX All Ordinaries | 7,700.40 | 9.10 | • | 0.12% | |
| S&P/ASX 200 | 8,209.50 | 17.60 | | 0.21% | |
| ASX Small Ordinaries | 3,016.00 | 4.00 | | 0.13% | |
| S&P/ASX MIDCAP 50 | 9,524.30 | 57.60 | | | |
| S&P/ASX 20 | 4,229.60 | 14.50 | _ | 0.34% | |
| Fo | reign Markets Index Last Change | | | | |
| S&P 500 | 6,039.89 | -34.19 | Citati | -0.56% | |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 43,350.73 | | | | |
| NASDAQ Composite | 20,087.03 | | | | |
| FTSE 100 | 8,195.20 | -66.85 | _ | | |
| ASX All Ordinaries | 7,700.40 | 9.10 | _ | 0.12% | |
| NIKKEI 225 | 39,364.68 | -92.81 | _ | -0.24% | |
| HANG SENG INDEX | 19,700.48 | -95.01 | _ | -0.48% | |
| | rencies (per NZ\$ | | • | -0.4670 | |
| | Last Change | | | | |
| AUD | 0.9167 | 0.0034 | | 0.37% | |
| USD | 0.6469 | 0.0024 | _ | 0.37% | |
| CNY | 4.366 | 0.0336 | _ | 0.76% | |
| EUR | 0.5966 | 0.0003 | _ | 0.05% | |
| CAD | 0.8657 | 0.0019 | | 0.22% | |
| GBP | 0.524 | 0.0010 | | 0.19% | |
| JPY | 84.4496 | 0.2957 | | 0.35% | |
| US: | LO Year Treasury | / Yield | | | |
| US 10YR | 4.33% | | | | |
| | NZ Interest Rate | es | | | |
| NZ OCR | 5.50 | | | | |
| 90-day Bank Bill | 5.62 | | | | |
| 5y Bank Bill | 4.40 | | | | |
| 10y Bank Bill | 4.55 | | | | |
| Swap rate spread close (bps) | -1.55 | | | | |
| Commodities Futures (Spot Price \$USD) | | | | | |
| | Last Change | | | | |
| | 2,655.00 | -7.50 | | -0.28% | |
| Gold | 2,033.00 | | | | |
| Gold Silver | 30.88 | -0.09 | _ | -0.30% | |

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