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Stock Markets

S&P/ASX 200	5,366.94	+16.85	NZSX 50	5,142.90	+16.36
DJIA	16,323.06	+58.83	Nikkei	14,696.03	+73.14
NASDAQ	4,155.76	+4.53	FTSE	6,615.58	+27.26
S&P 500	1,857.62	+8.58	Hang Seng	22,065.53	+231.08
SPI 200 Fut	5,368.00	+12.00	TRJCRB Index	305.21	+1.25

Bonds

AU 10 YR Bond	4.108	+0.026	US 10 YR Bond	2.721	+0.000
NZ 10 YR Bond	4.600	+0.000	US 30 YR Bond	3.547	+0.000

Currencies (Prev at 7pm NZST)

AUD US\$	0.9247	0.9263	NZD US\$	0.8658	0.8681
EUR US\$	1.3752	1.3745	Yen US\$	102.80	102.16

Commodities

Gold (Lon)	1294.75	Silver (Lon)	19.710
Gold (NY)	1293.50	Light Crude	101.67

Overnight market action with latest New York figures.

EQUITIES

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks ended up on Friday but off their session highs as a late afternoon selloff in the biotechnology sector weighed on the overall market.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 58.83 points or 0.36 percent, to end at 16,323.06. The S&P 500 gained 8.58 points or 0.46 percent, to finish at 1,857.62. The Nasdaq Composite added 4.526 points or 0.11 percent, to close at 4,155.759.

For the week, the Dow rose 0.1 percent, while the S&P 500 was off 0.5 percent and the Nasdaq was down 2.8 percent.

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LONDON - Britain's top **equity** index rose on Friday, buoyed by gains in **mining** stocks that outweighed another slump in the insurance sector, which was hit by signs of further regulatory pressure.

The blue-chip FTSE 100 index closed up by 0.4 percent, or 27.26 points, at 6,615.58 points.

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TOKYO - Japanese stocks rose to two-week highs on Friday in

choppy trade ahead of the approaching fiscal year-end, while Yahoo Japan Corp dived on questions over strategy following news it will buy mobile network operator eAccess from SoftBank Corp.

Gains in Asian markets helped the Nikkei share average end 0.5 percent higher at 14,696.03, the best close since March 13. But trade was choppy, with the index falling to as low as 14,520.57 earlier. For the week, the index rose 3.3 percent.

The broader Topix added 0.8 percent to 1,186.52, while the new JPX-Nikkei Index 400 advanced 0.8 percent to 10,740.32.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK - The dollar edged lower against the euro on Friday while rising against the yen on greater investor risk appetite after comments from a **Chinese** official indicated the government could implement more stimulus.

The euro was last up 0.07 percent against the dollar, rebounding from an earlier three-week low, to trade at \$1.375. The euro was also last up 0.71 percent against the yen at 141.32.

The dollar was last up 0.61 percent against the yen to trade at 102.79. The dollar earlier hit a roughly two-week high against the yen of 102.98. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the dollar against six major currencies, was last up 0.1 percent at 80.195.

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TREASURIES

NEW YORK - U.S. Treasuries yields rose on Friday as stocks gained, with yields of intermediate-dated notes nearing two-month highs as many analysts and traders see the debt as likely to continue to underperform longer-term **bonds**.

Five-year note yields were last at 1.74 percent, down from a two-month high of 1.77 percent on Monday. The yields have increased from around 1.54 percent before Yellen's comments.

Thirty-year **bonds** yielded 3.54 percent, after falling to 3.49 percent on Thursday, the lowest level since July.

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COMMODITIES

GOLD

NEW YORK/LONDON - **Gold** turned higher after touching six-week lows under \$1,300 an ounce on Friday, but marked its second straight weekly decline as an improving U.S. economic outlook lifted the dollar and bolstered appetite for risk.

Spot **gold** fell to its lowest since Feb. 12 at \$1,285.34 an ounce in earlier dealing before rebounding to trade up 0.3 percent at \$1,294.16 by 2:40 p. **m.** EDT (1840 GMT). Bullion made a 3-percent weekly fall.

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BASE METALS

LONDON - Aluminium climbed on Friday after U.S. producer Alcoa cut more capacity from an over-supplied market while **copper** hit its highest level in 2-1/2 weeks as speculation gathered pace that **China** could step in to stimulate its economy.

Three-month aluminium on the London Metal Exchange (LME) closed 1.15 percent higher at \$1,758 a tonne and **copper** ended up 1.52 percent at \$6,660, its highest level since March 11.

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OIL

NEW YORK - Brent crude **oil** rose for a fourth straight session on Friday, notching its first weekly gain since February, on promising U.S. economic data and concern that possible Western sanctions on Russia's **energy** sector could disrupt global supplies.

Brent rose 24 cents to settle at \$108.07 a barrel. U.S. crude gained 39 cents a barrel to settle at \$101.67, after gaining more than \$1 in each of the past two sessions.

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