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Stock Markets

S&P/ASX 200	5,522.43	+3.57	NZSX 50	5,112.39	-1.85
DJIA	17,006.44	-131.76			
Nikkei	15,370.26	-9.04			
NASDAQ	4,369.67	-56.30	FTSE	6,738.32	-46.35
S&P 500	1,961.55	-20.02	Hang Seng	23,520.87	-2.41
SPI 200 Fut	5,464.00	-19.00	TRJCRB Index	297.92	+1.13

Bonds AU 10 YR Bond	3.381	-0.035	US 10 YR Bond	2.455	-0.083
NZ 10 YR Bond	4.380	-0.010	US 30 YR Bond	3.270	-0.078

Currencies (Prev at 7pm NZST)

AUD US\$	0.9375	0.9369	NZD US\$	0.8691	0.8688
EUR US\$	1.3529	1.3526	Yen US\$	101.23	101.51

Commodities

Gold (Lon)	1302.50	Silver (Lon)	20.780
Gold (NY)	1298.87	Light Crude	103.05

Overnight market action with latest New York figures.

EQUITIES

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks fell on Thursday in volatile trading on news that a Malaysian Airlines passenger jet crashed near the Ukraine-Russia border, after the United States and European Union imposed sanctions on Russia.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 89.26 points or 0.52 percent, to 17,048.94. The S&P 500 lost 14.37 points or 0.73 percent, to 1,967.20. The Nasdaq Composite dropped 40.89 points or 0.92 percent, to 4,385.08.

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LONDON - Britain's top share index extended losses in late trading on Thursday after a Ukrainian official said that a Malaysia Airlines plane was shot down over eastern Ukraine by militants.

The blue-chip FTSE 100 index closed 0.7 percent lower at 6,738.32 points after hitting a one-week high on Wednesday, when **mining** companies got a boost from growth data from **China**, the world's largest metals user.

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TOKYO - Japan's Nikkei share average edged down on Thursday,

giving up earlier gains after a slightly strengthening yen soured risk appetites, but losses were limited as M&A activity in the U.S. improved the mood.

The Nikkei ended 0.1 percent lower at 15,370.26 in choppy trade, after hitting as high as 15,465.74, the highest level since July 7.

The broader Topix was flat at 1,273.38 and the JPX-Nikkei Index 400 was also flat at 11,591.62.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK - The dollar was mixed on Thursday, hurt by falling Treasuries yields, while the yen was lifted to a five-month high against the euro by anxious investors repositioning after the West imposed more sanctions on Russia.

The dollar was up against both the euro and the yen, which was down 0.2 percent against the dollar at 101.51 yen. The euro weakened to as little as 137.185 yen, its lowest since early February, and last traded at 137.34 yen, off 0.1 percent for the day.

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TREASURIES

NEW YORK - U.S. Treasuries prices spurted higher on Thursday after reports a Malaysian airliner was shot down over Ukraine by a ground-to-air missile, collateral damage from an escalation in violence between Kiev and a pro-Russian separatist rebellion.

The 30-year U.S. Treasury bond rose more than a point in price, driving the yield down to a session low at 3.29 percent.

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COMMODITIES

GOLD

NEW YORK - Gold surged 1.3 percent on Thursday as investors sought shelter in the precious metal on fears of further turmoil after news that a Malaysian passenger jetliner had been downed in Ukraine.

Spot gold was up 1.3 percent at \$1,315.91 an ounce at 1:48 p.m. EDT (1748 GMT).

U.S. gold futures for August delivery settled up \$17.10 an ounce at \$1,316.90.

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BASE METALS

LONDON - Copper prices fell to their lowest level in two weeks on Thursday amid growing concern over the outlook for metal demand from the property sector after a Chinese builder warned of a possible bond default.

Three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange hit its weakest since July 2 at \$7,030.25 a tonne in intraday trade, before paring losses. It failed to trade in closing open-outcry activity and was last bid at \$7,065, down 0.2 percent.

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OIL

NEW YORK - U.S. crude oil jumped by as much as \$2 Thursday after a Malaysian airliner crashed over eastern Ukraine on the heels of fresh U.S. sanctions on Russia that had raised geopolitical concerns.

U.S. crude rose for a second straight session, gaining \$1.98 to \$103.18 per barrel by 2:20 p.m. EDT (1820 GMT) heading toward its strongest showing since mid-June and its largest two-day climb since April.

Brent for September, which became the front-month contract on Thursday, rose by 72 cents to \$107.89.

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