## Morning Report 21 May 2021

US share markets On Thursday, the stock market ended a three-day losing skid, thanks to rises in technology megacaps Apple (+2.1%), Microsoft (+1.4%), and Tesla (+4.1%). Ford's stock jumped 3.1 percent after the company announced intentions to form a joint venture to produce electric car batteries.Kohl's, on the other hand, had its stock drop 10.2 percent when the retailer announced a drop in its full-year profit margin. The S&P 500 index added 1.1% and the Nasdaq index climbed 236 points or 1.8%.

European share market On Thursday, the price of climbed. The STOXX 600 index rose 1.3 percent throughout Europe, with tech companies up 2.7 percent. On rumours that Franco-Italian competitor STMicroelectronics is considering a buyout bid, shares of chipmaker Nordic Semiconductor soared 9.8% to the top of the STOXX 600. The German Dax index increased by 1.7 percent, while the UK FTSE index increased by 1%. Rio Tinto shares slipped 0.2 percent in London trading, while BHP shares dipped 0.4 percent.

Base metals On Thursday, the results were mixed. The most significant increases were in lead (+2.3%) and tin (+2%). Concerns over a strike in Chile prompted investors to buy copper (+0.5%). Nickel (-1%) and aluminum (-0.7%), on the other hand, both declined.

**Latest Prices** Global Indices Level chg % chg **US Dow Jones** 34084.15 +188.11 0.6 US S&P500 4159.12 +43.44 1.1 **US Nasdag** 13535.74 +236.002 1.8 **UK FTSE** 7019.79 +69.59 1.0 +256.7 1.7 German Dax 15370.26 Toronto 19542.95 +125.92 0.7 Composite ASX24 +33 0.5 7048 Futures (night) ASX200 7019.60 (yesterday) Shanghai 3506.94 -4.0203-0.1 (yesterday) Japan Nikkei 28098.25 53.80 0.2 (y'day) US Volatility (Vix) 20.67

Australian share markets The benchmark S&P/ASX200 index closed up by 87.9 points, or 1.27 percent, to 7019.6 only a day after its biggest loss since February. The All Ordinaries on Thursday closed higher by 86.9 points, or 1.21 percent, to 7252.6 points. There were gains of more than one percent for consumer discretionaries, industrials, telecommunications and health.

Major currencies In European and US commerce, they were stronger versus the dollar. The Euro gained from lows at US\$1.2177 to highs around US\$1.2228 at the US close and was trading about US\$1.2225. The Australian dollar gained from lows at US77.34 cents to highs of US77.80 cents, closing at US77.70 cents. The Japanese currency strengthened from approximately 109.12 yen to JPY108.74 and was at JPY108.80 at the US close.

Global oil prices On Thursday, the stock fell more than 2%, marking the third consecutive day of losses. Traders were focused on the possibility of a fresh nuclear deal with Iran, as well as the possibility of sanctions on the country's oil exports being lifted, which may enhance petroleum supplies. Brent crude slid US\$1.55 per barrel, or 2.3 percent, to US\$65.11 per barrel. The price of oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell \$1.31, or 2.1 percent, to US\$62.05 a barrel.

Commodities					
Oil Brent (\$US/b)	65.11	-1.55	-2.3%		
Oil Nymex (\$US/b)	62.05	-1.31	-2.1%		
Spot Gold (\$US/oz)	1876.54				
Gold futures (\$US/oz)	1881.90	0.40	0.0%		
Spot Iron Ore (\$US/t)	210.85	-4.60	-2.1%		
Iron Ore futures (\$US/t)	210.16				
Thermal coal (\$US/t)	99.75	0.65	0.7%		
Coking coal (CNY/t)	1716				
Aluminium (\$US/t)	2365.95	-17.80	-0.7%		
Copper (\$US/t)	10031.50	51.50	0.5%		
Nickel (\$US/t)	17116.05	-172.95	-1.0%		
Zinc (\$US/t)	2943.75	23.00	0.8%		
Tin (\$US/t)	32850.00	645.00	2.0%		



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Forex			
	Current	Aust 4pm	
AUD/USD	0.7770	0.7747	
EUR/USD	1.2225	1.2180	
USD/JPY	108.78	109.15	
GBP/USD	1.4185	1.4116	
AUD TWI 4pm	64.1		

Fixed Interest				
US 10 year (%)	1.6301	-0.05		
US 2 year (%)	0.1472	-0.01		
Aust 10 year (%)	1.689	-0.02		
Aust 3 year (%)	0.09	0.00		

## **TOP GAINERS & TOP LOSERS**

Top Gainers				
Name	Last Price	Change	Change%	
APT	99.25	+6.15	+6.61%	
PME	45.08	+2.46	+5.86%	
EML	3.11	+0.20	+6.87%	
XRO	127.95	+5.67	+4.77%	
Z1P	7.73	+0.38	+4.88%	

Top Loser				
Name	Last Price	Change	Change%	
KGN	8.99	-1.16	-12.02%	
GUD	11.98	+0.10	+0.84%	
NUF	4.91	-0.14	-3.37%	
URW	5.35	-0.15	-2.73%	
SGM	15.36	-0.50	-3.18%	

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