

Markets

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| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT) | 7225 | 16 | 0.2 |
| NZX 50 | 11474 | -22 | -0.2 |
| DJIA Futures | 36280 | 0 | 0.0 |
| S&P 500 Futures | 4608 | 0 | 0.0 |
| NASDAQ Futures | 16098 | 0 | 0.0 |

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new week's trade with the \$A at ~US65.70c, new data in hand from China, and ongoing commentary regarding the pending domestic mid-year budget update.

US equities markets settled modestly higher overnight Friday.

Since overnight Friday trade, a UN resolution, on humanitarian grounds, for an **Israel-Hamas** ceasefire was defeated.

Russia's administration has rejected near-term peace talks regarding its conflict with Ukraine.

Ukraine and the **US** have confirmed meetings between the US and Ukraine presidents are scheduled for later tomorrow in Washington.

In addition, deep fossil fuel phase-out divisions from the UN's **COP28** climate change conference continued to be reported ahead of tomorrow's close.

Locally today, more information is expected to be revealed regarding the Australian Government's mid-year budget 'outlook', anticipated Wednesday.

Regionally today, a large **manufacturing** index is due for **Japan** at 10.50am AEDT.

Over the weekend, **China** reported **0.5% deflation** for the November and also a 0.5% pullback against November 2022.

Forecasters had anticipated 0.1% declines following the 0.1% and 0.2% falls recorded for October.

November **producer prices** were down 3.0% against November 2022, following a 2.6% October year-on-year fall.

In overnight Friday **commodities** trade, **oil** swung greater than 2.0% higher.

US **gold** (Comex Feb) futures dropped below \$US2015.0/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued higher, settling above \$US135.0/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** settled greater than 1.0% higher and **nickel** greater than 1.5%. **Aluminium** closed with a slight gain.

The **\$A** traded below US65.85c and earlier this morning fell beneath US65.75c.

Overseas Markets

| INDEX | CLOSE | +/- | % |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Dow Jones | 36248 | 130 | 0.4 |

*** Male therapeutics developer listing – 11am AEDT – LTP ***

Today's Stock Watch

Sigma Pharmaceuticals (SIG)

Webcast teleconference scheduled to commence **10.30am** AEDT.

SIG and Chemist Warehouse Group (CWG) have agreed a merger involving SIG paying \$700M cash plus SIG shares, such that the merged entity will be held 85.75% by CWG shareholders.

In association, SIG is conducting a \$400M, 70c-per-share fully-underwritten entitlement offer. The retail component of the entitlement offer is scheduled for 18 December – 19 January.

SIG has also secured ANZ and NAB commitments for a new \$1B debt facility.

Additional details, including conditions, lodged this morning.

SIG trade remains suspended. SIG traded at 68c – 76.75c across the five sessions immediately prior to calling a trading halt last week.

SkyCity Entertainment Group (SKC)

SKC will pay MPF Parking NZ (MPF) \$NZ204M for the return of the SKC Auckland car park to SKC management.

SKC says this will fully and finally resolve all SKC disputes with MPF.

Smartgroup Corporation (SIQ)

Anticipating \$63M full year (to 31 December) NPATA and \$249M revenue.

In addition, SIQ is reporting electric vehicle orders have grown by ~60% during 2H 2023 against the first half of the year.

Further, SIQ has revealed it will provide exclusive salary packaging and novated leasing services administration for an initial five years from 1 July 2024.

SIQ has settled lower the past four sessions, closing out last week at \$8.33 after trading as high as \$9.20 early week.

Alcidion Group (ALC)

\$23.3M (£12.2M), eight-year patient record system supply contract extension secured with the South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Bubs Australia (BUB)

US November revenue reached a record \$770,000, bolstering expectations for a minimum \$48M FY24 US revenue.

Additional details lodged this morning.

Bisalloy Steel Group (BIS)

Up to \$15M contract secured with the Australian Submarine Agency covering the qualification of steel for the SSN-AUKUS program.



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| S&P 500 | 4604 | 19 | 0.4 |
| NASDAQ | 14404 | 64 | 0.4 |
| FTSE 100 | 7554 | 41 | 0.5 |
| DAX 30 | 16759 | 130 | 0.8 |
| Shanghai Composite | 2970 | 3 | 0.1 |

Overseas Markets Commentary

Early cautious and/or vacillating trade featured across major European, UK and US equities markets overnight Friday.

In addition to US monthly employment figures, general economic growth prospects and inflation outlooks were under interpretation ahead of central bank monetary policy meetings in the US, euro zone and UK this week.

US November workforce statistics appeared to support varying views, the number of jobs created coming in greater than for October and also exceeding forecasts.

At the same time, hourly wages rose at double the rate reported for October, but remained at the same annualised rate for the month, in line with expectations.

The \$US was pushed higher.

Earlier Friday, **Japan** had reported a 0.7% drop in September quarter GDP following an initial estimate of a 0.5% decline.

On an annualised basis, Japan's GDP had retracted by 2.9%.

For the June quarter, Japan had reported 0.9% growth for the three months and 3.6% year-on-year growth.

In overnight Friday **data** releases, **Germany's** November CPI reading was finalised as representing **0.4% deflation** for the month, as initially estimated.

Against November 2022, inflation was up 3.2% against the annualised 3.8% recorded for October.

Russia reported 1.1% inflation growth for November and 7.5% annualised growth.

Russia's October inflation growth figures had been reported as 0.8% and 6.7% respectively.

In the **US**, the job creation tally for November was calculated at 199,000 against consensus for 180,000 following October's 150,000.

The unemployment rate fell to 3.7% from 3.9%, defying predictions for no change.

Hourly wages climbed 0.4% for the month, against consensus for a 0.3% increase following October's 0.2% rise.

Against November 2022, wages were up 4.0% as recorded on an annualised basis for October.

The participation rate was reported at 62.8% from 62.7%.

The December consumer sentiment index, as calculated by the University of Michigan, was initially estimated at 69.4, a notable jump from the finalised 61.3 November reading.

Forecasters had anticipated a slight improvement only, to 62.0.

Both the current conditions and consumer expectations component indices rose, the latter by 9.6 points to 66.4 and the conditions reading to 74.0 from 68.3.

Tonight in the US, the treasury department is scheduled to conduct a 10-year note auction.

Also tonight, Oracle Corp is due to report earnings.

Pre-Open Announcements

LTR Pharma (* LTP)

Men's health-focused therapeutics specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share. ~70.4M quoted shares.

LTR Medical Pty Ltd holds 33.26%.

Platinum Asset Management (* PTM)

PTM has appointed Jeff Peters as CEO and MD.

Current PTM CEO and PTM co-founder Andrew Clifford revealed in August that he planned to relinquish his CEO role.

Mr Clifford will retain his co-chief investment officer role.

He and fellow PTM management colleagues Elizabeth Norman and Andrew Stannard, will retire from the PTM board on Mr Peters' yet-to-be-determined commencement date.

Mr Peters is a co-founder, the chief development officer and board chair of Spades.

He is a former Columbia Threadneedle Investments MD and head of global institutional business.

Prescient Therapeutics (* PTX)

Safety and efficacy demonstrated in the phase one trial of PTX-100 as a proposed treatment for T-cell lymphoma.

Details lodged this morning.

Phase two trial planned for 2024.

Macmillan Shakespeare (* MMS)

The South Australian government is not renewing a salary packaging and novated leasing provision contract with MMS subsidiary Maxxia.

The contract expires 30 June 2024.

Suncorp Group (* SUN)

SUN scheduled a briefing for 9am AEDT, and lodged a presentation regarding the AASB 17 new accounting standard for insurance contracts.

SUN says it will make available a recording of the briefing via the SUN website.

Dexus Group (DXS)

DXS has appointed DXS chief investment officer Ross Du Vernet as CEO, effective March 2024, when he will take over from Darren Steinberg.

Garda Property Group (GDF)

GDF has completed the ~\$24M sale of a Hawthorn East, suburban Melbourne property.

Net sales proceeds have been used to reduce debt.

Resources

Pilbara Minerals (* PLS)

Chair Anthony Kiernan AM is planning to retire from the PLS board effective 31 January 2024.

PLS has appointed former Lynas Rare Earths (ASX: LYC) chair Kathleen Conlon as a PLS non-executive director, effective 1

**Commodities**

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/- | % |
|--|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Gold (COMEX 100 Feb) | 2014.5 | oz | -31.9 | -1.6 |
| Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar) | 23.28 | oz | -0.78 | -3.4 |
| Platinum | 917 | oz | 10 | 1.1 |
| WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan) | 71.23 | bbl | 1.89 | 2.7 |
| Brent Crude (ICE EUR Feb) | 75.84 | bbl | 1.79 | 2.4 |
| Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe) | 135.45 | t | 1.05 | 0.8 |
| Copper (LME 3mth Evening) | 8454 | t | 106 | 1.3 |
| Nickel | 16844 | t | 293 | 1.8 |
| Aluminium | 2141 | t | 1 | 0.1 |
| Lead | 2026 | t | 7 | 0.3 |
| Zinc | 2400 | t | -7 | -0.3 |
| Tin | 24602 | t | -118 | -0.5 |

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices rallied overnight Friday, in part supported by some stronger-than-anticipated economic data releases out of the US.

In other US news, the US Department of Energy revealed it was looking to purchase up to 3MMbbl of oil for the strategic petroleum reserve.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday by Baker Hughes, included two fewer operational oil rigs, bringing the tally back to 503.

Gold – prices ultimately dropped overnight Friday, following a strong November jobs tally reported for the US.

Settlements were well off session lows, however, following a robust consumer sentiment report which also revealed a fall in inflation growth expectations for the coming year, from 4.5% to 3.1%.

Prices are expected to retain some swing this week, with central bank monetary policy meetings scheduled for the euro zone, UK and US, and some key inflation, GDP and business activity updates.

2024 national election developments in the US are also expected to begin to exert greater influence on sentiment.

Base metals – China has reported November CPI and producer prices over the weekend, each falling further than anticipated.

Overnight Friday trade influences included currency swings and some concerning data out of key trading nation Japan earlier Friday.

Further material data is due out of China late-week.

Exchange Rates

| CURRENCIES | LAST | +/- | % |
|------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| AUD – USD | 0.6572 | -0.0042 | -0.64 |
| EUR – USD | 1.0760 | -0.0003 | -0.02 |

Overseas Data Today & Tonight

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| Japan | BSI large manufacturing | Q4 |
| Japan | Machine tool orders (5pm AEDT) | Nov |

January, and as PLS chair on Mr Kiernan’s retirement. Mr Kiernan was appointed PLS chair in June 2016.

WA1 Resources (* WA1)

WA West Arunta project Luni prospect RC drilling has delivered several high-grade niobium intersections.

Assays lodged this morning.

In addition, several intersections returned from diamond drilling indicated high-grade mineralisation at depth.

Additional assays pending.

Lucapa Diamond Company (LOM)

The Lulo JV has sold a further four diamonds at tender, for a combined \$US17.063M.

Barton Gold (BGD)

The South Australia Tunkillia gold project resource has grown to 6.3Mt @ 0.93g/t Au, for 1.38Moz of gold.

Energy**Talon Energy (TPD) / TMK Energy (TMK)**

TPD is in receipt of \$750,000 cash plus ~1 trillion TMK shares and 546M TMK listed options due to the completion of the sale of its 33 interest in the Gurvantes XXXV project to TMK.

TMK now holds 100% of the project.

Meanwhile, TPD plans an in-specie distribution of the majority of the TMK shares.

Australis Oil & Gas (ATS)

ATS is reporting the successful negotiation of improved liquidity and flexibility via amendments to an existing Macquarie Bank credit facility.

Details lodged post-trade Friday.

Tamboran Resources (TBN) / Tamboran Resources Corporation (TBNDA)

TBNDA commenced trading on the ASX Friday under Tamboran Resources Corporation (TRC) following Australia Federal Court approval for the scheme under which TBN is relocating to the US and as part of new holding company TRC.

CDIs commenced trade at a ratio of 200:1 (see consolidation notice from earlier last week).

Trade commenced on a deferred settlement basis.

1.72 trillion quoted securities.

Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence under the code TBN Thursday.

Trading Halts

| Company | Code | Resuming |
|-------------------------|------|----------|
| 4DMedical Ltd | 4DX | 11 Dec |
| Argent Minerals | ARD | 11 Dec |
| Austin Metals | AYT | 11 Dec |
| Flynn Gold | FG1 | 11 Dec |
| Green Technology Metals | GT1 | 11 Dec |
| Ironbark Zinc | IBG | 11 Dec |



UK Rightmove house prices Dec

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| MetalsGrove Mining | MGA | 11 Dec |
| Nordic Nickel | NNL | 11 Dec |
| Pantera Minerals | PFE | 11 Dec |
| Rhinomed Ltd | RNO | 11 Dec |
| Winsome Resources | WR1 | 11 Dec |
| Adveritas Ltd | AV1 | 12 Dec |
| Alterra Ltd | 1AG | 12 Dec |
| IRIS Metals | IR1 | 12 Dec |
| Noble Helium | NHE | 12 Dec |
| Opyl Ltd | OPL | 12 Dec |
| S2 Resources | S2R | 12 Dec |

Suspensions *(selected)*

| Company | Code | Since |
|---|------|--------|
| Magnis Energy Technologies | MNS | 8 Dec |
| Rectifier Technologies | RFT | 29 Nov |
| Respiri Ltd | RSH | 1 Dec |
| Roots Sustainable Agricultural Technologies | ROO | 24 Nov |
| Sigma Healthcare | SIG | 8 Dec |

Ex-Dividends

| Code | Ex-Div | Div (c) | Franking (%) | Yield (%) |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| ASW <i>(susp)</i> | Today | 0.25 | 100 | 5.88 |
| MTS | Thu | 11 | 100 | 6.28 |
| PL8 | Thu | 0.55 | 100 | 5.67 |
| WQG | Thu | 1.68 | 100 | 5.22 |
| ASK | 28 Dec | 3 | 0 | 0.00 |
| CHC | 28 Dec | 22.09 | 44.99 | 3.90 |
| CIP | 28 Dec | 4 | 0 | 5.02 |
| COF | 28 Dec | 3 | 0 | 10.17 |
| RCT | 28 Dec | 12.25 | 0 | 9.71 |
| RFF | 28 Dec | 2.93 | 0 | 5.87 |
| DNK | 29 Dec | 14.72 | 0 | 0.00 |

Reports & Events*(selected; all times AEDT)*

| When | Company | Report/Event |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Today | LTP | ASX listing |
| Wed | ORI | AGM |
| Thu | ELD | AGM |
| | WBC | AGM |
| Fri | NAB | AGM |
| 20 Dec | IPL | AGM |



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| 21 Dec | ANZ | AGM |
| 22 Dec | EMH | AGM |