

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7425	-10	-0.1
NZX 50	11944	11	0.1
DJIA Futures	33826	99	0.3
S&P 500 Futures	4033	-4	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	11910	-24	-0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with influential domestic economic reports anticipated late morning, and several high-profile mining and petroleum stocks reporting for the December quarter, ahead of a public holiday, and hence no domestic markets trade, in Australia tomorrow.

US equities markets traded decidedly mixed overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is due to release **December quarter CPI at 11.30am AEDT**.

Westpac and the Melbourne Institute publish their **leading index report for December at 11am**.

Regionally today, no major economic reports are anticipated during ASX trade.

Markets in Singapore and South Korea trade for the first time this week today.

In overnight **commodities** trade, **oil** turned lower.

US **gold** futures rose modestly, trading beyond \$US1935.0/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) rose, but by just US3c/t.

Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle) turned higher, settling at \$US360/t.

LME **copper** was reported down 0.4% at 1545 GMT. **Nickel** had reportedly traded as much as 3.0% higher for the session by then. At the same time, **aluminium** was reported to be trading up 0.6% for Tuesday.

Last night's LME final 3-mth evening price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 11.30am AEDT.

The **\$A** was pushed beyond US70.45c after trading at US70.20c yesterday evening.

China's markets will remain closed all week and Hong Kong's today.

Markets in Australia will be closed tomorrow, due to Australia Day.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	33734	104	0.3
S&P 500	4017	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ	11334	-30	-0.3
FTSE 100	7757	-27	-0.4
DAX 30	15093	-10	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	3265	Public	Holiday

Settlements – due to the Australia Day public holiday tomorrow, today's trades will settle Monday 30 January.

Trades executed yesterday settle Friday this week.

Today's Stock Watch
AMP Ltd (AMP)

Anticipating FY22 results to include \$A68M (post-tax) worth of impairments and hence reduced statutory profit. Planning to lodge full year results 16 February.

WiseTech Global (WTC)

Acquiring US-headquartered transport management system software specialist Envase Technologies for \$US230M.

Consideration will be paid 70% in cash from WTC existing reserves and 30% in WTC shares.

~\$US10M in one-off transactions costs is also anticipated and can be covered using existing reserves.

Planning to lodge interim results, and to provide additional Envase acquisition details 22 February.

Insignia Financial (IFL)

\$285.1B FUMA at 31 December, down 2.7% on an adjusted basis, but up 2.7% on a continuing basis.

Planning to lodge interim results 23 February.

Resources
Newcrest Mining (NCM)

Produced 512,000oz of gold and 35,000t of copper during the December quarter and expects this to grow during the current quarter. Lihir feasibility announcement and exploration update also lodged this morning.

Iluka Resources (ILU)

2022 zircon, rutile and synthetic rutile production fell 5.6% to 679,400t. Sales volumes fell 17%.

Sales revenue rose 39.1% to \$US2.215B.

Regis Resources (RRL)

Produced 117,300oz of gold during the December quarter and sold 121,300oz for \$293M revenue. \$151M cash and bullion.

Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

December quarter operational statistics anticipated.

Askari Metals (AS2)

Heralding Northern Territory Barrow Creek Lithium project field reconnaissance outcomes.

Energy
Woodside Energy (WDS)

51.6MMboe record December quarter production. Delivered sales fell 8.5% for the quarter to 52.2MMboe. Delivered revenue fell 12% to \$5.16B, but rose 77.6% year-on-year.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating sentiment featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight.

Trader considerations included a wave of mixed high-profile earnings and guidance and a batch of material economic data updates.

In addition, some caution influenced trade following a technical fault as the NYSE opened.

Among overnight data releases, **euro zone** initial PMI estimates represented improvements for both the services and manufacturing sectors.

The services index climbed to an expansionary 50.7 from 49.8 and the manufacturing index, while indicating ongoing contraction, rose to 48.8 from 47.8.

Germany's GfK consumer confidence reading represented an improvement for the month, albeit to -33.9 from -37.6.

Preliminary January PMI readings for Germany included an indicated return to expansion mode for the services sector: 50.4 from 49.2 for December.

The manufacturing index slipped to 47.0 from 47.1, against an anticipated improvement (to a nonetheless remaining contractionary mode level) to 48.1.

In the **UK**, a CBI business optimism index jumped to -5 from -48, against predictions for a further deterioration to -60.

The CBI December industrial trends orders index tumbled to -17 from -6 however. A further fall had been expected, but to a less concerning -10.

Meanwhile, UK public sector net borrowing for December was calculated at £26.6B against £18.8B for November.

Initial January PMI estimates for the UK represented ongoing contraction for each of the services and manufacturing sectors, the services index coming in at 48.0 from 49.9 and the manufacturing index at 46.7 from 45.3.

The services sector result surprised the most, forecasters having anticipated a 50.0.

In the **US**, the Richmond Fed manufacturing index dropped to -11 from one. Economists had expected a rise to three.

The services sector index rose to -6 from -12.

S&P Global's initial January PMI estimates for the US each improved from the December readings but remained in contraction territory.

Tonight in the US, weekly mortgage applications and 30-year mortgage rates are due.

Elsewhere, the Bank of Canada holds a policy meeting from which it will announce outcomes.

Germany is due to host a 15-year bond auction.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today or tonight include: Abbott Laboratories, ASML, AT&T, Automatic Data Processing (ADP), Boeing, CSX, Freeport McMoRan, Hyundai Motor, IBM, Kia Corp, Kimberly-Clark, POSCO, Samsung C&T and Tesla.

In overnight corporate news, **Microsoft** reported for the December quarter post-US trade, announcing a 2% rise in

Pre-Open Announcements

Atturra Ltd (ATA)

ATA subsidiary Veritec is acquiring Melbourne-based Hammond Street Developments for \$6M cash, \$500,000 worth of ATA shares and up to \$2M worth of performance-related earnouts.

Hammond Street provides specialist Microsoft services to the government sector.

dusk Group (DSK)

CEO and MD Peter King has resigned, effective August.

Electro Optic Systems Holdings (EOS)

Non-executive EOS director Deena Shiff is stepping down from the EOS board 31 January (Tuesday next week).

Eclix Group (ECX)

ECX has appointed Lauren Osbich to take over as company secretary 1 February, when ECX CFO and company secretary Damien Berrell resigns from his company secretary role.

Resources

Ramelius Resources (* RMS)

Produced 56,756oz of gold during the December quarter. \$A154M cash and gold.

JV drilling results also lodged this morning.

St Barbara (* SBM)

December quarter production fell to 60,976oz.

Summit Minerals (SUM)

Reporting some positive initial observations from NSW Windfall antimony project Munga Creek first-pass field investigations.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Energy

Norwest Energy (* NWE) / Mineral Resources (MIN)

NWE directors are recommending a revised off-market takeover offer from NWE top shareholder (~19.9%) MIN.

The improved offer values NWE at 7.41c per share.

NWE has traded at 6.6c – 7.1c over the past five trading sessions.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Athena Resources	AHN	25 Jan
Gateway Mining	GML	25 Jan
Okapi Resources	OKR	25 Jan
Cipherpoint Ltd	CPT	27 Jan
k-TIG Ltd	KTG	27 Jan
Native Mineral Resources Holdings	NMR	27 Jan



revenue, this undershooting many forecasters' expectations.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Feb)	1935.4	oz	6.8	0.4
Silver (COMEX 5000 Mar)	23.75	oz	0.2	0.8
Platinum	1056	oz	8	0.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	80.13	bbl	-1.49	-1.8
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Mar)	86.13	bbl	-2.06	-2.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	121.97	t	0.03	0.0
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (23Jan)	9356	t	31	0.3
Nickel	28103	t	-668	-2.3
Aluminium	2635	t	24	0.9
Lead	2054	t	-35	-1.7
Zinc	3423	t	0.75	0.0
Tin	29505	t	-41	-0.1
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	360	t	9.05	2.6
Wheat (CBT Mar; IRESS)	733.5	t	13.5	1.9

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight trade considerations included generally lacklustre international PMI updates and mixed corporate earnings and outlooks.

Meanwhile, public speculation and commentary grew ahead of OPEC monitoring committee, OPEC and OPEC+ meetings scheduled for next week. An OPEC+ decision is expected from a virtual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 1 February.

Several OPEC oil ministers have recently publicly claimed the global oil market to be currently balanced.

Tonight in the US, a weekly petroleum inventories report is anticipated from government agency the EIA.

Overnight post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute published a weekly report which included a 3.378MMbbl increase in US stored crude last week.

Gold – choppy trade was reported overnight, amid \$US swings, a swag of economic indicator releases and high-profile corporate earnings reports and associated mixed equities sentiment.

A US December quarter GDP estimate, due overnight Thursday, is likely to further spawn speculation regarding next week's Federal Reserve policy meeting, and could hence swing currency and hence gold trade.

Base metals – a mix of production reports, economic indicators, currency swings and some caution with several markets remaining closed again influenced select overnight base metals trade.

Among the producers Norilsk Nickel revealed it expected *nickel* output to decline in 2023 after increasing by 13% in 2022.

China's markets will remain closed this week during the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival holiday season. Markets in Hong Kong remain closed today. Markets in Singapore and South Korea trade for the first time this week today.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7050	0.0022	0.32

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
AIQ	Today	4.25	0	0.00
DJW	30 Jan	7.25	100	4.60
GCI	30 Jan	1.28	0	5.90
PCI	30 Jan	0.56	0	5.52
TCF	30 Jan	3.5	0	6.61
AMH	1 Feb	1	100	3.43
EZL	1 Feb	2.5	100	10.00
NBI	1 Feb	0.71	0	6.33
AFI	2 Feb	11	100	3.15
VUK	9 Feb	13.36	0	1.87
BKI	10 Feb	4.2	100	3.88

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	FMG	Dec Q
	ILU	Dec Q
	IFL	Dec Q
	NCM	Dec Q
	RMS	Dec Q (tele 10.30am)
	RRL	Dec Q (w/cast 11am)
	SBM	Dec Q
	WDS	Dec Q
Fri	LRK	Dec Q (webinar 11.30am)
Mon	ALC	Dec Q (w/cast & Q&A 11am)
	LYC	Dec Q (w/cast 11am)
	MMM	Dec Q (tele 5.30pm)
Tue	GOR	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11.30am)
	NIC	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11am)
	PAC	31 Dec FUM
	PBH	Dec Q & update (tele 9am)
Wed (1 Feb)	NUF	AGM



EUR – USD 1.0888 0.0011 0.10

Australian Data Today

ABS	CPI	Dec Q
Westpac/MelbInstitute	Leading index	Dec

US Data Tonight

MBA mortgage applications; rates	20 Jan
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Leading economic index (final; 4pm AEDT)	Nov
UK	Producer prices	Dec
Germany	IFO business climate	Jan
Russia	Producer prices	Dec

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