

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	<b>5839</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	8082	-9	-0.1
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	22894	-4	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2555	-1	0.0
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	6119	-2	0.0

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade on a swag of influential ASX company announcements and several positive key commodities leads.

US **gold** futures settled slightly lower overnight. **Oil** and **iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) continued higher, however. LME **copper** and **nickel** rallied.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (**RBA**) publishes minutes from its October policy meeting.

September new motor vehicle sales are also due, and pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment reading.

The **\$A** slipped to ~US78.50c overnight, after trading at ~US78.75c early yesterday evening.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>22957</b>	85	<b>0.4</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2558	4	<b>0.2</b>
<b>NASDAQ</b>	6624	18	<b>0.3</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7527	-8	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>DAX 30</b>	13004	12	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3378	-12	<b>-0.4</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly opened higher overnight, and despite vacillations, the majority settled higher for the session. The FTSE100 again proved the exception.

Among data releases, a New York manufacturing index jumped 5.8 points for the month, to a 30.2 three-year peak.

The **euro zone's** August trade surplus slipped €1.4B over the year, and €7.1B for the month, to €16.1B. This was mostly attributed to euro strength, which helped push the annual value of imports 8.6% higher, to €155.4B, against the value of exports, which rose 6.8% to €171.5B.

**Tonight** in the US, September industrial production and trade prices are due, together with a housing market index.

Across the Atlantic, **Bank of England** governor Mark Carney and other BoE officials will be quizzed by parliamentarians.

Danone, Goldman Sachs, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Morgan Stanley and United Health are scheduled to report earnings.

In overnight corporate news, an **Apple** research rating upgrade supported the DJIA, lifting Apple stock ~2%.

Post-US trade, **Netflix** reported higher-than-forecast September quarter subscriber numbers,

**RBA – policy meeting minutes 11.30am AEDST**

**RBA – assistant governor (economic) Luci Ellis is an investment conference panel member, Sydney, 11.30am AEDST**

**\* Minerals exploration listing 1pm AEDST – BYH \***

## Today's Stock Watch

### Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ) / IOOF Holdings (IFL)

ANZ is selling its pensions and investments OnePath (superannuation) business and its wealth management division to IFL for \$A975M. ANZ will distribute IFL wealth management products over a 20-year period.

IFL trading halt called this morning as IFL commences a fully-underwritten \$A450M institutional placement. IFL also plans to conduct a \$100M SPP, and to utilise new debt facilities to help fund the purchase. IFL traded at \$11.23 - \$11.30 yesterday.

### Ten Network Holdings (TEN) / Nine Entertainment Company (NEC)

TEN has secured former NEC breakfast prime-time presenter Lisa Wilkinson. Ms Wilkinson finished with NEC yesterday.

### APN Outdoor Group (APO)

APO has appointed V8 Supercars Australia CEO and MD James Warburton as APO CEO, effective 22 January. Mr Warburton resigned from his Supercars roles early this week, effective at the end of the year. Mr Warburton is also a former Ten Network Holdings (ASX: TEN) CEO. His APO base salary is listed as \$1M.

### Myer Holdings (MYR)

MYR has appointed former Bulgari UK and Australia MD Julie Ann Morrison as a non-executive director. Ms Morrison is also non-executive chair of MYR subsidiary board Speciality Brands Australia and an advisory board member and consultant to Cala Zampatti Pty Ltd.

## Resources

### Rio Tinto (RIO)

Produced 1% fewer tonnes of iron ore (241.9Mt) over the nine months to 30 September than for the same period last year. Compared with the June quarter 2017, however, production rose 6% and shipments 11%. Iron ore pellets and concentrate production rose 18% for the quarter, and 7% year-on-year for the nine months.

For the nine months, mined copper and coking coal output have fallen 15% and 10% respectively.

### Bryah Resources (\* BYH) / Australian Vanadium (AVL)

Gold and base metals explorer BYH is scheduled to list **1pm AEDST** following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 28M shares; 12.5M options. AVL holds 13.39%.

## Energy

### Oil Search (OSH)

Produced 7.91MMboe during the September quarter and sold 8.19MMboe, 9% and 18% more respectively than for the June quarter. Revenue grew 15% to \$US380.8M.

and revenue that slightly exceeded expectations.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Dec)</b>	<b>1303</b>	oz	-2	-0.1
<b>Silver (NY) (Sep)</b>	17.3	oz	-0.16	-0.9
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1303	oz	4	0.3
<b>Platinum</b>	930	oz	-14	-1.5
<b>WTI Crude (Nov)</b>	<b>51.9</b>	bbl	0.4	0.8
<b>Brent Crude (Nov)</b>	<b>57.8</b>	bbl	0.65	1.1
<b>Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)</b>	<b>62.9</b>	t	0.4	0.7
<b>Copper</b>	<b>7135</b>	t	253	3.7
<b>Nickel</b>	11865	t	190	1.6
<b>Aluminium</b>	2136	t	2	0.1
<b>Lead</b>	2540	t	10	0.4
<b>Zinc</b>	3194	t	-41	-1.3
<b>Tin</b>	20600	t	0	0.0
<b>CBT Wheat (Dec)</b>	<b>4.37</b>	bshl	-0.03	-0.7

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – Iraqi forces took a key position in **Kurdistan's** Kirkuk, underscoring the risk of up to **600,000bbl/d** of oil exports from Kurdish territory. 350,000bbl/d worth of production was reportedly temporarily shut down during the battle for Kirkuk. In the meantime, **US** government agency the EIA predicted domestic **shale** production would extend this year's monthly rises in November, this time by a daily 82,000bbl to 6.12MMbbl/d.

**Gold** – traded higher early before pushed down by some profit-taking and generally positive equities sentiment.

**Base metals** – LME *copper* notably traded beyond \$US7000/t for the first time in three years, settling well past this mark with support from a 26.5% rise in China's September imports of unwrought copper. China's September PPI (up 6.9% year-on-year), published yesterday, also supported overnight trade.

CPI growth slowed 0.2% to a 1.6% annual rate, impacted mostly by food prices.

The five-yearly Communist Party Congress is due to commence tomorrow. This and the following plenary session will be watched closely.

Meanwhile, Peru said it has fielded interest from 20 companies for the Michiquillay copper project, ahead of a November auction expected to achieve ~\$US2B.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7855	0.0006	0.08
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1794	0.0003	0.02

### Australian Data Today

ANZ/RyMgn	Consumer sentiment	15 Oct
RBA	Policy meeting minutes	Oct
ABS	New motor vehicle sales	Sep

### US Data Tonight

Industrial production	Sep
Import & export prices	Sep
NAHB housing market index	Oct

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Telstra Corporation (\*\* TLS)

Today's AGM CEO and chairman addresses lodged.

### Challenger Ltd (\* CGF)

AUM grew 5% during the September quarter to \$73.5B. Anticipating 8% - 12% higher, \$545M - \$565M FY 2018 normalised pre-tax net profit. Additional statistics lodged this morning.

### Sigma Healthcare (\* SIG)

SIG has achieved a negotiated settlement regarding a supply agreement dispute with My Chemist/Chemist Warehouse Group. Discussions on a new agreement are expected to take place during 2018. Confirming \$90M FY 2018 EBIT guidance.

### Platinum Asset Management (PTM)

\$US24.8B worth of FUM as at 30 September.

In addition, AccessAlpha Worldwide has been appointed PTM's US distributor.

### Nanollose Ltd (\* NC6)

Nanocellulose biotech company scheduled to list 1pm AEDST tomorrow following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

## Resources

### St Barbara (\* SBM)

Produced 98,259oz of gold during the September quarter at a \$A889/oz AISC. Realised \$A1637/oz, against \$A1715/oz for the June quarter.

Webcast briefing scheduled to commence 11am AEDST. Access details lodged this morning.

### Galaxy Resources (\* GXY)

Produced 47,075t of lithium concentrate during the September quarter, 43% more than for the June quarter.

Sold 41,834t.

Production cash costs, excluding royalties and marketing fees, averaged \$US320/t.

Realised selling prices, pre-royalties and marketing fees, averaged \$US843/t.

\$A57.4M cash.

## Energy

### Stanmore Coal (SMR)

September quarter operational statistics lodged this morning.

### Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

AGM scheduled for 16 November, Melbourne.

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Elixir Petroleum	EXR	17 Oct
Robo 3D	RBO	17 Oct
Alto Metals	AME	18 Oct
Aruma Resources	AAJ	18 Oct
Axesstoday Ltd	AXL	18 Oct
Castle Minerals	CDT	18 Oct
Equus Mining	EQE	18 Oct
FirstWave Cloud Technology	FCT	18 Oct
Haoma Mining	HAO	18 Oct
IOT Group	IOT	18 Oct
SmartTrans Holdings	SMA	18 Oct
UltraCharge Ltd	UTR	18 Oct

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>UK</b>	CPI	Sep
UK	PPI	Sep
<b>Germany</b>	ZEW economic sentiment	Oct
<b>Euro zone</b>	CPI (final)	Sep

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Centennial Mining	CTL	19 Oct
IOOF Holdings	IFL	19 Oct

**Suspensions** *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
Arrowhead Resources	AR1	9 Oct
Caeneus Minerals	CAD	12 Oct
Cudoco Ltd	CDU	28 Sep
Kinetiko Energy	KKO	5 Oct
Lantern Hotel Group	LTN	2 Oct
Neurotech International	NTI	13 Oct
SIV Asset Management	SAM	10 Oct
XPD Soccer Gear Group	XPD	11 Oct

**Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
<b>FGG</b>	Today	<b>1</b>	100	0.88
<b>FGX</b>	Today	<b>2.2</b>	100	3.71
<b>WAA</b>	Today	<b>2.75</b>	100	4.70
<b>WAM</b>	Today	<b>7.5</b>	100	6.02
<b>WAX</b>	Today	<b>4.5</b>	100	5.52
KSC	Tomorrow	2	100	2.00
1AL	Thu	3.5	0	6.06
AVG	Thu	1	100	2.27
NAC	23 Oct	2.5	100	4.81
NHC	23 Oct	6	100	5.00
SNC	23 Oct	3.5	100	6.73

**Reports & Events***(selected scheduled)*

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>CGF</b>	Sep Q
	<b>COH</b>	AGM
	<b>GXY</b>	Sep Q
	<b>ORA</b>	AGM
	<b>RIO</b>	Sep Q
	<b>SBM</b>	Sep Q
	<b>TLS</b>	AGM
<b>Tomorrow</b>	AZJ	AGM; Sep Q
	BHP	Sep Q
	BXB	AGM
	CSL	AGM
	ORG	AGM
	SSM	AGM
	TRS	AGM
	TWE	AGM
<b>Thu</b>	API	Full-year
	BHP	AGM (Lon)
	HSO	AGM
	ILU	Sep Q
	IMD	AGM
	LLC	Investor Day
	NST	Sep Q
	SFR	Sep Q
	STO	Sep Q
	SKT	AGM
	S32	Sep Q
	WPL	Sep Q



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<b>Fri</b>	ANN	AGM
	ARB	AGM
	BAP	AGM
	IAG	AGM
	MQA	Sep Q
	SKC	AGM
	SYD	AGM