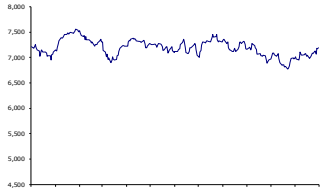
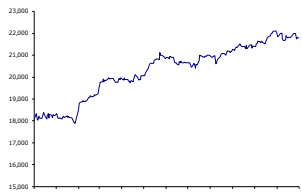


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Global Wrap – 10 December 2023

World Markets	10/12/2023	3/12/2023	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	7195	7073	1.7%	1.3%	29.8%
S&P 500	4604	4595	0.2%	2.3%	105.0%
FTSE 100	7554	7529	0.3%	0.9%	9.0%
DAX30	14050	13719	2.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Shanghai Composite	2970	3023	-1.8%	-2.7%	-7.6%
Nikkei 225	32308	33231	-2.8%	-3.3%	72.2%
Hang Seng	16334	16830	-2.9%	-9.7%	-28.6%
Currency					
AUD/USD	0.6583	0.6672	-1.3%	-0.5%	-4.2%
Commodities					
Oil (\$/bbl)	71.2	74.4	-4.2%	-7.0%	33.6%
Gas (\$/gal)	2.6	2.8	-8.3%	-23.2%	-41.8%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	8348	8456	-1.3%	2.2%	43.0%
Lead (\$/t)	1995	2099	-5.0%	-10.4%	-14.4%
Zinc (\$/t)	2432	2466	-1.4%	-8.1%	-11.4%
Aluminium (\$/t)	2111	2148	-1.7%	-4.3%	21.9%
Nickel (\$/t)	16605	16655	-0.3%	-3.2%	46.0%
Tin (\$/t)	24550	23250	5.6%	-2.2%	14.7%
Gold (\$/oz)	2015	2090	-3.6%	2.6%	71.8%
Silver (\$/oz)	23.3	25.9	-10.0%	-1.1%	36.2%
Platinum (\$/oz)	920	936	-1.7%	2.0%	-1.9%
Wheat (\$/t)	631.750	601.750	5.0%	7.4%	54.7%

Source: Iress

Key points

- 1. US shares hit new highs**
- 2. Santos and iron ore lifts ASX**
- 3. What to watch this week**

In the US the **S&P 500** rose on Friday to hit a new high for the year after the **November jobs report** and University of Michigan **consumer survey data** signalled a resilient economy and cooling inflation, fuelling hopes for a so-called soft landing scenario.

The **S&P 500** added 0.41% to settle at 4,604.37, while the **Nasdaq Composite** rose 0.45% to finish at 14,403.97. The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** gained 130.49 points, or 0.36%, to end at 36,247.87.

The S&P 500 posted its highest close of the year last week. The benchmark is now up about 20% on the year and trading at its highest level back to March 2022.



The **jobs report** continues to portray an economy that “isn’t on the brink of recession,” while the combination of falling inflation expectations and a pick up in consumer sentiment support a soft landing outcome, a senior investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors told CNBC.

November’s nonfarm payrolls report showed an unexpected drop in the unemployment rate. The jobless rate fell to 3.7% in November from 3.9% the prior month. It was expected to remain the same.

The economy added 199,000 jobs, slightly ahead of the 190,000 estimate from Dow Jones and well ahead of the 150,000 jobs added in October. Average hourly earnings, seen as a leading indicator of inflation, rose about as expected in November as the economy added more jobs than the prior month.

Meanwhile, a closely watched University of Michigan survey showed inflation expectations drop and consumer sentiment jump in December to its highest level since July.

These data points support the notion that the Fed is guiding the US economy toward a soft landing — a steady economic recovery amid falling inflation.

Some traders now expect the Fed to start cutting rates as early as next spring, with its latest policy meeting set for Wednesday.

Shares of **Boeing**, **FedEx**, and **Costco** hit new highs for the year on Friday as investors bet the economy would skirt a recession.

Asian markets slumped across the board on Friday as investors assessed trade data from China and Australia, and mirroring Wall Street’s dip on Thursday.

China’s November trade numbers surprised expectations, with exports climbing 0.5% and imports falling 0.6% year on year. Economists polled by Reuters expected a 1.1% year-on-year drop in exports and a 3.3% climb in imports.

The trade surplus for the world’s second-largest economy also widened to \$68.39 billion, beating forecasts of \$58 billion.

Separately, **prices of oil** have rebounded slightly after hitting their lowest level since June.

Japan’s **Nikkei 225** fell 1.76% to close at 32,858.31 after leading gains in Asia on Wednesday, while the Topix slid 1.14% to 2,359.91.

South Korea’s **Kospi** shed 0.13% to finish at 2,492.07, while the small-cap Kosdaq closed 0.77% at 813.2.

Hong Kong’s **Hang Seng index** dropped 0.66%, paring losses in its final hour, while the **mainland Chinese CSI 300** slipped 0.24%, hitting new four year lows at 3,391.28.

European markets held in positive territory on Friday afternoon, as traders around the world assessed the American November jobs report.

The pan-European **Stoxx 600 index** was up 0.5% by mid-afternoon, with travel and leisure stocks adding 0.9% to lead gains while mining stocks fell 1.3%.

Anglo American shares bucked the trend, plunging more than 13% by mid-afternoon after the global mining company announced plans to cut capital expenditure by \$1.8 billion by 2026, amid a fall in metal demand and a substantial write-down for a British fertilizer project.

At the top of the Stoxx 600, Austrian sensors and lighting company **AMS-Osram** jumped more than 6% after announcing high take-up on an \$876 million rights issue.



Australian shares rebounded from early losses on Friday as a sharp rally in **Santos** and strength in iron ore prices sent the benchmark 1.7% higher for the week in the second straight period of gains.

The **S&P/ASX 200** rose 0.3% or 21.6 points higher to 7194.9. The All Ordinaries also rose 0.3%.

Energy and materials led gains. Santos was the second-biggest outperformer after leaping 6.2% to \$7.25, the largest one-day rise in more than a year as investors cheered a possible merger with **Woodside**.

Meanwhile **Woodside** shares eased 0.5% to \$29.81 on concerns that it may leave too much on the table.

Yet some investors were optimistic about the deal: “A proposed merger unlocks plenty of value for Santos shareholders in the short term and the notable cost synergies will benefit Woodside over the medium term,” George Boubouras, head of research at K2 Asset Management, told the Australian Financial Review.

Iron ore prices jumped 1% on robust Chinese demand and lifted miners. **Rio Tinto** shares added 0.9% to \$128.89, the highest level since August 2021. **BHP** gained 0.7% to \$47.74 and **Fortescue** rallied 1.1% to \$25.775.

Investors also favoured **lithium explorers**, sending **Sayona** 13% higher at 6.1¢. **Allkem**, **Lake Resources** and **Liontown Resources** climbed more than 4% each.

In other corporate news, energy player **Genex Power** rallied 2.9% to 17.5¢ after locking in a long-term power sales deal with Queensland state generator Stanwell Corporation.

ANZ ended flat at \$24.61 after coping a fine by ASIC for breaching disclosure obligation in 2015.

Sky City Entertainment Group shed 3.5% to \$1.665 after lowering revenue guidance for fiscal 2024.

Washington H Soul Pattinson, which has lobbed a \$3 billion takeover bid for fund manager **Perpetual**, retreated 0.5% to \$32.88 after posting a negative return in its first quarter ending in October. In contrast, Perpetual shares rose 1.4% to \$25.7.

Sigma Healthcare extended its trading halt pending the release of an announcement regarding a “material transaction”. *The Australian Financial Review* reported earlier this week that Chemist Warehouse planned to take control of Sigma Healthcare in a reverse listing.

Also on Friday **Treasurer Jim Chalmers** confirmed the Reserve Bank of Australia board should aim to return inflation to the middle of the 2 to 3% target band.

He has also axed a controversial proposal requiring the Reserve Bank of Australia to give “equal consideration” to full employment and inflation as part of a new agreement that may mean interest rates stay higher for longer.

IFM Investors chief economist Alex Joiner said targeting the middle of the band made the prospect of a rate cut unlikely until late 2024, given the RBA’s current inflation forecasts do not show it achieving 2.5% inflation at any point in the next couple of years.

This coming week the main international news will be the **US Federal Reserve’s interest rate decision** on Wednesday, as well as **US Producer Price Index** data, after **US CPI** on Tuesday.

RBA Governor Michelle Bullock will deliver a speech on Tuesday, which will be closely watched for indications about Australian interest rate moves. **Australian employment data** will be out on Thursday, as will **US retail sales data**. **Chinese industrial production** and **US industrial production figures** will be released on Friday

Sources: *CNBC, AFR, FXStreet*

**Economic Calendar 11/12/2023 - 15/12/2023**

Tuesday December 12 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:30 AM	AU	Westpac Consumer Confidence Change DEC		-2.6%		3%	
08:30 AM	AU	NAB Business Confidence NOV		-2		-1	
03:00 PM	GB	Unemployment Rate OCT		4.2%		4.3%	
06:00 PM	DE	ZEW Economic Sentiment Index DEC		9.8	8.8	7.5	
09:30 PM	US	Core Inflation Rate MoM NOV		0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	
09:30 PM	US	Core Inflation Rate YoY NOV		4%	4%	4.0%	
09:30 PM	US	Inflation Rate MoM NOV		0%	0%	0.1%	
09:30 PM	US	Inflation Rate YoY NOV		3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	
Wednesday December 13 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:50 AM	JP	Tankan Large Manufacturers Index Q4		9	10	10	
03:00 PM	GB	GDP MoM OCT		0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	
09:30 PM	US	PPI MoM NOV		-0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	
Thursday December 14 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
03:00 AM	US	Fed Interest Rate Decision		5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	
03:00 AM	US	FOMC Economic Projections					
03:30 AM	US	Fed Press Conference					
08:00 PM	GB	BoE Interest Rate Decision		5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	
09:15 PM	EA	ECB Interest Rate Decision		4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	
09:30 PM	US	Retail Sales MoM NOV		-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	
09:45 PM	EA	ECB Press Conference					
Friday December 15 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
10:00 AM	CN	Industrial Production YoY NOV		4.6%	5.6%	5.8%	
10:00 AM	CN	Retail Sales YoY NOV		7.6%	12.5%	12.2%	
04:30 PM	DE	HCOB Manufacturing PMI Flash DEC		42.6	43.3	44.1	

Economic Calendar 18/12/2023 – 22/12/2023

Monday December 18 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
05:00 PM	DE	Ifo Business Climate DEC		87.3		88.1	
Tuesday December 19 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 AM	AU	RBA Meeting Minutes					
11:00 AM	JP	BoJ Interest Rate Decision		-0.1%		-0.1%	
09:30 PM	CA	Inflation Rate YoY NOV		3.1%			
09:30 PM	US	Building Permits Prel NOV		1.498M			
Wednesday December 20 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:50 AM	JP	Balance of Trade NOV		¥-662.5B			
03:00 PM	DE	GfK Consumer Confidence JAN		-27.8		-24	
03:00 PM	GB	Inflation Rate YoY NOV		4.6%		4.0%	
Thursday December 21 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:30 PM	US	GDP Growth Rate QoQ Final Q3		2.1%		5.2%	
Friday December 22 2023			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:30 AM	JP	Inflation Rate YoY NOV		3.3%		2.6%	
03:00 PM	GB	Retail Sales MoM NOV		-0.3%		0.6%	
09:30 PM	US	Core PCE Price Index MoM NOV		0.2%			
09:30 PM	US	Durable Goods Orders MoM NOV		-5.4%			
09:30 PM	US	Personal Income MoM NOV		0.2%			
09:30 PM	US	Personal Spending MoM NOV		0.2%			

Source: www.tradingeconomics.com

**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 8 December 2023**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
CHN	Chalice Mining Ltd	22.2	EVN	Evolution Mining Ltd	-10.9
AWC	Alumina Limited	14.1	PDN	Paladin Energy Ltd	-9.7
PPT	Perpetual Limited	14.0	EMR	Emerald Res NL	-8.6
HMC	HMC Capital Limited	12.3		360 Life360 Inc.	-7.8
MFG	Magellan Fin Grp Ltd	12.1	RMS	Ramelius Resources	-7.3
CNI	Centuria Capital	11.1	CMM	Capricorn Metals	-7.0
IRE	IRESS Limited	10.6	KAR	Karoon Energy Ltd	-6.8
EVT	EVT Limited	10.4	AUB	AUB Group Ltd	-6.0
PNI	Pinnacle Investment	9.6	QBE	QBE Insurance Group	-5.3
WBT	Weebit Nano Ltd	9.0	TLX	Telix Pharmaceutical	-5.1

Source: IRESS

S & P Indices Week Ending 8 December 2023

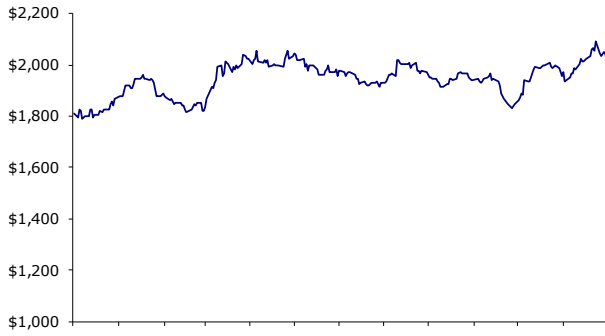
S&P Indices	10/12/2023	3/12/2023	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	10149	10283	-1.3%	-4.3%	14.1%
S&P 200 Materials	18261	17896	2.0%	1.6%	84.4%
S&P 200 Industrials	6588	6510	1.2%	1.2%	29.1%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	3075	3024	1.7%	-0.5%	46.9%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	11931	11630	2.6%	0.6%	39.4%
S&P 200 Healthcare	39615	38811	2.1%	3.0%	105.5%
S&P 200 Financials	6413	6316	1.5%	2.3%	0.7%
S&P 200 Info Technology	1725	1689	2.1%	0.8%	121.8%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1508	1478	2.0%	0.8%	-14.1%
S&P 200 Utilities	7982	8043	-0.8%	-4.6%	5.9%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1413	1365	3.5%	1.3%	5.3%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	7153	7044	1.5%	2.3%	0.7%

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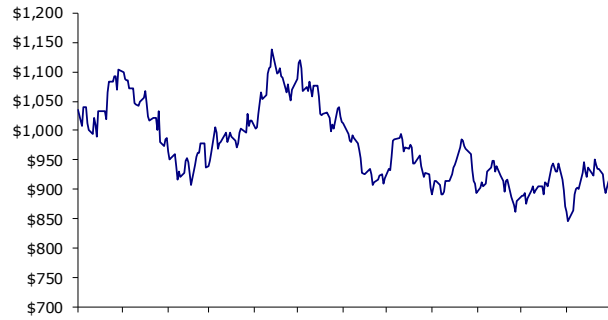


1 Year Commodity Price Charts

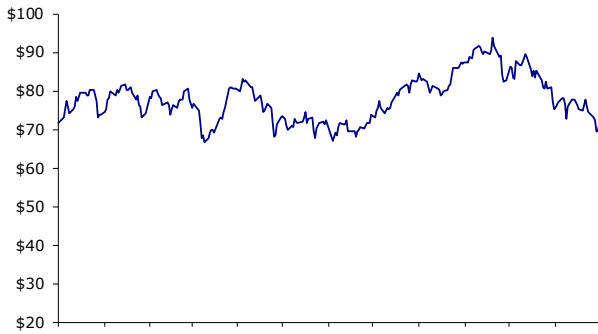
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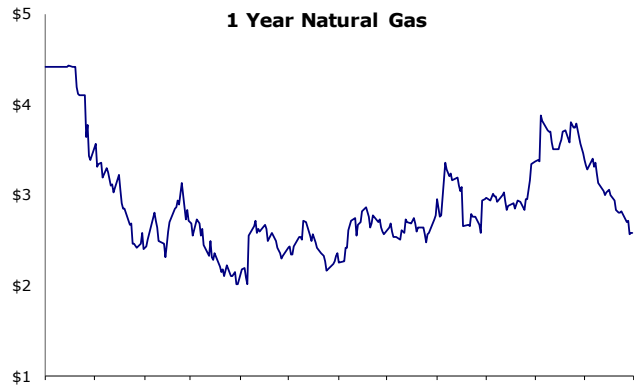
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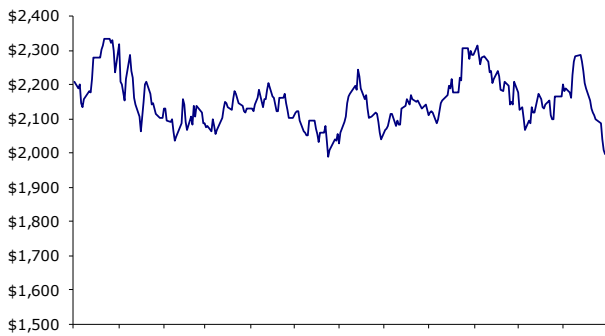
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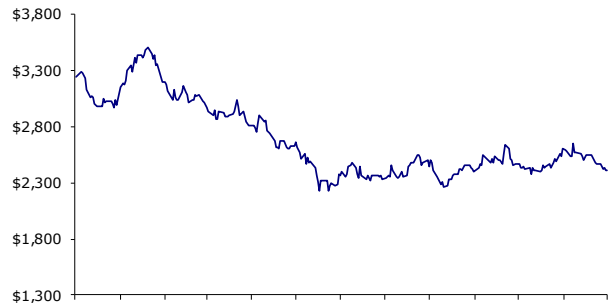
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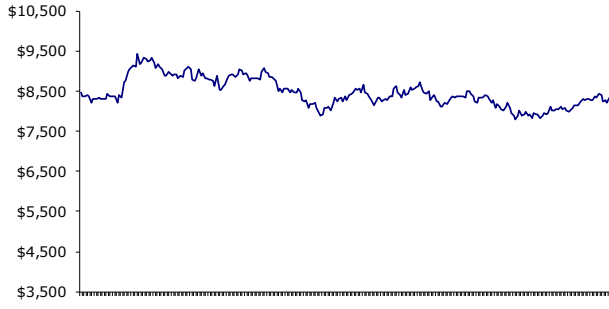


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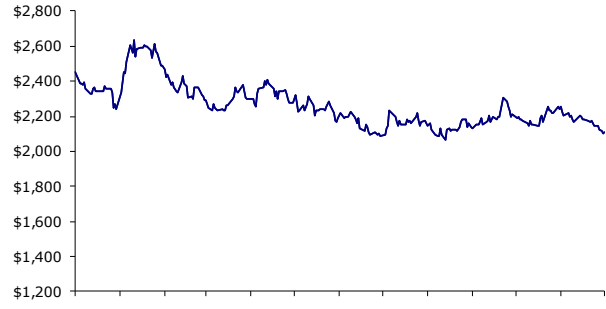




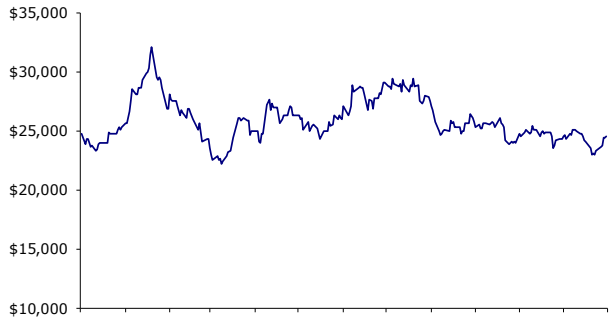
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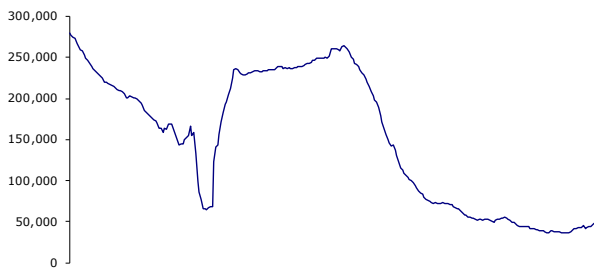


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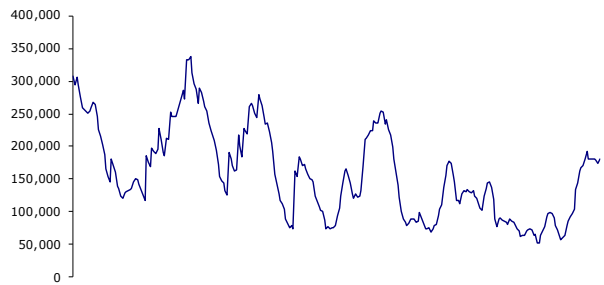


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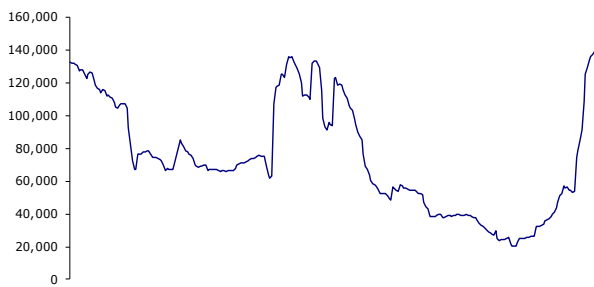
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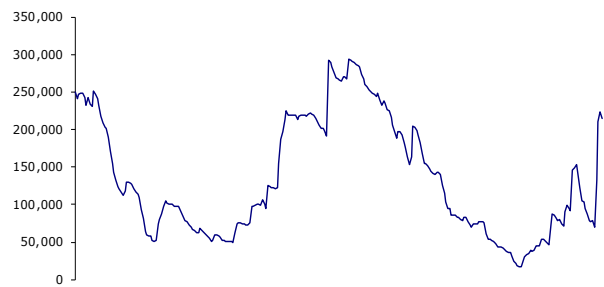
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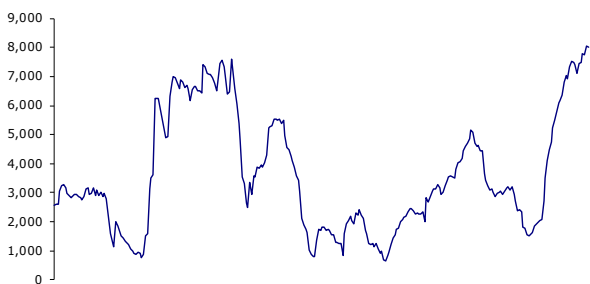
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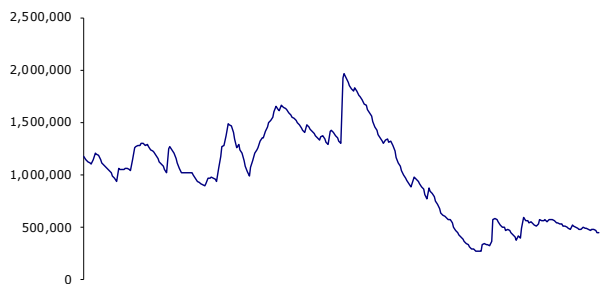
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