

Daily Resources Overview

Note: Our Bloomberg-derived Daily Resources Overview is currently unavailable.

We hope to have it back ASAP.

SPI futures up 33 points or 0.6% to 5774 at 8.10am AEDT

AUD +0.5% to 78.53 US cents

On Wall St: Dow +1.7%, S&P 500 +1.4%, Nasdaq +1.6%

VIX -9.9% to 26.18

In New York, BHP +2.3% Rio +2.8%

In Europe: Stoxx 50 +1.3%, FTSE +1.2%, CAC +1.2%, DAX +1.5%

Spot gold +0.6% to \$US1324.18 an ounce

Brent crude -0.1% to \$US62.70 a barrel

US oil +0.2% to \$US59.34 a barrel

Iron ore -0.3% to \$US76.24 a tonne

Dalian iron ore +0.3% to 523.5 yuan

LME aluminium +0.1% to \$US2124 a tonne

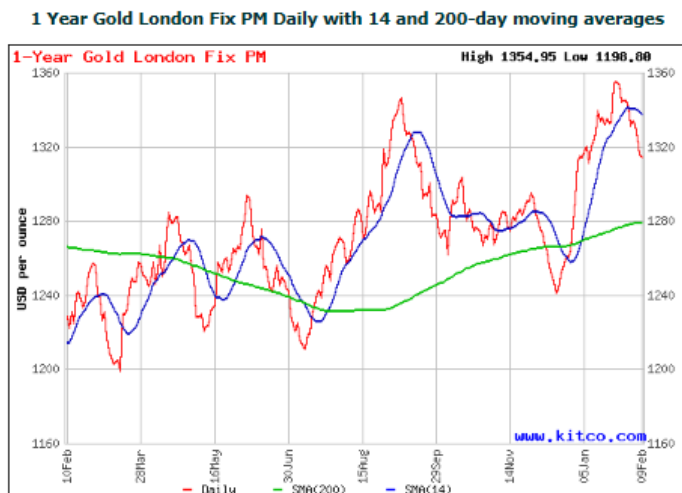
LME copper +1.1% to \$US6831 a tonne

10-year bond yield: US 2.85%, Germany 0.75%, Australia 2.91%

PRECIOUS METALS COMMENTARY

Gold and **silver prices** were ending the U.S. day session with solid gains Monday. The precious metals were supported by a weaker U.S. dollar index and a rebound in crude oil prices. Some short covering in the futures market and bargain hunting in the cash market were featured in both metals, following last week's selling pressure. Impressively, the metals were able to post good price gains despite a big rally in the U.S. stock market. World stock markets were also higher Monday, on a bounce from last week's strong losses. The big question still on traders' minds to start the trading week is if the recent period of very high daily price volatility has ended. Price action early this week will go a long way in answering that question. Still, major chart damage has been inflicted on the U.S. stock indexes to suggest those markets have topped out. Such a scenario is a bullish underlying element for the precious metals markets

Source: Kitco



US Market

Following Wall Street's worst weekly performance in just over two years, the market on Monday is enjoying its largest two-day bounce in more than five years. The S&P 500 was up 1.9 per cent to 1,385.97 at pixel time in afternoon trade. Coupled with Friday's 1.4 per cent gain, the benchmark's two-session jump of 3.3 per cent is its biggest since July 27, 2012, but some of that steam was starting to come out of the market.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.9 per cent at 24,649.55 but had gained as much as 2.3 per cent on Monday, while the Nasdaq Composite added 1.7 per cent to 6988.41. The dollar index, a measure of the US currency against a weighted basket of peers, was down 0.3 per cent at 90.191, while the yield on benchmark 10-year US Treasury was up 2.7 basis points to 2.8585. Yields move in the opposite direction to bond prices.



DOW JONES Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

Australia Market

The S&P/ASX 200 index slipped by 17 points or by 0.3 per cent and reached to 5820 points while All Ordinaries also lost and traded at 5919. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank dropped by 2.1per cent and was recorded at \$11 as its half-year crash earnings rose by 10.7 per cent and amounted to \$225.3 million. Westpac, CBA, NAB and ANZ fell by 0.7 per cent, 0.5 per cent, 0.8 per cent and by 0.7 per cent respectively and traded at \$30.14, \$75.88, \$28.68 and at \$27.70 respectively.

Australian shares are poised to open higher, as Wall Street shares found some upward momentum midway through the overnight session. ASX futures were 36 points higher at 7.15am AEDT, reversing earlier losses. The Australian dollar edged up 0.4 per cent. Oil bounced then retreated. Gold was higher. Iron ore slipped.

Aurizon, rose 2 per cent to \$4.69 after telling investors that its first-half net profit jumped 52 per cent. Amcor rose 0.6 per cent to \$14.38 after generating a 15 per cent lift in net profit after tax to \$US329.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2017.



AURIZON Daily Chart (Source: Thomson Reuters)

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