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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	7444	-33	-0.3
NZX 50	13241	22	0.2
DJIA Futures	35386	46	0.1
S&P 500 Futures	4527	7	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	15592	10	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences the first trading day for September with several influential domestic and regional economic indicators due by late morning, a large fall in a domestic manufacturing index already in hand, and numerous large-cap domestic stocks trading ex-dividend, ahead of key data releases from both sides of the Atlantic tonight.

Overnight international equities sentiment proved weak.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes June quarter **GDP** figures **11.30am AEST**.

Pre-trade, the AiG has released a **51.6** August **manufacturing PMI** estimate, from 60.8 for July.

Also today, CoreLogic is due to report August **residential property prices**.

Post – ASX trade, the RBA publishes August commodity prices.

Large-cap stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **BGA**, **IRE**, **RMS**, **SIQ**, **SXL**, **TWE** and **WES**. Please see pp4-5 for a detailed exdividend list.

Regionally today, Caixin is due to release its August manufacturing PMI for **China** at **11.45am** AEST.

South Korea reports August trade figures as ASX trade opens.

In overnight commodities trade, oil swung lower.

US gold futures turned modestly higher.

Iron ore (China port CFR, 62% fines) picked up the pace of Monday's decline.

LME copper, nickel and aluminium rallied.

The **\$A** fell to ~US73.15c after trading at ~US73.30c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

FTSE 100 7120 -28 -0.4	INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
NASDAQ 15259 -7 -0.0 FTSE 100 7120 -28 -0.4 DAX 30 15835 -52 -0.3	Dow Jones	35361	-39	-0.1
FTSE 100 7120 -28 -0.4 DAX 30 15835 -52 -0.3	S&P 500	4523	-6	-0.1
DAX 30 15835 -52 -0.3	NASDAQ	15259	-7	-0.0
	FTSE 100	7120	-28	-0.4
Shanghai Comp 3544 16 0.5	DAX 30	15835	-52	-0.3
	Shanghai Comp	3544	16	0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating sentiment featured across major European, UK and US

Today's Stock Watch

Suncorp Group (SUN)

\$A375M worth of notes allocated following a book-build for a planned \$350M offer. 2.90% margin.

Imugene Ltd (IMU)

Planning two further phase two HER-Vaxx (immunotherapy treatment) gastric cancer trials following trial data. Statistics lodged this morning.

Decmil Group (DCG)

\$28.2M road and bridge construction contract secured for the WA east Pilbara Roy Hill – Munjina Road alignment.

Mosaic Brands (MOZ)

\$2.78M full year NPAT from a \$170.36M FY20 net loss.

3.8% lower, \$708.77M ordinary activities revenue.

\$25.1M net cash. Trading halt called this morning.

ResApp Health (RAP)

Indonesian regulatory approval in hand for the smartphone-based acute respiratory disease diagnostic test ResAppDx.

Yojee Ltd (YOJ)

Yojee Labs launch underway.

Resources

OceanaGold Corporation (OGC)

Macraes and Waihi operations have resumed, following an easing of Covid-19 – related restrictions in parts of New Zealand.

OGC expects 4000oz – 5000oz adverse production impacts for each operation from the recent restrictions, but plans to 'look for opportunities to make up for the decrease'.

Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

In receipt of a requisition request regarding two proposed AGM resolutions, one regarding general meeting member resolutions in relation to exercise of director power and also seeking assurance of adherence to WA Cultural Heritage Protection legislation. FMG says the notice has been received from shareholders holding ~0.0048% of FMG.

Element 25 (E25) / OM Holdings (OMH)

A second E25 WA Butcherbird project manganese concentrate shipment, tallying ~27,000t, is on its way OMH subsidiary OM Materials.

De Grey Mining (DEG)

Hemi gold project Diucon drilling has delivered depth, width and strike mineralisation extensions.

Kuniko Ltd (KNI)

KNI has appointed former Norway Sydvaranger iron project CEO Antony Beckmand as CEO, effective immediately.



equities markets overnight.

Earlier yesterday, economic indicators out of China, Japan and South Korea confirmed slower progress.

Overnight, new data releases from both sides of the Atlantic also concerned, with several attributed to Covid-19 spread.

Among the overnight **data** releases, the **euro zone**'s preliminary August CPI estimate represented 0.4% inflation for the month following 0.1% July deflation.

Against August 2020, the CPI was 3.0% higher.

Germany's August unemployment was reported at 5.5% from 5.6%.

In the **UK**, July net lending to individuals pulled back by £1.4B.

In the **US**, the Chicago PMI fell to 66.8 from 73.4.

The Conference Board's August consumer confidence index dropped 11.3 points to 113.8.

Meanwhile, the Case-Shiller and FHFA June residential property price indices indicated respective 2% and 1.6% monthly increases.

Prices were 18.8% and 19.1% higher respectively than for June 2020.

Tonight in the US, an August private sector employment report, the ISM August manufacturing index and July construction spending are due, together with weekly mortgage applications.

Elsewhere, Germany reports July retail sales. Finalise August manufacturing PMIs are due for the UK and euro zone.

Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include Campbell Soup, Chewy and Pernod Ricard.

In overnight corporate news, China gaming company **NetEase** gained $^{\sim}5\%$ in US trade after releasing quarterly earnings and declaring less than 1% of revenue traditionally came from users under the age of 18.

NetEase had fallen the previous session on China's proposed gaming restrictions for children.

Russia's **Gazprom** quarterly and half-year headline results reflected higher gas prices.

Zoom Video Communications was pushed more than 15% lower on a weaker-than-anticipated revenue forecast.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1818.1	OZ	5.9	0.3
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.94	OZ	-0.066	-0.3
Gold (LON)	1799	OZ		
Platinum	1008	OZ	7	0.7
WTI Crude (NYMEX Oct)	68.50	bbl	-0.71	-1.0
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Oct)	72.99	bbl	-0.42	-0.6
Iron Ore (Qingdao) (CHN;62%f)	153.67	t	-2.99	-1.9
Iron Ore (Nymex)	159.25	t	-0.33	-0.2
Copper (LME Ind)	9527	t	117	1.2
Nickel	19595	t	582	3.1
Aluminium	2712	t	65	2.4
Lead	2259	t	-43	-1.9
Zinc	3000	t	-3	-0.1
Tin	34090	t	400	1.2

Pre-Open Announcements

Euroz Ltd (* EZL)

\$52.54M full year NPAT from a \$1.35M FY20 net loss.

164% higher, \$131.06M revenue. 71c NTA from 64c.

Previously declared (July), and paid (6 August), 13.5c fully franked final dividend from 6c a year earlier.

Jatcorp Ltd (JAT)

\$15.33M full year net loss from a \$17.596M FY20 loss. 64.75% lower, \$20.96M revenue.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

\$18.97M full year net loss from a \$17.41M FY20 loss.

109% higher, \$3.03M revenue.

2.4c NTA from 1.6c. \$13.45M cash.

Advanced Human Imaging (AHI)

\$14.06M full year net loss against an \$8.66M FY20 NPAT. 86.5% higher, \$1.24M revenue.

Shriro Holdings (SHM)

SHM has changed its year end from 31 December to 30 June.

44.7% higher (comparative calendar period), \$6.8M 1 January

- 30 June (transitional final) NPAT.

20.0% higher, \$94.3M revenue.

6c fully franked final dividend, from 3c (comparative calendar period).

63.4c NTA from 57.8c.

Buddy Technologies (BUD)

\$6.80M full year net loss from a \$46.99M FY20 loss.

7% lower, \$28.77M customer revenues.

\$2.09M cash and equivalents.

Zimi Ltd (ZMM) / Beacon Lighting Group (BLX)

ZMM Powermesh device shipments update lodged pre-trade.

Hydrix Ltd (HYD) / Memphasys Ltd (MEM)

'Felix' cross-ownership commercial arrangement agreed, following an 'engineering flaw' dispute.

Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

TEK-Ocean Group (* T3K)

Energy sector service provider scheduled to list on the ASX 11am AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$6.6M IPO at 50c per share. 32.73M quoted shares.

Rubicon Water (* RWL)

Water technology specialist scheduled to list on the ASX 11.30am AEST **tomorrow**, following a \$42.6M IPO at \$1.00 per share.

171.885M quoted shares.

Resources

Red 5 (* RED)

\$A43.245M full year net loss following a \$4.54M FY20 NPAT. 13% lower, \$173.36M revenue.

9.84c NTA against 10.01c.



Commodities Commentary

 $\it Oil$ – overnight price falls pushed Brent crude to an ~4% decline for August and WTI to a 7% drop, the first monthly falls since March.

Hurricane Ida was confirmed as having impacted 94% (~1.7MMbbl/d) of US Gulf of Mexico offshore petroleum production. Damage to power networks in Louisiana was described as 'catastrophic', pointing to a delayed recovery for refining operations.

Meanwhile, OPEC+ members were reported to be planning to increase production below that required to ease a predicted deficit for second-half 2021 and anticipated low stocks through the March quarter 2022.

OPEC and **OPEC+** are scheduled to discuss output levels from later today.

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

Overnight, post-US trade, the API released a report which estimated an ~4MMbbl fall for US crude stocks last week.

Brent October delivery futures expired on settlement overnight.

Gold – overnight gold interest benefited from some disappointing international economic data releases.

Currency moves proved mixed.

Base metals – the London Metals Exchange (LME) traded overnight for the first time this week and the last time for August.

Considerations included **China**'s official August PMIs, reported yesterday, and which suggested slowing growth for both the manufacturing and services sectors.

The manufacturing PMI slipped to 50.1 (just above the expansion-contraction cut-off) from 50.4.

The services sector activity index represented a drop into contraction mode, with a reading of 47.5 following July's 53.3.

Caixin will release its August manufacturing PMI for China today.

Overnight, reports also emerged of planned steel production curbs for China's Guangxi province due to administrators wanting to curb energy use.

Aluminium meanwhile traded at a reported \$US2727/t record peak overnight, due to a mix of supply restrictions (including those planned for Guangxi) and other constraints coupled with expected relatively strong demand.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7319	-0.0016	-0.21
EUR – USD	1.1810	-0.0018	-0.15

Australian Data Today

AiG	PMI	Aug
ABS	GDP	Jun Q
Core Logic	Home price index	Aug
RBA	Commodity prices	Aug

\$21.4M cash and bullion.

Zimplats Holdings (* ZIM)

US79c final dividend from US41c for FY20.

115% higher, \$US563.12M full year NPAT.

56% higher, \$US1.35B revenue.

\$US16.22NTA from \$US11.82.

Dacian Gold (* DCN)

\$7.50M full year net loss from a \$116.46M FY20 loss.

11% lower, \$241.62M revenue.

Flat, 30c NTA.

Metals X (* MLX)

\$88.25M full year NPAT from an \$80.34M FY20 net loss.

28.11% higher, \$93.83M revenue.

15c NTA from 6c.

Dreadnought Resources (DRE)

Heralding initial metallurgical test results (recovery and grade) using WA Gascoyne region Mangaroon project Yin prospect outcropping ironstones.

Talga Group (TLG)

Sweden Vittangi graphite project Niska South deposit trial mining expected to commence by month's end.

Firebird Metals (FRB)

FRB has discovered Oakover manganese project historical drill cores that remain untested.

RC drilling results anticipated 'over coming weeks'.

Benz Mining Corp (* BNZ)

Resuming from a trading halt having raised \$C10M in a \$C1.10-per-share placement, in support of Quebec Eastmain project exploration.

The shares have been issued as Canadian charity flow-through shares.

Immediately prior to calling the halt, BNZ had traded at C61c on the TSX-V.

Over the five sessions immediately prior to the halt, BNZ had traded on the ASX at A70c – A82c.

AIC Mines (A1M)

Proposing to acquire the producing Eloise copper mine, Cloncurry region, north Queensland, from FMR Investments.

A1C will pay FMR \$20M worth of A1C shares and \$5M cash, plus milestone-contingent \$2M cash.

Should the proposed transaction complete successfully, FMR will hold 28% - 30% of A1C.

A1M plans to raise \$30M - \$35M at 25c per share.

A1M trade remains suspended.

Energy

Terracom Ltd (* TER)

\$90.325M full year net loss.

73.3% higher, \$549.01M revenue.



US Data Tonight

ADP private sector employment change	Aug
Construction spending	Jul
ISM manufacturing	Aug
Markit manufacturing PMI (final)	Aug

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Caixin manufacturing PMI Aug	
South Korea	Trade balance Aug	
Japan	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Aug
UK	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Aug
Germany	Retail sales	Jul
Germany	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Aug
Euro zone	Unemployment	Jul
Euro zone	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Aug

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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Grand Gulf Energy	GGE	1 Sep
Live Verdure	LV1	1 Sep
Mithril Resources	MTH	1 Sep
Orminex Ltd	ONX	1 Sep
Volt Resources	VRC	1 Sep
Wingara AG	WNR	1 Sep
88 Energy	88E	2 Sep
Mont Royal Resources	MRZ	3 Sep

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
AIC Mines	A1M	25 Aug
AXP Energy	AXP	16 Aug
Environmental Clean Technologies	ECT	30 Aug
Superior Lake Resources	SUP	16 Aug
Troy Resources	TRY	1 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
AEF	Today	5	100	0.51
ASH	Today	2.4	100	8.11
AUI	Today	19	100	3.50
BGA	Today	5	100	1.78
CDD	Today	4	0	1.49
CGO	Today	3	100	4.85
DUI	Today	8.5	100	2.88
EDV	Today	7	100	0.00
FWD	Today	10.5	100	4.20
GLB	Today	20	100	2.60
IRE	Today	16	80	3.11
ITG	Today	1.4	0	1.89
KSL	Today	2.55	0	8.96
MGX	Today	2	100	4.92
MNF	Today	4.3	100	1.10
NBI	Today	0.8	0	5.08
NIC	Today	2	0	2.94
PFP	Today	5.75	100	1.57
QIP	Today	3.4	100	6.67
RMS	Today	2.5	100	1.30
SIQ	Today	17.5	100	4.31
SRV	Today	9	0	5.37
SXL	Today	5	100	0.00
TWE	Today	13	100	1.82
WES	Today	90	100	1.47
ВНР	Tomorrow	273.56	100	4.53



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BRI	Tomorrow	3	100	2.40
CSL	Tomorrow	161.4	10	0.90
CUV	Tomorrow	2.5	0	0.07
DRR	Tomorrow	11.52	100	0.56
GAP	Tomorrow	2	0	4.76
GNG	Tomorrow	7	100	4.92
НМС	Tomorrow	6	50	1.97
IBC	Tomorrow	1.25	100	1.92
IDX	Tomorrow	7	100	1.19
IVC	Tomorrow	9.5	100	0.57
JIN	Tomorrow	18.5	100	2.28
LIC	Tomorrow	5	100	0.28
MLD	Tomorrow	2.5	100	5.84
NHF	Tomorrow	14	100	2.07
PPT	Tomorrow	96	100	3.17
PTM	Tomorrow	12	100	5.78
SFC	Tomorrow	45	100	3.55
SLK	Tomorrow	9	100	1.28
WOW	Tomorrow	55	100	2.14

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	MTS	AGM
Tomorrow	CLX	Investor Day (10am – midday)