

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5530	49	0.9
NZX 50	6910	20	0.3
DJIA Futures	19517	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2237	27	1.2
NASDAQ Futures	4842	55	1.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade on strong positive international equities leads, ahead of domestic and regional trade statistics.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued lower. US **gold** futures swung higher. **Iron ore** (China port, 62% Fe) traded at two-year peaks, above \$US82/t. **Copper** extended Tuesday's fall.

The \$A recovered ground through a third consecutive overnight session's trade, after trading at US74.45c yesterday evening.

Locally today, October **trade** figures are due **11.30am** AEDST.

Regionally, **China** is expected to publish November trade **1pm** AEDST, and possibly FDI today, also.

Japan's September quarter GDP (2nd estimate) is anticipated this morning.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	19550	298	1.6
S&P 500	2241	29	1.3
NASDAQ	5394	61	1.1
FTSE 100	6902	122	1.8
DAX 30	10987	211	2.0
Shanghai Comp	3222	23	0.7

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets rallied overnight.

Germany's October industrial production was reported 0.3% higher, following expectations of a 0.8% improvement.

A **US** October job opportunities report estimated just 14,000 more jobs on offer than in September.

In the **UK**, a 1.3% fall in October industrial production pushed the British pound lower by the most in two months. A temporary oil field shutdown was blamed for most of this, but manufacturing production fell 0.9%.

Meanwhile, **Italy's** PM Matteo Renzi formally resigned. Caretaker government talks are expected to commence later today and continue through Saturday.

The government also backed a request (of the European Central Bank) that more time be allowed for a further injection of (rescue) funds for Monte dei Paschi di Siena, reportedly after private interests had declined to sufficiently back the bank.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due.

China – November trade figures expected **1pm** AEDST.

Australia – October trade balance **11.30am** AEDST.

* Woodchip exporter listing **midday** AEDST – **MWY** *

Today's Stock Watch

APN News & Media (APN) / News Corporation (NWS)

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission is not opposing the proposed NWS acquisition of APN's regional media business.

Insurance Australia Group (IAG)

Three - five-year strategy, including a \$250M gross operating cost reduction target, outlined in today's investor day presentation.

MMJ Phytotech (MMJ)

Selling United Greeneries Holdings and Satipharm holdings to Harvest One Capital Corp, for \$C2M plus 53.3M Harvest One common shares.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

Second shipment of hemp protein delivered to large bakery in Slovakia. CPH has now delivered 1.2kg of the protein.

Medical Developments International (MVP)

Regulatory approval in hand to sell the company's pain product Pentrox in Taiwan.

MedAdvisor Ltd (MDR)

Agreement secured for Pfizer Australia to provide a patient engagement program for a leading mediation on the MDR system. MDR has now secured nine pharmaceutical companies to provide information via the company's system.

Midway Ltd (* MWY)

Woodchip exporter scheduled to list **midday** AEDST following a \$37.4M IPO at \$2.50 per share. Trading will commence on a deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is scheduled to commence 14 December (Wednesday next week).

Ten Network Holdings (TEN)

AGM today.

BT Investment Management (BTT)

Trading ex-dividend (24c) today. AGM 16 December.

Resources

Rio Tinto (RIO) / BHP Billiton (BHP)

Credit Suisse has re-rated RIO as outperform, from neutral, and BHP as neutral, from outperform.

St Barbara (SBM) / Northern Star Resources (NST) / Regis Resources (RRL)

Credit Suisse has re-assessed SBM and NST as outperform, and RRL as neutral from underperform.

Energy

Santos Ltd (STO)

Planning to retain five key gas assets, and to package and operate the balance as a separate business headquartered in Sydney. STO is also targeting \$US1.5B less debt within three years. Today's investor day presentation lodged ahead of a webcast which commenced 9am AEDST.

The European Central Bank (**ECB**) holds its last policy meeting of the year. The post-meeting conference is keenly anticipated due to expectations the bond purchase scheme will be extended.

Mulberry and Sports Direct are among companies scheduled to report earnings.

In overnight corporate news, **Credit Suisse** announced plans to cut 6000 jobs in an effort to save 1B Swiss francs.

MasterCard raised its quarterly dividend 16% and revealed plans to possibly extend a buyback by \$US4B.

In the meantime, **Wells Fargo** was reported to be in the sights of another US regulator, and the European Commission imposed fines on Credit Agricole, HSBC and JPMorgan Chase. The trio had opted not to join an earlier settlement deal involving other major financial institutions.

Pfizer received an £84M fine from the UK's Competition & Markets Authority over alleged 'over-pricing'.

Fitbit proposed to purchase IP and acquire strategic personnel from smartwatch developer **Pebble**.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1178	oz	7	0.6
Silver (NY) (Mar)	17.3	oz	0.4	2.8
Gold (LON)	1178	oz	5	0.4
Platinum	939	oz	7	0.8
WTI Crude (Jan)	49.8	bbl	-1.2	-2.3
Brent Crude (Feb)	53.0	bbl	-0.9	-1.7
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	82.4	t	3.8	4.8
Copper (LME)	5785	t	-99	-1.7
Nickel	11410	t	-200	-1.7
Aluminium	1707	t	-2	-0.1
Lead	2321	t	-15	-0.6
Zinc	2740	t	-60	-2.1
Tin	21100	t	-25	-0.1
CBT Wheat (Dec)	3.87	bshl	-0.03	-0.8

Commodities Commentary

Oil – Nigeria suggested the planned **OPEC** production cuts would proceed even if no other non-OPEC nations other than Russia agreed, at meetings this coming weekend, to also constrain output.

A weekly US petroleum inventories estimated crude stocks had fallen 2.4MMbbl, but grown 3.8MMbbl at the Cushing, Oklahoma centre. Petrol and distillate stockpiles were also reported higher.

Gold – Comex futures turned higher overnight, despite a more decisive equities rally and stronger \$US.

Base metals – **China's** forex reserves were reported yesterday to have fallen the most in a month since January. November trade figures are due today.

Prices swung, **copper** in particular impacted by a further oil price fall.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7483	0.0002	0.03
EUR – USD	1.0756	0.0004	0.04

Pre-Open Announcements

Stockland (* SGP)

Today's investor day presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

LiveHire Ltd (* LVH) / Japara Healthcare (JHC)

LVH has launched its Talent Communities human resources system with JPH and Amana Living.

National Australia Bank (* NAB) / Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (* ANZ)

NAB chair Ken Henry and ANZ chair David Gonski are guest speakers at an Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce dinner in Sydney this evening.

CIMIC Group (CIM) / UGL Ltd (UGL)

CIM has secured more than 75% of UGL and hence the \$3.15-per-share cash offer has been extended until 21 December. UGL is recommending the offer, and traded at \$3.15 - \$3.16 yesterday.

GetSwift Ltd (* GSW)

Dispatch and tracking software provider scheduled to list 11am AEDST tomorrow following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

Dreamscape Networks (DN8)

Website domain name and services specialist completed its ASX listing yesterday following a \$25M IPO at 25c per share. Opened at 28c and slipped to 24c before closing on par at 25c. ~8.6M shares were traded across 160 transactions.

Resources

Iluka Resources (* ILU)

ILU completed its acquisition of Sierra Rutile overnight.

Western Areas (* WSA)

Credit Suisse has re-assessed WSA as neutral, from outperform.

Energy

New Hope Corporation (* NHC)

Re-rated as neutral, from underperform, by Credit Suisse.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Bligh Resources	BGH	8 Dec
Carbine Resources	CR8	8 Dec
Lake Resources	LKE	8 Dec
Peninsula Energy	PEN	8 Dec
QMS Media	QMS	8 Dec
Spirit Telecom	ST1	8 Dec
Austin Exploration	AKK	9 Dec
Fastbrick Robotics	FBR	9 Dec
Freedom Foods Group	FNP	9 Dec
Genex Power	GNX	9 Dec
Kasbah Resources	KAS	9 Dec
Mercantile Investment Company	MVT	9 Dec
Dragon Energy	DLE	12 Dec

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Ashley Services Group	ASH	10 Nov
CMI Ltd	CMI	18 Nov

**Australian Data Today**

ABS	Trade balance	Oct
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US Data Tonight

Initial jobless claims	3 Dec
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Trade balance	Nov
China	FDI	Nov
Japan	GDP (rev)	SepQ
Japan	Current account	Oct
Japan	Exports & imports 1 st 20 days	Nov
Japan	Bank lending	Nov
Japan	Corporate insolvencies	Nov
Japan	Eco watchers survey	Nov
UK	RICS house prices	Nov
Euro zone	ECB policy statement	Dec

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Dubber Corporation	DUB	7 Dec
Fe Ltd	FEL	6 Dec
Horseshoe Metals	HOR	22 Nov
Kollakorn Corporation	KKL	28 Nov
Mission NewEnergy	MBT	28 Nov
Nyota Minerals	NYO	15 Nov
Pegasus Metals	PUN	22 Nov
Wangle Technologies	WGL	18 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
BTT	Today	24	35	3.85
GTK	Today	~7.32	0	3.27
OFX	Mon	2.8	100	3.41
GEM	15 Dec	6	100	6.76

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	IAG	Investor Day
	SGP	Investor Day
	STO	Investor Day
	TEN	AGM
Tomorrow	SOL	AGM
	WBC	AGM
Mon	EHL	AGM
14 Dec	DLX	AGM
15 Dec	ORI	AGM
16 Dec	ANZ	AGM
	BTT	AGM
	ELD	AGM
	IPL	AGM
	NAB	AGM