

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5345	-6	-0.1
NZX 50	6739	1	0.0
DJIA Futures	18822	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2161	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	4695	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade on lacklustre equities and varying commodities leads.

In overnight commodities trade, US **gold** futures and **WTI crude** settled yet a little lower. **Copper** swung modestly higher. **Iron ore** settled flat.

The **\$A** remained in a comparatively narrow range after trading at ~US75.40c yesterday evening.

Regionally today, **China** is expected to release October foreign direct investment ~**1pm** AEDST.

Locally, the Reserve Bank of Australia (**RBA**) will publish November policy meeting minutes 11.30am AEDST.

A weekly consumer sentiment reading is due pre-trade.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	18869	21	0.1
S&P 500	2164	-0.25	-0.0
NASDAQ	5218	-19	-0.4
FTSE 100	6753	23	0.3
DAX 30	10694	26	0.2
Shanghai Comp	3210	14	0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Vacillating trade featured across major European and US equities markets, amid corporate deal-making and as the \$US traded at ~11-month highs.

In scant data releases, **euro zone** September industrial production fell 0.8% for the month but rose 1.2% year-on-year. September quarter output came in 0.4% higher year-on-year.

Tonight in the US, retail sales, business inventories, trade prices and a New York region manufacturing index are due.

In addition, Federal Reserve vice chair Stanley Fischer is speaking publicly, as are three regional presidents.

easyJet, Home Depot, JD.com, Merck, Premier Foods and Vodafone are scheduled to report later today and tonight.

Overnight, Germany's **Siemens** revealed it was outlaying \$US4.5B for US-headquartered industrial software specialist **Mentor Graphics**.

Earlier South Korea's **Samsung Electronics** announced the \$8B acquisition of auto electronics group **Harman International**.

Positive sales proved insufficient for **Tata Motors**, which undershot on quarterly profit expectations.

China – FDI expected ~**1pm** AEDST.

RBA – governor Philip Lowe is guest speaker at the CEDA annual dinner, Melbourne, **7.15pm** AEDST.

Today's Stock Watch

Ruralco Holdings (RHL)

69% drop in full-year NPAT to \$4.3M. 10% higher, \$1.76B revenue. 2c fully-franked final dividend, against 7c a year ago. 81c NTA. 5.44c EPS. \$5.4M cash and equivalents.

OzForex Group (OFX)

14% lower, \$9.67M interim NPAT. 1% higher, \$58.6M revenue. 2.8c fully-franked interim dividend. 21.15c NTA. 3.98c EPS. \$41.5M net cash.

Tower Ltd (TWR)

Maximum possible impact of the latest New Zealand earthquakes would be \$NZ7.2M (post-tax), due to reinsurance cover. TWR says it is too early for other figures, but is promising an update.

Sydney Airport (SYD)

SYD CFO Hugh Wehby has been appointed COO, effective January. Current COO Shelley Roberts is leaving SYD after accepting a CEO position elsewhere.

Bega Cheese (BGA)

BGA COO Paul van Heerwaarden has been appointed to take over as BGA CEO on the previously flagged retirement of current CEO Aidan Coleman. Mr van Heerwaarden's appointment becomes effective 1 February 2017.

OTOC Ltd (OTC)

Nauru work is slowing and OTC consequently expects \$3M - \$4M 1H FY 2017 EBITDA, against \$6M for 1H FY 2016. Nauru work-in-hand is expected to be completed by the end of March 2017, meaning full-year earnings will be impacted and overheads will need to be managed in accordance.

In the meantime OTC has secured \$4.3M worth of accommodation communication/entertainment services work with BHP Billiton's WA iron ore division.

Austal Ltd (ASB)

Second offshore crew transfer vessel delivered to Swire Pacific Offshore. Under the Swire and additional contracts, ASB has delivered four such vessels within 15 months and 12 since 2012.

Premier Investments (PMV)

Credit Suisse has re-rated PMV as neutral, from underperform.

Resources

OZ Minerals (OZL)

Prominent Hill underground mine expected to keep producing until 2028 at 3.5Mtpa - 4Mtpa, due to a new mine strategy and increased reserve estimate (75Mt). Resources have fallen a little (gold 25Mt; copper 148Mt). Meanwhile, Macquarie as reassessed OZL (and Sandfire Resources, ASX: SFR) as outperform, from neutral.

Energy

Woodside Petroleum (WPL)

\$US250M (plus contingent \$US150M) WPL purchase of 25% of WA-1-R and 50% of WA-61-R, 62-R and 63-R (Scarborough area, offshore WA) completed. 2C contingent resources have consequently been boosted 462Mboe.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1222	oz	-3	-0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	16.9	oz	-0.5	-2.8
Gold (LON)	1236	oz	-31	-2.5
Platinum	930	oz	-12	-1.3
WTI Crude (Dec)	43.3	bbl	-0.1	-0.2
Brent Crude (Jan)	44.4	bbl	-0.3	-0.7
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	79.7	t	0.0	0.0
Copper (LME)	5569	t	20	0.4
Nickel	11260	t	50	0.5
Aluminium	1735	t	-10	-0.6
Lead	2195	t	85	4.0
Zinc	2607	t	135	5.5
Tin	20830	t	-570	-2.7
CBT Wheat (Dec)	3.94	bshl	-0.09	-2.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – WTI traded as low as \$US42.2/bbl overnight, but prices also swung positive before another lower settlement.

China reported slightly higher October oil production than for September, but the daily rate represented the least output since May 2009.

Gold – a vigorous \$US capped positive sentiment, pushing prices to 5.5-month lows.

Base metals - **China's** industrial production, retail sales and fixed assets investment came in mostly almost in line, or better than forecasts. **Japan's** September quarter GDP growth surpassed expectations at 0.5% for the quarter and 2.2% annually.

\$US strength constrained trade sentiment, although supply perceptions further supported *lead* and *zinc*.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7559	0.0002	0.03
EUR – USD	1.0740	0.0001	0.01

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RoyMgn	Consumer sentiment	13 Nov
RBA	Policy meeting minutes	Nov

US Data Tonight

Retail sales	Oct
Import & export prices	Oct
New York (Empire State) manufacturing	Nov
Business inventories	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	FDI	Oct
Japan	Machine tool orders (rev)	Oct
UK	CPI	Oct
Germany	GDP (prelim)	Sep Q
Euro zone	GDP (prelim)	Sep Q
Euro zone	Trade balance	Sep
Euro zone	ZEW expectations	Nov

Pre-Open Announcements
Silex Systems (* SLX)

Today's AGM presentation and chairman's address lodged.

Mesoblast Ltd (* MSB)

September quarter report, as prepared for US authorities, lodged this morning. \$60.4M cash reserves. MSC-100-IV trial update also lodged.

Pointerra Ltd (* 3DP)

Trial licence agreement secured for 3PD's DaaS technology with 3D laser scanning importer and distributor CR Kennedy & Company.

ZipTel Ltd (ZIP)

ZIP has filed a Zifi telecommunication system-related patent in Australia. Details lodged this morning.

Resources
AngloGold Ashanti (* AGG)

Produced 900,000oz of gold during the September quarter at a \$US1071/oz AISC. Sold 898,000oz at \$US1334/oz. \$US1.972B net debt.

Matsa Resources (* MAT)

Significant-width, high-grade assays returned from diamond drilling within MAT's Lake Carey gold project Fortitude deposit. Details lodged this morning. Further results pending.

Emmerson Resources (* ERM) / Adelaide Resources (* ADN)

ERM is proposing to earn up to 75% of ADN's Rover copper-gold project, Northern Territory. Details lodged this morning.

Gindalbie Metals (GBG)

Settled at 3.7c yesterday, having appreciated 48% for the session, and having closed at 2c Wednesday last week. GBG is pleading ignorance to the appreciation and associated high-volume trade, but a five-week iron ore price rally, which accelerated significantly late last week, could reasonably be expected to bolster GBG interest.

Lithium Australia (* LIT)

Lithium-prospective WA Donnelly River region exploration licence (70/4825) granted to LIT. EL 70/4824 was also recently granted to LIT.

Aeon Metals (AML)

Walford Creek project Vardy zone diamond drilling copper-cobalt assays lodged post-trade yesterday.

Energy
Paladin Energy (* PDN) / MGT Resources (MGS)

JV agreement secured over three mining leases comprising the Manyingee uranium project, northern WA. PDN is due to release September quarter results later today.

Strata-X Energy (* SXA)

Resuming from a trading halt with a HoA to earn up to 75% of the 273,000-acre Serowe coal seam gas project, Botswana. In addition, SXA has secured commitments for a \$2M placement at 5c per share, following a three-for-one consolidation. SXA last traded at 2.5c, having added 25% immediately prior to calling the trading halt.

Xstate Resources (XST)

Update lodged this morning for XST's proposed acquisition of

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Los Angeles Basin assets.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Atcor Medical Holdings	ACG	16 Nov
Cougar Metals	CGM	16 Nov
DateTix Group	DTX	16 Nov
Kidman Resources	KDR	16 Nov
Mach7 Technologies	M7T	16 Nov
Rox Resources	RXL	16 Nov
Syntonic Ltd	SYT	16 Nov
DTI Group	DTI	17 Nov
Segue Resources	SEG	17 Nov

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Ashley Services Group	ASH	10 Nov
BGD Corporation	BGD	7 Nov
Carbon Energy	CNX	10 Nov
Cardinal Resources	CDV	4 Nov
Estrella Resources	ESR	3 Nov
Transerv Energy	TSV	25 Oct
TV2U International	TV2	2 Nov
TW Holdings	TWH	31 Oct
XPED Ltd	XPE	9 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
IPL	Today	4.6	0	2.69
CBC	Tomorrow	1.5	100	3.39
DLX	Tomorrow	12.5	100	3.95
TWD	Tomorrow	15	100	6.30
AYD	Fri	10	100	3.46
AYH	Fri	5	100	4.52
AYJ	Fri	54	100	3.71
AYK	Fri	37	100	3.25
AYZ	Fri	54	100	3.50
SOL	Fri	31	100	3.39

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AGI	AGM
	NEC	AGM
	OFX	Interim
	PDN (post-trade)	Sep Q
	RHL	Full-year
	SCO	AGM
Tomorrow	AOG	AGM
	AWE	AGM
	BXB	AGM
	DUE	AGM
	FGX	Investor Day
	GNC	Full-year
	IPH	AGM

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	PGH	AGM
	SXY	AGM
	SRF	AGM
	VAH	AGM
	AJL	AGM
	AYS	AGM
	BHP	AGM
	CGC	AGM
	GTY	AGM
	GMG	AGM
	IFN	AGM
	ISD	AGM
	JHX	Sep Q
	LNG	AGM
	MTR	AGM
	MIN	AGM
	MGR	AGM
	NHC	AGM
	PTM	AGM
PBT	AGM	
SVW	AGM	
SHL	AGM	
VRL	AGM	
Fri	ALU	AGM
	AST	Interim
	AHG	AGM
	IGO	AGM
	ISU	AGM
	KMD	AGM
	LNK	AGM
	MYR	AGM
	PDN	AGM
	RRL	AGM
	SLR	AGM
	SYD	Oct Stats
	VCX	AGM