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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST) NZX 50	5543 6780	-39 -18	-0.7 -0.3
DJIA Futures	19824	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2257	-16	-0.7
NASDAQ Futures	4932	-6	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

Australian market trade opens on negative international equities and mixed commodities leads, ahead of key domestic reports and influential data out of China.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** fell. US **gold** futures settled higher, as did **copper**. **Iron ore** dropped.

The **\$A** was pushed ~US1c lower after trading at US75.0c yesterday evening.

Locally today a raft of reports is due, including November **employment** figures (11.30am AEDST), the **Reserve Bank of Australia**'s quarterly bulletin (11.30am), industrial trends, consumer inflation expectations and forex reserves.

China is expected to reveal foreign direct investment **1pm** AEDST.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	19793	-119	-0.6
S&P 500	2253	-18	-0.8
NASDAQ	5437	-27	-0.5
FTSE 100	6949	-19	-0.3
DAX 30	11245	-40	-0.4
Shanghai Comp	3141	-15	-0.5

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European markets chopped through overnight trade. US equities fell immediately following the Federal Reserve's rates announcement, soon swung higher, but then headed lower again.

The **US Federal Reserve** forecast up to three further short-term interest rate rises next year, after raising the rates range 0.50% to 0.75%.

Also in the US, November retail sales growth was reported at 0.1% for the month, sparking lower December quarter GDP forecasts. Annually, sales were 3.8% higher.

Industrial production slipped 0.4%, after rising 0.1% in October and falling for each of August and September.

November producer prices rose 0.4%, even when removing the energy and food components. Services sector prices rose 0.5%. October's overall index was reported flat.

Earlier in the **UK**, October unemployment was estimated to have remained at 4.8%, but average earnings to have dropped 2.5% for the October quarter.

Euro zone October industrial production was reported 0.6% higher year-on-year, following

Market Opener

Thursday 15 December 2016

Australia – November employment 11.30am AEDST.

China – November foreign direct investment 1pm.

Today's Stock Watch

Virgin Australia Holdings (VAH)

VAH has secured a code-sharing agreement with Air Canada, covering Los Angeles – Toronto, Calgary, Montreal and Vancouver flights.

Flight Centre (FLT)

The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission has won the right to appeal, via the Federal Court, a July 2015 High Court decision that FLT be refunded an \$11M penalty.

TPG Telecom (TPM)

TPM is paying \$S105M for two lots of 2 x 5MHz of 900MHz spectrum and eight lots of 5MHz of 2.3GHz spectrum following a successful bid in a Singapore new entrant auction. Establishing TPM's national mobile network by September 2018 is expected to require \$S200M - \$S300M capex.

Orora Ltd (ORA)

Outlaying \$US44M for US-headquartered point-of-purchase retail display specialist The Register Print Group. Completion is anticipated in January.

Boral Ltd (BLD)

BLD is resuming trade having completed the retail entitlement offer shortfall book-build. \sim 51M shares were sold for \$5.15 each in the book-build, which followed a 50% take-up of the initial \$4.80-per-share offer. BLD last traded at \$5.21.

Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)

AGM tomorrow. In the meantime, ANZ has appointed Australia's national ombudsman Colin Neave AM as customer fairness advisor, effective early-January.

Orica Ltd (ORI)

AGM today.

Ausdrill Ltd (ASL) / NTM Gold (NTM)

ASL is subscribing for \$1M worth of NTM shares in a drilling-forequity agreement in association with the WA goldfields Redcliffe gold project. In addition, NTM is placing \$1.275M worth of shares at 5c each to sophisticated investors, including \$200,000 worth to ASL (separate to the drilling agreement). NTM is resuming from a trading halt, having last traded at 5.4c.

Resources

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN)

Metallurgical engineer Leonardo Hermosilla has been appointed KCN's VP project development.

Energy

Caltex Ltd (CTX)

Expecting full-year (2016) historic cost after tax operating profit (HCOP) growth to \$560M - \$580M, but a fall for replacement cost of sales operating profit (RCOP), to \$500M - \$520M.

Santos Ltd (STO)

Planning to support plans presented at last week's investor day with a \$A1.04B fully-underwritten institutional placement at \$4.06 per share, followed by a \$A500M SPP. STO traded at \$4.39 - \$4.55 yesterday and completed the placement overnight.

forecasts of a 0.8% rise.

Tonight in the US, November CPI, weekly unemployment claims, a home builders' sentiment index, two regional business conditions indices, an initial December Markit manufacturing PMI and September quarter current account figures are due.

In the UK, the Bank of England holds a policy meeting and announces outcomes.

Adobe Systems, John Wood, Oracle Corp, Petrofac and PZ Cussons are due to report earnings or provide trading updates.

Associated British Foods and United Utilities trade ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight commodities trade, **Johnson & Johnson** and Switzerland's **Actelion** announced they could not agree on a propose merger. Actelion's share price suffered as did European biotech and health sector sentiment.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1164	oz	5	0.4
Silver (NY) (Mar)	17.2	oz	0.3	1.1
Gold (LON)	1162	oz	4	0.3
Platinum	922	oz	-11	-1.2
WTI Crude (Jan)	51.0	bbl	-1.9	-3.7
Brent Crude (Feb)	53.9	bbl	-1.8	-3.3
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	79.2	t	-4.2	-5.1
Copper (LME)	5722	t	32	0.6
Nickel	11420	t	30	0.3
Aluminium	1746	t	5	0.3
Lead	2316	t	-7	-0.3
Zinc	2810	t	105	3.9
Tin	21100	t	-225	-1.1
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.18	bshl	0.00	0.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices were lower in early trade, in part due to a higher \$US, and expectations by some of a US stored crude build for the previous week.

The EIA's weekly report showed a 2.6MMbbl drawdown, but the \$US rose sharply (0.5% against the \notin ; 0.9% against the \notin) on confirmation of the US rate rise. In addition, crude inventories at a key Oklahoma centre rose.

OPEC's monthly report confirmed the proposed member cuts from 1 January would be insufficient to wipe out oversupply next year, and that the nonmember agreements to reduce output were crucial.

Gold – traded at new 10-month lows following the US Federal Reserve rate rise announcement .

Base metals – LME daily copper stockpiles rose 22,500t. Most of the \$US rise came in later trade. A swag of PMIs, due today and tonight, could influence tonight's trade.

Exchange Rates

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CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7407	0.0002	0.03
EUR – USD	1.0532	0.0002	0.02

Australian Data Today

ABS	Employment	Nov
RBA	Bulletin (quarterly)	Dec
MInst	Inflation expectations	Dec

Pre-Open Announcements

Corporate Travel Management (* CTD)

Ord Minnett is recommending CTD as a buy.

Eden Innovations (* EDE)

\$US25,000 European order for 1000 gallons of EdenCrete in hand. EDE says this is the maiden EdenCrete order from Europe. The product will be whipped from Colorado.

Forager Australian Shares Fund (* FOR)

Scheduled to list 11am AEDST tomorrow.

Resources

Kingsrose Mining (KRM)

Voluntary administrators appointed.

Energy

Paladin Energy (* PDN) / Deep Yellow (* DYL)

PDN has sold its entire DYL holding at 1c per share, for ~\$A2.6M, and non-core Australian exploration assets to Uranium Africa for \$A2.5M. DYL traded at 1.5c – 1.8c yesterday.

Bathurst Resources (BRL)

L&M Coal Holdings (LMCH) is planning to initiate legal action against BRL in relation to a dispute regarding a \$US40M performance payment BRL is allegedly due to pay LMCH. Details lodged this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Dampier Gold	DAU	15 Dec
Mustang Resources	MUS	15 Dec
Skyfii Ltd	SKF	15 Dec
Vango Mining	VAN	15 Dec
Volt Resources	VRC	15 Dec
Azure Minerals	AZS	16 Dec
Bass Metals	BSM	16 Dec
Kin Mining	KIN	16 Dec
Silver Mines	SVL	16 Dec
Surefire Resources	SRN	16 Dec

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Atrum Coal	ATU	14 Dec
Bellamy's Australia	BAL	14 Dec
CMI Ltd	CMI	18 Nov
Dragon Energy	DLE	12 Dec
EVE Investments	EVE	14 Dec
Fe Ltd	FEL	6 Dec
Gulf Manganese Corporation	GMC	13 Dec
Horseshoe Metals	HOR	22 Nov
Kingsrose Mining	KRM	14 Dec
Kollakorn Corporation	KKL	28 Nov
Mission NewEnergy	MBT	28 Nov
Netlinkz Ltd	NET	13 Dec
Pegasus Metals	PUN	22 Nov
Sovereign Gold Company	SOCDA	14 Dec



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	US Data Tonight	
RBA	Reserve assets	Nov
RBA	Forex transactions	Nov
ACCI/Wpc	Industrial trends survey	DecQ

Initial jobless claims	10 Dec
CPI	Nov
Markit PMI manufacturing (initial)	Dec
NY Fed (Empire State) manufacturing	Dec
Philadelphia Fed business outlook	Dec
NAHB housing market index	Dec
Current account	SepQ

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	FDI	Nov
Japan	Nikkei PMI manufacturing	Dec
Japan	Machine tool orders (rev)	Nov
UK	BoE policy statement	Dec
UK	Retail sales	Nov
UK	PMI manufacturing (initial)	Dec
Germany	PMI manufacturing (initial)	Dec
Euro zone	PMI manufacturing, services (1st)	Dec

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
GEM	Today	6	100	6.61
LTN	Tomorrow	2	0	0.00
JHX	20 Dec	~10.59	0	1.95
RFF	28 Dec	2.41	0	5.72
RFP	28 Dec	~2.51	100	0.00

Reports & Events

	(selected scheduled)		
When	Company	Report/Event	
Today	ORI	AGM	
Tomorrow	ANZ	AGM	
	BTT	AGM	
	ELD	AGM	
	IPL	AGM	
	NAB	AGM	

December quarter S&P/ASX indices re-balance

The following changes will be effected **from close of trade tomorrow** (16 December):

S&P/ASX 100

Out: INM In: LNK

S&P/ASX 200

Out: OFX In: NAN

S&P/ASX All Australian 200

Out: CAB, MSB, VRL In: IFN, NAN, WEB