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# Markets

| SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST) | 5352  | 28 | 0.5 |
|--------------------------------|-------|----|-----|
| NZX 50                         | 6799  | 29 | 0.4 |
| DJIA Futures                   | 18880 | 0  | 0.0 |
| S&P 500 Futures                | 2179  | 19 | 0.9 |
| NASDAQ Futures                 | 4766  | 72 | 1.5 |

# Local Markets Commentary

International equities leads are positive, but key commodities mixed as the Australian market opens today's trade.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** swung higher and rallied. **Gold** also turned, settling modestly higher. **Iron ore** dropped, appearing hurt by increased transaction fees in China across a range of commodities, and softer steel prices. **Copper** pulled back.

The  $\ensuremath{\$A}$  remained range-bound again after approaching  ${\sim}\text{US75.60c}$  early yesterday evening.

Locally today, a leading indices report, September quarter wage price index, employment indicator and October vehicle sales are due.

Three listings will also feature, from 11.30am.

#### **Overseas Markets**

| INDEX         | CLOSE | +/- | %    |
|---------------|-------|-----|------|
| Dow Jones     | 18923 | 54  | 0.3  |
| S&P 500       | 2180  | 16  | 0.8  |
| NASDAQ        | 5276  | 57  | 1.1  |
| FTSE 100      | 6793  | 40  | 0.6  |
| DAX 30        | 10735 | 41  | 0.4  |
| Shanghai Comp | 3207  | -3  | -0.1 |

## **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets settled higher overnight.

Oil swung higher and MSCI published planned changes to key indices, amid a plethora of data releases. US tech stocks also notably returned to favour.

In the **US**, October retail sales were reported 0.8% higher for the month and September's were revised from a 0.6% rise to 1.0% gain. October sales were 4.3% better than a year ago.

A New York region manufacturing index was also cheered, rising 8.3 to an expansionary 1.5, boosted by increased orders and shipments.

National business inventories grew 0.1% during October, against expectations of a 0.2% increase.

October import and export prices rose 0.5% and 0.2% respectively.

The  ${\bf UK}{}'{\rm s}$  October CPI rose 0.9%, following 1.0% growth in September and against expectations of 1.1%.

**Euro zone** September quarter GDP growth was reported at 0.3% for the quarter and 1.6% year-on-year, in an initial reading.

Germany's September quarter GDP growth was

\* Technology sector listing 11.30am AEDST - BVS \*

\* Auto sector listing 1pm AEDST - ASG \*

**Market Opener** 

Wednesday 16 November 2016

\* Technology sector listing 1.30pm AEDST - OPN \*

# **Today's Stock Watch**

## Woolworths Ltd (WOW)

Big W CEO Sally Macdonald has resigned after 10 months. David Walker, who had been appointed WOW home improvement division CEO in February, has been appointed Big W acting CEO. Ms Macdonald was reportedly not expecting a Big W turnaround to take the now anticipated three-five years.

## GrainCorp Ltd (GNC)

3.7% lower, \$30.9M full-year NPAT. 1.8% higher, \$4.2B revenue. 3.5c fully-franked final dividend. \$5.42 NTA. AGM 24 February 2017.

# Virgin Australia Holdings (VAH)

AGM today.

## CSL Ltd (CSL)

CSL112 Phase 2b safety and proof-of-mechanism clinical study results presented at an American Heart Association (AHA) forum overnight. The results have also been published in the AHA's journal *Circulation*.

# DuluxGroup Ltd ( DLX)

Trading ex-dividend (12.5c) today.

Brambles Ltd (BXB)

AGM this afternoon.

## Charter Hall Retail REIT (CQR)

UBS has removed CQR sell advice, replacing it with a neutral rating.

# Bravura Solutions (\* BVS)

Software developer and distributor scheduled to list 11.30am AEDST following a \$148.1M IPO at \$1.45 per share. Trading will commence on a deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 22 November.

# Autosports Group (\* ASG)

Specialist vehicle and services provider scheduled to list 1pm AEDST following a \$159.3M IPO at \$2.40 per share. Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis. Normal (T+2) trade is expected to commence 22 November.

# OpenDNA (Ltd) (\* OPN)

Digital analysis specialist scheduled to list 1.30pm AEDST following an \$8M IPO at 20c per share.

## James Hardie Industries (JHX)

September quarter and half-year results anticipated tomorrow. **Resources** 

## OZ Minerals (OZL)

UBS has placed a 'buy' on OZL, replacing a neutral rating. **Energy** 

## Paladin Energy (PDN)

\$US12.6M September quarter gross loss, following an \$US11.3M profit a year ago. \$US27.6M cash and equivalents. Anticipating \$US20M - \$US30M at year's end, pending sales processes. Teleconference scheduled to commence 10.30am AEDST.

estimated at just 0.2%, against 0.4% for the June quarter and 0.7% during the March quarter.

**Tonight** in the US, October industrial production and producer prices are due, together with a homebuilders' sentiment index and weekly mortgage applications.

Two Federal Reserve presidents are scheduled to speak, one in London and the other in New York.

Aggreko, Cisco Systems, Lowe's and Target Corp are scheduled to report later today and tonight.

Overnight, US retailer **Home Depot** reported robust quarterly sales and raised its full-year forecast.

Major **airlines** in the US benefited from revelations Berkshire Hathaway had invested in at least three of the four largest carriers.

Earlier, **Vodafone** revealed a  $\in$ 5B India division write-down and a  $\in$ 5B interim loss, following a  $\notin$ 2.3B loss a year-ago.

#### Commodities

| COMMODITY          | CLOSE | \$US/ | +/-  | %    |
|--------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Gold (NY) (Dec)    | 1225  | oz    | 2    | 0.2  |
| Silver (NY) (Dec)  | 17.0  | οz    | 0.1  | 0.7  |
| Gold (LON)         | 1227  | οz    | 13   | 1.1  |
| Platinum           | 937   | οz    | 7    | 0.8  |
| WTI Crude (Dec)    | 45.8  | bbl   | 2.5  | 5.8  |
| Brent Crude (Jan)  | 47.0  | bbl   | 2.6  | 5.9  |
| Iron Ore (Tianjin) | 72.8  | t     | -6.9 | -8.7 |
| Copper (LME)       | 5525  | t     | -34  | -0.6 |
| Nickel             | 11295 | t     | 35   | 0.3  |
| Aluminium          | 1735  | t     | 0    | 0.0  |
| Lead               | 2210  | t     | 15   | 0.7  |
| Zinc               | 2613  | t     | 6    | 0.2  |
| Tin                | 20300 | t     | -530 | -2.5 |
| CBT Wheat (Dec)    | 3.99  | bshl  | 0.05 | 1.2  |

#### **Commodities Commentary**

*Oil* – Saudi Arabia has reportedly warned the US about any near moves to reduce oil imports on a pledge to become energy efficient and ultimately cease imports.

OPEC potential output agreement speculation appeared positive amid reports of pro-active activity.

Weekly US petroleum inventories are due tonight.

Gold – a cocktail of US Federal Reserve commentary, policy debate, some positive US data, bargain-hunting and improved equities sentiment pushed and pulled prices overnight.

*Base metals* – attributed overnight moves attributed to a mix of ongoing \$US strength, profit-taking, inventories, and foreign direct investment figures, which were expected out of China during late trade.

#### **Exchange Rates**

| CURRENCIES | LAST   | +/-     | %     |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| AUD – USD  | 0.7554 | -0.0006 | -0.08 |
| EUR – USD  | 1.0723 | 0.0002  | 0.01  |

#### Australian Data Today

| Wstpc/MInst | Leading indices      | Oct   |
|-------------|----------------------|-------|
| ABS         | Wage price index     | Sep Q |
| ABS         | Vehicle sales        | Oct   |
| DoEmplymt   | Employment indicator | Nov   |

# **Pre-Open Announcements**

#### Southern Cross Engineering (\* SXE)

SXE's KSJV has received more than \$60M worth of Wheatstone LNG project orders under a subcontract with Bechtel. SXE 50%.

## MACA Ltd (\* MLD)

Minimum \$8.4M Kimberley region road maintenance contract secured with the WA Government.

#### Thorn Group (TGA)

1.4% lower, \$15.2M interim NPAT. 2.8% higher, \$156.8M revenue. 5.5c fully-franked interim dividend. \$1.17 NTA. 9.77c EPS. \$14.55M cash and equivalents.

#### DUET Group (DUE)

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

#### Mirvac Group (MGR)

Morgan Stanley has re-assessed MGR as underweight, from overweight.

#### OzForex Group (\* OFX)

Macquarie has re-rated OFX as outperform, from neutral.

#### iCar Asia (ICQ)

Directors Cameron McIntyre and Ajay Bhatia have resigned, effective 9 December.

#### Resources

## Alumina Ltd (\* AWC)

Macquarie has re-assessed AWC as neutral, from underperform.

## Graphex Mining (\* GPX)

Heralding drilling results which GPX says confirm a new highgrade zone within the Chilalo graphite project, Tanzania.

# Galaxy Resources (\* GXY)

The Southern WA Mt Cattlin project has produced lithium concentrate under processing facility ore commissioning which commenced late last week.

# Sheffield Resources (SFX) / Independence Group (IGO)

Establishing a WA Fraser Range JV over three SFX exploration licences and one application. SFX will receive \$500,000 upfront and initially retain 51%. IGO may increase its holding to 70% over five years.

#### Energy

# Genesis Energy (\* GNE) / New Zealand Oil & Gas (\* NZO)

GNE is outlaying \$168M for NZO's 15% of the Kupe JV, pending NZO shareholder approval. GNE says it will fund the purchase using existing debt facilities and is targeting a 1 January completion.

#### **Trading Halts**

| Company                | Code | Resuming |
|------------------------|------|----------|
| Atcor Medical Holdings | ACG  | 16 Nov   |
| Cougar Metals          | CGM  | 16 Nov   |
| DTI Group              | DTI  | 17 Nov   |
| Helix Resources        | HLX  | 17 Nov   |
| Segue Resources        | SEG  | 17 Nov   |
| Medibio Ltd            | MEB  | 18 Nov   |



# **US Data Tonight**

| MBA mortgage applications | 11 Nov |
|---------------------------|--------|
| PPI                       | Oct    |
| Industrial production     | Oct    |
| NAHB housing market index | Nov    |

## **Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

| UK | ILO unemployment    | Sep |
|----|---------------------|-----|
| UK | Average earnings    | Sep |
| UK | Unemployment claims | Oct |

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### 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  |
| Nyota Minerals        | NYO  | 15 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 (%) |
|------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| CBC  | Today  | 1.5     | 100    | 3.39      |
| DLX  | Today  | 12.5    | 100    | 3.98      |
| TWD  | Today  | 15      | 100    | 6.27      |
| 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    | 3.52      |
| SOL  | Fri    | 31      | 100    | 3.41      |

# **Reports & Events**

(selected scheduled)

|          | (Sciected Sciecdules | ~)              |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| When     | Company              | Report/Event    |
| Today    | AOG                  | AGM             |
|          | AWE                  | AGM             |
|          | BXB                  | AGM             |
|          | DUE                  | AGM             |
|          | FGX                  | Investor Day    |
|          | GNC                  | Full-year       |
|          | IPH                  | AGM             |
|          | NVT                  | AGM             |
|          | NRT                  | AGM             |
|          | PGH                  | AGM             |
|          | SXY                  | AGM             |
|          | SRF                  | AGM             |
|          | VAH                  | AGM             |
| Tomorrow | A 71                 | A.C.M           |
| Tomorrow | AJL                  | AGM             |
|          | AYS<br>BHP           | AGM<br>AGM      |
|          | CGC                  | AGM             |
|          | GTY                  | AGM             |
|          |                      |                 |
|          | GMG<br>IFN           | AGM<br>AGM      |
|          | ISD                  | AGM             |
|          | JHX                  |                 |
|          |                      | Sep Q<br>AGM    |
|          | LNG<br>MTR           | AGM             |
|          |                      | AGM             |
|          | MIN                  |                 |
|          | MGR                  | AGM             |
|          | NHC<br>PTM           | AGM<br>AGM      |
|          | PTM<br>PBT           | AGM             |
|          | PDI                  | AGM<br>Dage 2 v |

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|     | 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       |
|     |     |           |