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# **Market Opener**

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## **Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)			-0.2
NZX 50	7078	16	0.2
DJIA Futures	20749	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2361	1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5351	7	0.1

#### **Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market is likely again to prove mostly influenced by a blast of domestic corporate reports, large-cap stocks trading ex-dividend, and some local data.

International overnight commodities and equities leads are largely uninspiring.

In commodities trade, US **gold** futures settled little changed, but rose again in post-settlement electronic trade. **Oil** and **iron ore** turned lower. **Copper** continued to pull back.

The **\$A** regained ground after trading briefly beyond ~US77.05c yesterday evening.

Locally today, December quarter private capital spending is due from the ABS 11.30am AEDST.

Several high-profile stocks trade ex-dividend today, including: **AGL**, **GWA**, **JBH**, **MIN** and **RIO**. Please see p3 for a detailed list.

#### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	20775	33	0.2
S&P 500	2363	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ	5861	-5	-0.1
FTSE 100	7302	27	0.4
DAX 30	11999	31	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3261	8	0.2

#### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Vacillating trade featured across a majority of major European and US equities markets overnight.

**US Federal Reserve** February policy meeting minutes indicated the majority of committee members favoured a sooner—rather-than-later rate rise. The notes also expressed concern that expectations of better corporate returns, due to promised lower business taxes, may not materialise, at least in the short-term.

January existing home sales were reported 3.3% higher at a 10-year high.

Both the euro and British pound were trading lower against the \$US before US trade and the afternoon release of the Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes.

**Euro zone** January CPI was confirmed to have pulled back 0.8% during January, and at a 1.8% annual rate, against 0.5% December growth.

Meanwhile, the European Commission bemoaned both **Germany**'s current account surplus and **Italy**'s public debt.

A revised UK December quarter GDP growth estimate came in 0.1% higher than an initial

## **Today's Stock Watch**

## Telstra Corporation (TLS)

Selling the company's 6.5% holding in Autohome, for \$US217M, to Ping an Insurance Group.

## **Qantas Airways (QAN)**

25.1% lower, \$515M NPAT. 3.3% lower, \$8.2B revenue. 7c, 50%-franked interim dividend, against no dividend a year ago. \$1.65 NTA.

## Westfield Corp (WFD)

41.2% lower, \$1.4B full-year NPAT. 7.3% lower, \$US1.8B revenue. 12.55c final dividend/distributions.

## Flight Centre ( FLT)

36.2% lower, \$74.4M interim NPAT. 0.6% lower, \$1.25B revenue. 45c fully-franked interim dividend. \$8.63 NTA.

## Ramsay Health Care (RHC)

MD and CEO Chris Rex is planning to retire from RHC this year, after nine years in his current roles, and 21 years with RHC. 13.8% higher, \$255.9M interim NPAT. 3.5% higher, \$4.3B revenue. 53c fully-franked interim dividend, up 6c. \$1.26 NTA. \$1.23 EPS.

## Air New Zealand (AIZ)

24.3% lower, \$NZ256M interim NPAT. 4.3% lower, \$NZ2.6B revenue. \$NZ1.69 NTA. NZ10c interim dividend.

### Estia Health (EHE)

17% higher, \$19.8M interim NPAT. 34.1% higher, \$263.1M revenue. Nil interim dividend, following 12.8c a year ago. \$140.1M net debt.

#### Nine Entertainment Co (NEC)

\$236.7M interim net loss, following a \$320.8M net profit a year ago. 4.5% lower, \$659.2M revenue. 4.5c fully-franked interim dividend, against 8c. 24.8c NTA.

#### **Breville Group (BRG)**

9.4% higher, \$33.7M interim NPAT. 2.4% higher, \$339.2M revenue. 15.5c, 60%-franked interim dividend. \$1.291 NTA.

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\$225.1M full-year NPAT.

#### Perpetual Ltd (PPT)

\$1.30 fully-franked interim dividend, up 4%. 3% higher, \$66M interim NPAT. 5% higher, \$252.4M revenue. \$5.95 NTA.

#### Ausdrill Ltd (ASL)

\$143M five-year mining services contract renewal secured with KCGM's Super Pit, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA goldfields. ASL has provided continuous services to the Super Pit for  $\sim 30$  years.

In addition, Gold Fields has extended a WA goldfields St Ives and Granny Smith drilling services contract with ASL for three years. This extension is valued at \$60M.

41% higher, \$13.1M interim NPAT. 4.1%, \$374.2M revenue. 2c fully-franked interim dividend. \$1.9493 NTA.

#### Resources

#### Iluka Resources (ILU)

\$US224.0M full-year net loss. 12.2% lower, \$774.4M revenue. Nil final dividend, following 19c a year ago. \$US2.18 NTA.

#### **Alumina Ltd (AWC)**

\$US30.2M full-year net loss, following an \$US88.3M net profit a year ago. US3.1c fully-franked final dividend, against US1.8c.



reading, at 0.7% for the quarter, and 2% year-onyear.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims are due, together with the Chicago Fed national activity index, house prices, a services sector PMI and a regional manufacturing index.

AXA, BAE Systems, Baidu, Barclays, Gap, Glencore, Kohl's and Nordstrom are among companies expected to report earnings later today and tonight.

Rio Tinto and GlaxoSmithKline are companies trading ex-dividend on the FTSE 100.

In overnight corporate news, Chevron was reported to be finalising a deal to sell Bangladesh gas field assets to Zhenhua Oil for ~\$US2B.

Lloyds and Telefonica results pleased during European trade.

#### **Commodities**

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1238	oz	2	0.1
Silver (NY) (Mar)	18.1	OZ	0.0	0.2
Gold (LON)	1237	OZ	3	0.3
Platinum	1001	OZ		
WTI Crude (Apr)	53.6	bbl	-0.7	-1.4
Brent Crude (Apr)	55.8	bbl	-0.8	-1.4
Iron Ore (China port)	94.3	t	-0.6	-0.6
Copper (LME)	6040	t	-20	-0.3
Nickel	10810	t	-45	-0.4
Aluminium	1885	t	-1.5	-0.1
Lead	2276	t	11	0.5
Zinc	2865	t	-10	-0.4
Tin	19325	t	-475	-2.4
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.41	bshl	0.05	1.1

#### **Commodities Commentary**

Oil - **Qatar**'s oil minister expressed disappointment at progress, among several member nations, in cutting output as much as agreed late last year.

EIA-calculated weekly US petroleum inventories are due tonight.

Gold - prices swung ahead of the release of US Federal Reserve minutes and again following settlement.

Base metals - \$US strength impacted LME trade sentiment.

In addition, **China**'s January house prices, reported yesterday, rose in fewer cities than during December, and in the least amount of cities for a year.

#### **Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7699	-0.0001	-0.02
EUR – USD	1.0558	-0.0000	-0.00

#### Australian Data Today

ABS	Private capital expenditure	Dec Q
	US Data Tonight	

Initial jobless claims	18 Feb
Chicago Fed national activity index	Jan
FHFA house prices	Dec

## **Pre-Open Announcements**

## Webjet Ltd (\* WEB)

Founding WEB MD and current chairman David Clarke is retiring from the WEB board 30 June. Non-executive WEB director Roger Sharp will take over as chairman 1 July. In addition, MD John Guscic has been contracted in his current role for a further three years from 1 July 2018. Mr Clarke will be a WEB consultant for at least two years.

269% higher, \$39.4M interim NPAT. 67% higher, \$124.8M revenue. 7.5c interim dividend, up 15%. 52c NTA.

#### AP Eagers (APE)

10-year APE director Peter Henley has retired from the APE board, effective yesterday.

#### IMF Bentham (IMF)

Opening the firm's fourth US office, this one in Houston, Texas. The other IMF US offices are in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

## Smartgroup Corporation (SIQ)

62.3% higher, \$32.8M full-year NPAT. 57.3% higher, \$144.4M revenue. 15c fully-franked final dividend.

#### Resources

## Atlas Iron (\* AGO)

\$18.9M interim NPAT, following a \$114.3M net loss a year ago. \$134M cash.

#### Neometals Ltd (NMT)

Proposing to buy back up to \$5M worth of shares under a 5%, 12% buy-back. NMT announced a similar buy-back in February 2016 but did not buy back any shares under that proposal.

#### **Trading Halts**

Code	Resuming
LKE	23 Feb
WSG	23 Feb
YNB	23 Feb
A3D	24 Feb
DCN	24 Feb
RMX	24 Feb
RIR	24 Feb
SKT	24 Feb
TPS	27 Feb
VAL	27 Feb
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#### **Suspensions** (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Frontier Capital Group	FCG	15 Feb
Gateway Mining	GML	10 Feb
LatAm Autos	LAA	2 Feb
Magnum Gas & Power	MPE	10 Feb
Manalto Ltd	MTL	6 Feb
migme Ltd	MIG	7 Feb
Mobilarm Ltd	МВО	15 Feb
Moko Social Media	MKB	25 Jan
Onterran Ltd	OTR	14 Feb
Pixie Group	PEG	22 Feb
Protean Energy	POW	7 Feb

Markit PMI services (initial) Feb Kansas City Fed index Feb

Other Overseas	Data	Today	&	Tonight
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Japan	Economic report	Feb
Japan	Business conditions indices (r)	Dec
Germany	GDP (final)	DecQ
Germany	GfK consumer confidence	Feb

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Suda Ltd	SUD	27 Jan
Tiger Resources	TGS	22 Feb
Western Mining Network	WMN	21 Feb

## **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
AGL	Today	41	80	3.15
AUI	Today	15.5	100	4.22
CGL	Today	4.8	100	1.93
CVC	Today	5	100	5.17
DUI	Today	6.5	100	3.81
FID	Today	7.1	100	3.33
GWA	Today	7.5	100	5.60
JBH	Today	72	100	3.97
KOV	Today	10	100	7.38
МНЈ	Today	2.5	50	3.72
MIN	Today	21	100	3.38
MTR	Today	5	100	3.76
OML	Today	10	100	2.97
RIO	Today	163.62	100	3.21
AMC	Tomorrow	25.6	0	3.74
AQF	Tomorrow	3	100	3.09
CPU	Tomorrow	17	30	2.45
EVN	Tomorrow	2	0	1.75
INA	Tomorrow	5.1	0	3.81
ISU	Tomorrow	1.5	100	1.60

## **Reports & Events**

	(selected scheduled)	
When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ABC	Full year
	AIZ	Interim
	AWC	Full year
	AAD	Interim
	AHY	Interim
	ASL	Interim
	BRG	Interim
	CWY	Interim
	CGC	Interim
	CWN	Interim
	EPW	Interim
	EHE	Interim
	FLT	Interim
	ILU	Full year
	IVC	Full year
	MQA	Full year
	MOC	Interim
	MYO	Full year
	NEC	Interim
	OGC	Full year
	OZL	Interim
	PPT	Interim
	PTM	Interim
	QAN	Interim
	RHC	Interim
	SXL	Interim
	TME	Interim
	VRL	Interim
	WEB	Interim
	WFD	Full year



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Tomorrow	AHG	Interim
TOTTIOTTOW		
	BDR	Interim
	BBG	Interim
	CAB	Interim
	CHC	Interim
	CTD	Interim
	CMW	Interim
	GNC	AGM
	MYX	Interim
	ORE	Interim
	RCG	Interim
	REG	Interim
	SUL	Interim