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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	5638	13	0.2
NZX 50	7678	-5	-0.1
DJIA Futures	21492	-7	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2468	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	5927	-7	-0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade on largely negative international equities leads, but overnight price gains for most key commodities

US gold futures settled almost flat, but oil and iron ore swung higher, and LME copper extended Friday's gain.

The \$A was pushed lower, after briefly rising beyond US79.60c early yesterday evening.

Locally pre-trade, a weekly consumer sentiment report is due.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	21513	-67	-0.3
S&P 500	2470	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ	6411	23	0.4
FTSE 100	7378	-75	-1.0
DAX 30	12209	-31	-0.3
Shanghai Comp	3251	13	0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets trade vacillated and diverged as investors digested corporate earnings and economic indicator updates, ahead of key reports and a US Federal Reserve meeting yet to come this week.

An initial July manufacturing PMI for the **euro zone** came in at 55.8, against expectations of 56.2. While nonetheless robust, the reading was the lowest in six months, and hence represented a growth slowdown.

In the **US**, Markit initially estimated the July composite PMI at a 53.2 four-month peak, up 1.2 points from June.

June existing home sales were reported 1.8% lower. Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) adjusted its 2017 economic forecasts, revising the UK's 0.3% lower to 1.7% and the US's by 0.2% to 2.1%. The euro zone 2017 prediction was boosted 0.2% to 1.9%.

The IMF's overall global growth prediction for 2017 remained at 3.5%. The fund also published 2018 outlook updates.

Tonight in the **US**, the Federal Reserve commences a policy meeting from which outcomes will be announced early Thursday AEST.

Two house prices indices, a monthly consumer confidence report and a regional manufacturing index are also due tonight.

Akzo Nobel, Caterpillar, Domino's Pizza, DuPont, General Motors, McDonald's, Mitsubishi Motors, PZ ACCC - first of a series of 'electricity pricing and supply' public forums, Brisbane, **5pm**.

The series will be continued in Adelaide, Melbourne, Townsville and Sydney, 31 July – 14 August.

Today's Stock Watch

Super Retail Group (SUL)

Anticipating FY 2017 EBIT will come in at the upper end of 16% - 18% growth guidance.

In addition, Amart Sports stores will be re-branded as Rebel by the end of October, meaning SUL will have ~160 sporting goods outlets, exclusively branded Rebel. Gross margins are expected to rise and benefits of up to \$15Mpa realised from late-2019. The change is expected to cost SUL ~\$34M post-tax. Fit outs to convert the Amart stores are likely to total ~\$9M. Presentation lodged this morning.

Planning to report full-year results 25 August.

Kathmandu Holdings (KMD)

Appointing Philip Bowman and Brent Scrimshaw as directors, to replace Christine Cross and John Holland, who will retire from the KMD board in September.

Mr Bowman is a director of Burberry and Ferrovial and is relocating from the UK at the end of the year.

Mr Scrimshaw co-founded, and is CEO of, Unscriptd.com, and is a former Nike regional VP and chief executive.

ePat Technologies (EPT)

nViso has agreed to grant EPT an exclusive, perpetual, global licence for the use of nViso's AI pain assessment software development kit - in EPT pain assessment and monitoring applications.

Under the deal, EPT is paying nViso 32.5M shares plus \$A392,500 cash.

nViso has assisted EPT over the past three years with prototype app development, under a previously negotiated five-year nonexclusive licence agreement.

Resources

Rio Tinton (RIO)

The UK Serious Fraud Office (SFO) is investigating RIO over alleged possible corrupt practice by associates and employees in the Republic of Guinea, where the company held a stake in the Simandou iron ore JV.

OZ Minerals (OZL)

OZL produced 53,242t of copper and 58,271oz of gold during January - June, at a US90c/lb C1 cash cost

June quarter copper production rose 12% for the three months, and gold output by 23%, with an US81c/lb C1cash cost and US115c/lb AISC. \$625M cash as at 30 June.

Energy

Wesfarmers Ltd (WES)

Produced 12.5% more Curragh metallurgical coal (8.227Mt) and 16.5% more steaming coal (3.801Mt) for the year to 30 June. During the June quarter, compared with the March quarter, WES produced 3.2% less coal (3.055Mt). Steaming coal output (1.015Mt) rose 14.4%, and metallurgical coal fell 10.1%. From the Bengalla JV, WES attributable June quarter output rose 25.5% for the three months, to 959,000t. Over the full year,

WES's output grew an attributable 1.6%, to 3.437Mt.



Cussons and Telecom Italia are scheduled to report earnings.

In overnight corporate news, equity group **KKR** revealed a \$US2.8B purchase price for **WebMD Health Corp**, propelling WebMD stock 20% higher. Improved sales boosted **Caterpillar**.

Toy and same maker Hackre drange

Toy and game maker ${f Hasbro}$ dropped ${\sim}9\%$ after undershooting expected sales growth.

Post-US trade, **Alphabet** has reported 21% higher quarterly revenue, and earnings which exceeded expectations, even though significantly impacted by a fine impose by European Union (EU) regulators. The NASDAQ had already settled at a new peak.

Earlier, **Reckitt Benckiser** fell more than 3%, dragging the FTSE 100 lower, after quantifying the sales impact extent of a June cyber attack.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Aug)	1254	oz	-0.6	-0.0
Silver (NY) (Sep)	16.5	OZ	0.0	0.1
Gold (LON)	1256	ΟZ	7	0.6
Platinum	929	ΟZ	-5	-0.5
WTI Crude (Sep)	46.3	bbl	0.6	1.3
Brent Crude (Aug)	48.6	bbl	0.5	1.1
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	67.9	t	0.8	1.1
Copper	6027	t	23	0.4
Nickel	9780	t	260	2.7
Aluminium	1912	t	-3	-0.2
Lead	2260	t	21	0.9
Zinc	2788	t	35	1.3
Tin	20155	t	-70	-0.4
CBT Wheat (Sep)	4.89	bshl	-0.1	-2.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – traded higher early again, Saudi Arabia assuring it would cap August daily exports at 6.6MMbbl, and Nigeria reportedly being prepared to limit production growth once output reached a daily 1.8MMbbl.

Gold – prices largely marked time on a \$US appreciation and ahead of the US Federal Reserve policy meeting. Traded as high as \$US1259/oz intra-session.

Base metals – generally positive sentiment continued, in part due to expectations the \$US could largely remain range-bound until Wednesday US time.

Manufacturing PMIs, published yesterday and overnight, generally pleased.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD - USD	0.7924	0.0001	0.01
EUR – USD	1.1639	-0.0002	-0.01

Australian Data Today

RoyMgn/ANZ Consumer sentiment 23 Jul

US Data Tonight

Case Shiller house price index	May
FHFA house prices	May
Richmond Fed manufacturing index	Jul

Pre-Open Announcements

Yowie Group (YOW)

Heralding 51% (unaudited) full-year net sales growth.

June quarter net sales grew 23% year-on-year.

Additional figures, featuring mixed results, lodged this morning.

Vicinity Centres (* VCX)

On-market buy-back of up to 5% of VCX shares commencing 17 August.

Planning to release full-year results 16 August. Expecting 3.3% higher, \$2.82 NTA.

VCX's directly-owned retail properties (comprising 52% by value), valued independently, plus the balance of the VCX portfolio, returned an estimated 2.3% growth to \$345M for the six months to 30 June. Break-down statistics lodged this morning.

A 16 August webcast briefing is scheduled to commence 10.30am AEST.

Templeton Global Growth Fund (* TGG)

TGG has estimated a 23.3% gross return for FY 2017. Details and commentary lodged post-trade yesterday. TGG is planning to lodge audited full-year results 22 August.

TGG proposes to host a teleconference that day, commencing 3pm AEST. Access details also lodged post-trade yesterday.

Creso Pharma (* CPH)

June quarter operational summary lodged post-trade yesterday, highlighting the first medicinal cannabis products imported into Australia. \$9.23M cash as at 30 June.

Red Bubble (RBL)

Transcript of yesterday's June quarter teleconference lodged post-trade yesterday. RBL traded at 80c – 91c yesterday, settling 6.3% lower for the session at 89c.

Brierty Ltd (BYL)

CEO and MD Ray Bushnell's total fixed remuneration, including superannuation, will rise 7.8% to \$550,000, due to his recent appointment as MD.

Resources

Matsa Resources (* MAT)

WA Fortitude gold project mining underway, from the North Pit, on a single-shift basis. Double shifts are scheduled to commence Monday next week (31 July).

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Blackstone Resources	BSX	26 Jul
Riedel Resources	RIE	26 Jul
Silver City Minerals	SCI	26 Jul
Sundance Resources	SDL	26 Jul

Suspensions (*selected*)

Company	Code	Since
Azonto Petroleum	APY	21 Jul
Baralaba Coal Company	BCL	10 Jul
Clancy Exploration	CLY	13 Jul
Dotz Nano	DTZ	24 Jul
European Lithium	EUR	7 Jul

Conf Board consumer confidence

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	BoJ policy meeting minutes	Jul
UK	CBI industrial trends	Jul
Germany	Import prices	Jun
Germany	IFO business expectations	Jul

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Magnis Resources	MNS	5 Jul
Magnum Gas & Power	MPE	12 Jul
MSM Corporation International	MSM	12 Jul
Peak Resources	PEK	6 Jul
Premiere Eastern Energy	PEZ	11 Jul
Realm Resources	RRP	14 Jul

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
VVR	Today	6.6	0	5.35
MIR	Tomorrow	10.5	100	3.47
WQW	Fri	3.52	0	7.91

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

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When	Company	Report/Event
Today	OZL	Jun Q
Tomorrow	IGO	Jun Q
	SBM	Jun Q
	SXY	Jun Q
	DDT	1 0
Thu	BPT	Jun Q
	FMG	Jun Q
	GUD	Full-year
	MQG	AGM
	OGC	Jun Q
Fri	AWE	Jun Q
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	PRG	AGM
	SFR	Jun Q
31 Jul	ERA	Interim
	IFN	Jun Q
	NVT	Full-year
	ORG	Jun Q
	SYR	Jun Q