

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5724	46	0.8
NZX 50	8699	36	0.4
DJIA Futures	24502	-97	-0.4
S&P 500 Futures	2670	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6673	142	2.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences today's trade ahead of material data out of China, and following a bounce in international equities sentiment overnight, but a drop in iron ore prices, amid warnings of further volatility this week.

China is expected to report October industrial profits **12.30pm** AEDT.

Also regionally, **New Zealand** has this morning reported a \$NZ 1.295B October trade (goods) deficit, against expectations of \$NZ850M, and following imports totalling \$NZ6.15B and \$NZ4.86B worth of exports.

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

Several high-profile companies are also hosting AGMs and providing updates. *Please see pp2-3.*

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** swung higher.

Iron ore (China port 62% Fe) tumbled decisively, substantially picking up the pace in its fifth consecutive sessional fall.

US (December) **gold** futures settled slightly lower.

LME **copper** and **nickel** continued to decline modestly. **Aluminium** posted another slight gain.

The **\$A** has been pushed below US72.20c after surpassing US72.65c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	24640	354	1.5
S&P 500	2673	41	1.6
NASDAQ	7082	143	2.1
FTSE 100	7036	83	1.2
DAX 30	11355	162	1.5
Shanghai Comp	2576	-4	-0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets opened higher overnight and headed towards further gains.

Oil prices bounced; retailers appeared upbeat regarding Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales; in association select tech sector stocks appeared back in favour; markets were reacting for the first time to a weekend European Union (EU) leaders' approval of the draft UK separation deal, and reports Italy and the European Commission (EC) would continue discussions regarding Italy's proposed budget; and additional non-tech sector corporate announcements propelled select large-cap stocks higher.

European Central Bank (ECB) president Mario Draghi told a European Union parliament economic

China – industrial profits **12.30pm** AEDT

* RE loans investment trust listing **11am** AEDT – **QRI** *

Today's Stock Watch

Brickworks Ltd (BKW)

Mixed beginning to FY 2019, building products division earnings coming in 'materially lower'.

Today's AGM materials lodged.

BKW will webcast the AGM live. Access details lodged this morning.

BKW will trade ex-dividend (36c) tomorrow.

Harvey Norman (HVN)

\$2.88B worth of sales for 1 July – 23 November, 2.3% higher than a year ago. Comparable sales grew 3.0%. Backup statistics lodged this morning.

Today's AGM materials also lodged.

carsales.com Ltd (CAR)

CAR has appointed CAR director and former SingTel Optus executive Pat O'Sullivan as chairman, taking over from Jeff Browne, who retired in March.

Acting CAR chair is planning to retire from the CAR board, after 19 years, effective 4 January.

Elanor Investors Group (ENN)

Acquiring the suburban Melbourne Waverley Gardens shopping centre in JV with Heitman, for \$178M.

Settlement is anticipated by year's end.

Webjet Ltd (WEB)

\$153M entitlement offer completed, with ~49% initial take-up in the retail component.

Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (* QRI)

Investment trust scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT following a \$231.2M IPO at \$1.60 per unit.

144.5M quoted units.

Resources

BHP Billiton (BHP)

Heralding a new IOCG find ~65km south east of the group's Olympic Dam operation, South Australia.

Assays lodged this morning.

Saracen Mineral Holdings (SAR)

Heralding two discoveries proximal to the Carosue Dam gold project.

Assays lodged this morning.

Energy

Rio Tinto (RIO)

Proposing to sell the group's 69% holding in the Namibia uranium project to China National Uranium Corp (CNUC) for up to \$US106.5M.

committee overnight that an Italy – EC deal was possible and that the ECB still planned to end a monthly bond purchase program at the end of the year.

In new **US** data releases, the Chicago Fed's October national activity index rose to 0.24 from 0.14.

A Texas region manufacturing index dropped to 17.6 from 29.4.

In **Germany**, an IFO business climate index slipped to 102, from 102.9. The expectations index declined one point to 98.7.

Meanwhile, in its latest update the **World Trade Organisation** (WTO) lowered its 'trade outlook indicator' from 100.3 in August to a contractionary 98.6.

Further, each of the seven indicator components declined.

The WTO is predicting international trade growth for 2018 will come in at 3.9% and for 2019, at 3.7%, following 4.7% last year. In April, the WTO had forecast 4.4% and 4.0% gains for 2018 and 2019 respectively.

Tonight in the US, a Texas region services sector activity index is due, together with two residential property price reports and a Conference Board consumer confidence reading.

In addition, four Federal Reserve officials are scheduled to speak publicly, including the vice chair.

Elsewhere, **Bank of England** officials are due to appear **today** (AEDT) before a UK parliamentary economics committee, in part to provide observations on the proposed conditions for the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

In overnight corporate news, **General Motors** revealed significant restructuring plans in favour of a greater focus on self-drive and electric vehicles, and in response to reduced demand for sedans, and generally more onerous export and import conditions. The plans include the closure of up to seven plants, including five in North America.

Ahead of firm figures, **Adobe Analytics** predicted US Cyber Monday **retail sales** could reach \$US7.8B, and that over the holiday season, sales could exceed \$US124B.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1222	oz	-0.8	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.3	oz	-0.03	-0.2
Gold (LON)	1224	oz		
Platinum	842	oz	4	0.5
WTI Crude (Jan)	51.6	bbl	1.2	2.4
Brent Crude (Jan)	60.5	bbl	1.7	2.9
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	64.25	t	-5.8	-8.4
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6189	t	-18	-0.3
Nickel	10875	t	-40	-0.4
Aluminium	1952	t	2.5	0.1
Lead	1943	t	-25	-1.3
Zinc	2487	t	-32	-1.3
Tin	18900	t	100	0.5
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.14	bshl	0.07	1.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – traders last night were faced with several considerations, including a bounce in equities sentiment, claims Saudi Arabia had likely achieved

Pre-Open Announcements

iSignthis Ltd (* ISX)

The ISXPay system will be live from tomorrow within the European Union, via Visa and Mastercard schemes.

Pro-Pac Packaging (* PPG)

CEO Grant Harrod has resigned.
PPG is hosting its AGM at midday AEDT today.

Resources

Lynas Corporation (* LYC)

Today's AGM materials lodged.

Egan Street Resources (* EGA)

WA Rothsay gold project resource increase lodged this morning.

Energy

Stanmore Coal (* SMR)

Officially rejecting Golden Investments' 95c-per-share takeover offer.

SMR traded at 96.5c - \$1.05 last week, after announcing the takeover bid, and settled at 99c yesterday.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AGI	AGM
	BKW	AGM
	HVN	AGM
	LYC	AGM
	PPG	AGM
	RIC	AGM
	SEK	AGM
Tomorrow	APT	AGM
	IFL	AGM
	PLS	AGM
Thu	ALL	Full year
	BOQ	AGM
	EHE	AGM
	FNP	AGM
	GTY	AGM
	GTG	AGM
	GTK	Full year
	KAR	AGM
	KCN	AGM
	MYX	AGM
	PMV	AGM
	RFG	AGM
	QHL	AGM
	SFR	AGM
SHV	AGM	
SPO	AGM	
Fri	BD1	AGM
	KAR	AGM
	MYR	AGM
	RES	AGM
	SCO	AGM

record crude production in November of up to 11.3MMbbl/d, and a Genscape report indicating crude stocks at the Cushing, Oklahoma storage centre had grown by a mere 126bbl Tuesday through Friday last week.

In addition, over the weekend, reports surfaced that OPEC, largely represented by Saudi Arabia, possibly Russia, and the US, were negotiating a production level compromise ahead of the 6 December OPEC meeting in Vienna.

In the meantime, Aramco confirmed it was targeting additional crude supply opportunities in China, India, Indonesia and Malaysia, as it also progressed petrochemical production plans.

Gold – relative \$US strength and improved equities sentiment detracted from ultimate overnight gold interest, but Comex December futures traded as high as \$US1228.6/oz intra-session.

A second estimate of US September quarter GDP, plus Federal Reserve policy meeting minutes are due from mid-week, meaning gold could continue to sway.

Base metals – caution prevailed overnight, **China's** steel sector prices having dropped from early yesterday, traders reacting to a weekend economic growth report from a Chinese university, and speculation continuing regarding any outcomes from a potential US-China trade-related leaders' meeting in association with the 30 November – 1 December G20 leaders' summit.

In addition, China is expected to report October industrial profits today.

Yesterday, an initial November manufacturing PMI for **Japan** came in at 51.8, against 52.9 for October.

Overnight traders were also delivered a \$US gain and stockpile updates.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7217	0.0000	0.00
EUR – USD	1.1329	0.0002	0.02

Australian Data Today

ANZ/RyMgn	Consumer confidence	25 Nov
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US Data Tonight

Case-Shiller house price index	Sep
FHFA house prices	Sep
Dallas Fed services index	Nov
Conf Board consumer confidence	Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial profits	Oct
UK	CBI distributive trades	Oct

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Mon (3 Dec)	MTS	Interim
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Wed (5 Dec)	TPM	AGM
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Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Sterling Plantations	SBI	27 Nov
Bryah Resources	BYH	28 Nov
Carbon Energy	CNX	28 Nov
Carnegie Clean Energy	CCE	28 Nov
Centaurus Ltd	CTM	28 Nov
Cromwell Property Group	CMW	28 Nov
Dubber Corporation	DUB	28 Nov
Triangle Energy	TEG	28 Nov
Zyber Holdings	ZYB	28 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Birimian Ltd	BGS	15 Nov
Department 13 International	D13	23 Nov
Energy Technologies	EGY	12 Nov
NTM Gold	NTM	22 Nov
Pelican Resources	PEL	31 Oct
Planet Gas	PGS	23 Nov
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	14 Nov
Tag Pacific	TAG	22 Nov
VPCL Ltd	VPC	19 Nov

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
OFX	Today	2.64	100	3.17
CVL	Tomorrow	0.59	100	1.18
GNC	Tomorrow	8	100	2.14
ALQ	Thu	11	20	2.90
GCI	Thu	0.86	0	2.02
GZL	Thu	10	100	5.36
TNE	Thu	8.16	75	1.61
MEC	3 Dec	1	100	2.03
AYK	6 Dec	11	100	4.37
AYZ	6 Dec	42	100	3.85
PDL	6 Dec	30	15	6.43
WBA	6 Dec	3	100	1.72
JHX	11 Dec	11.01	0	2.75

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