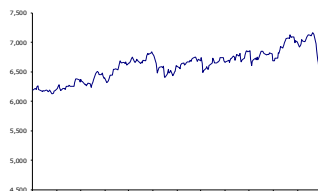


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**Global Wrap – 1 March 2020**

World Markets	1/03/2020	23/02/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	6441	7139	-9.8%	-7.7%	16.2%
Dow Jones	21798	21988	-0.9%	-1.0%	18.0%
Nasdaq	5284	5284	0.0%	-0.2%	21.9%
S&P 500	2954	3338	-11.5%	-11.4%	31.5%
FTSE 100	6566	7404	-11.3%	-12.2%	-5.3%
DAX30	11890	13579	-12.4%	-11.8%	3.2%
Shanghai Composite	2880	3031	-5.0%	0.5%	-10.4%
Nikkei 225	21143	23387	-9.6%	-11.4%	12.7%
Hang Seng	26130	27309	-4.3%	-2.5%	14.3%
<b>Currency</b>					
AUD/USD	0.6506	0.6605	-1.5%	-1.6%	-8.1%
<b>Commodities</b>					
Oil (\$/bbl)	45.3	51.3	-11.8%	-11.4%	-18.8%
Gas (\$/gal)	1.7	1.9	-9.3%	-6.9%	-39.2%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	5573	5702	-2.3%	-2.5%	-4.5%
Lead (\$/t)	1869	1881	-0.6%	1.4%	-19.8%
Zinc (\$/t)	2014	2087	-3.5%	-9.4%	-26.6%
Aluminium (\$/t)	1663	1687	-1.4%	-1.4%	-4.0%
Nickel (\$/t)	12160	12440	-2.3%	-6.5%	6.9%
Tin (\$/t)	16225	16525	-1.8%	-0.7%	-24.2%
Gold (\$/oz)	1643	1649	-0.4%	5.3%	40.1%
Silver (\$/oz)	17.7	18.6	-4.7%	0.9%	3.7%
Platinum (\$/oz)	903	976	-7.5%	-8.4%	-3.7%
Wheat (\$/t)	527.000	551.750	-4.5%	-6.2%	29.1%

Source: Iress

**Key points**

- Stocks plunge on coronavirus fears**
- What to watch next week**

**US**

The coronavirus wiped \$3.18 trillion in market value from US stocks this week, according to estimates from S&P Dow Jones Indices.

The equity benchmark lost US\$203 billion in value on Friday, adding to its US\$2.997 trillion loss from Monday to Thursday, CNBC reported. The S&P 500 index has lost \$3.58 trillion in value from its February 19 high.

Stocks cratered again [on Friday](#) as investors fled riskier assets amid intense fears about a slowdown in global growth caused by the deadly coronavirus. All three major averages ended the week deep in correction territory, more than 10% off their most recent highs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost nearly 3,500 points since Monday.

The spreading deadly virus has sent shock waves through the markets.

Companies such as Microsoft, Apple, [Nike](#), [United Airlines](#) and [Mastercard](#) have all raised flags about the coronavirus and its impact on their earnings.



Stocks had a slight reprise when Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said on Friday the central bank was monitoring the coronavirus for risks it posed to the US economy and pledged action if necessary. Right after that, a report from the [Washington Post](#) said the Trump administration was considering tax cuts to combat the economic impact of the coronavirus. Stocks ended the day off their lows, banking on some sort of central bank or government response over the weekend.

The rapid spread of the coronavirus outside China, where the disease was first reported, has weighed on sentiment in recent days over its potential impact on economic growth and corporate earnings. In South Korea, more than 1,700 cases of infection have been confirmed, while over 600 people have contracted the virus in Italy so far.

This coming Friday the key non-farm payroll employment data will be released.

#### Asia

China's **Shenzhen** stocks led losses among major markets regionally as they closed sharply lower, CNBC reported. The Shenzhen component was 4.8% lower at 10,980.77 while the Shenzhen composite dropped 4.928% to approximately 1,801.75. The **Shanghai composite** was down 3.71% to end its trading day at 2,880.30.

**Hong Kong's Hang Seng** index dropped 2.42% to close at 26,129.93.

**Japanese stocks** also suffered major declines. The Nikkei 225 dropped 3.67% to close at 21,142.96 while the Topix index fell 3.65% to end its trading day at 1,510.87.

Data on Friday showed retail sales in Japan declining 0.4% year-on-year in January. That compared against a median market forecast for a 1.1% decline, according to Reuters.

#### Australia

The ASX lost another 3% on Friday, taking it into correction territory, the Guardian reported.

A heavy day of selling that tested brokers' computer systems pushed the benchmark ASX200 index down 3.25%, or 9.8% for the week – taking it to the 10% mark that signifies a market correction and resets expectations of future growth.

The week of falls has wiped more than \$200 billion from the market and ravaged stocks that are exposed to China or the travel industry, including airlines, miners and educators.

Any potential hit to the Australian economy will further deepen [damage done by bushfires](#) and floods that have ravaged the east coast in recent months – although the extra day in February on Saturday may prevent statistics showing a shrinking GDP when quarterly results are released this coming Wednesday.

The budget position was \$3.7 billion worse at the end of January than predicted in mid-year update numbers released the previous month, data released by finance minister Mathias Cormann [revealed](#).

The Reserve Bank of Australia will release its interest rate decision on Tuesday, with most analysts expecting the RBA to keep rates on hold.

Every sector on the ASX was down at least 1% and most fell over 3%, with the **tech sector** the worst hit. It was down 4.71% as buy-now-pay-later operator and former sharemarket darling Afterpay plummeted 9.1% to a one-month low of \$33.17.

The **mining sector** suffered the second-biggest losses, falling a collective 4.67% as mining giant **BHP** dropped 4.5% to a one-year low of \$33.60, **Rio Tinto** fell 3.5% to a five-month low of \$87.27 and **Fortescue Metals** declined 6.4% to a more than two-month low of \$10.08. Goldminers were not immune from the carnage, with **Newcrest**, **Northern Star** and **Saracen** all plunging between 8.0 and 9.8%.

**Europe**

European stocks extended a historic week of losses on Friday as the coronavirus outbreak continued to pummel global markets into correction territory.

The pan-European Stoxx 600 closed 3.8% lower as markets around the world tanked. The benchmark lost approximately 12.7% for the week, its worst since October 2008 at the height of the global financial crisis.

Basic resources dropped 4.6% to lead losses as all sectors and major bourses traded sharply in the red. Britain's **FTSE 100** lost 3.7% on Friday, France's **CAC 40** index was down 4% and Germany's **DAX** fell 4.5%.

In other news, Britain set a frosty tone for its talks with the European Union, threatening to walk away from negotiations for a new free trade agreement if significant progress is not made by June.

[Rolls-Royce](#) was the only stock offering any significant gains on Friday, climbing 6.5% after a strong earnings report.

British Airways parent [IAG](#) tumbled 5.7% after warning of an expected hit to earnings from the coronavirus outbreak.

**Gold** prices headed into the weekend at \$1622 per ounce, 1.0% lower from last Friday's finish and more than \$60 below Monday morning's spike to fresh seven-year highs, BullionVault reported.

Some analysts, such as Kitco's David Erfle, believe gold is being sold in forced margin call induced trades and amid a "sell anything with a bid" mentality.

Adding 2.5% from the end of January however, gold priced in the US dollar still headed for a third monthly rise.

**Silver** this week is getting hit especially hard on ideas both commercial and consumer demand for the metal will be dented by slowing world economic growth.

**Economic Calendar 2/03/2020 – 6/03/2020**

Monday March 02 2020			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:45 AM	CN	Caixin Manufacturing PMI FEB		51.1	45.7	46	
06:00 PM	IT	Full Year GDP Growth 2019		0.8%		0.2%	
06:00 PM	IT	Government Budget 2019		-2.2%		-2.6%	
Tuesday March 03 2020			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
11:30 AM	AU	RBA Interest Rate Decision		0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	
01:00 PM	JP	Consumer Confidence FEB		39.1	40.6	37.7	
Wednesday March 04 2020			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 AM	AU	GDP Growth Rate YoY Q4		1.7%	2%	1.9%	
08:30 AM	AU	GDP Growth Rate QoQ Q4		0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	
05:00 PM	IT	GDP Growth Rate YoY Final Q4		0.3%	0%	0%	
05:00 PM	IT	GDP Growth Rate QoQ Final Q4		0.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%	
08:00 PM	BR	GDP Growth Rate YoY Q4		1.2%	1.5%	1%	
11:00 PM	CA	BoC Interest Rate Decision		1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	
Thursday March 05 2020			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 AM	AU	Balance of Trade JAN		A\$5.22B	A\$4.8B	A\$4.9B	
Friday March 06 2020			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:30 PM	CA	Balance of Trade JAN		C\$-0.4B	C\$-0.67B	C\$ -0.7B	
09:30 PM	US	Balance of Trade JAN		\$-48.9B	\$-47.7B	\$ -45.8B	
09:30 PM	US	Non Farm Payrolls FEB		225K	175K	165K	
11:00 PM	CA	Ivey PMI s.a FEB		57.3		56	

Source: [www.tradingeconomics.com](http://www.tradingeconomics.com)

**Economic Calendar 9/03/2020 – 13/03/2020**

Monday March 09 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:50 AM	JP	GDP Growth Rate QoQ Final Q4	0.1%	-1.6%	-1.6%	
03:00 PM	DE	Balance of Trade JAN	€15.2B		€13.4B	
Tuesday March 10 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 AM	AU	NAB Business Confidence FEB	-1		0	
09:30 AM	CN	Inflation Rate YoY FEB	5.4%		5.9%	
06:00 PM	EA	GDP Growth Rate QoQ 3rd Est Q4	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	
06:00 PM	EA	GDP Growth Rate YoY 3rd Est Q4	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	
Wednesday March 11 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:30 AM	AU	Westpac Consumer Confidence Change MAR	2.3%		0.5%	
07:30 AM	AU	Westpac Consumer Confidence Index MAR	95.5		96	
05:30 PM	GB	Balance of Trade JAN	£7.715B		£-5.7B	
08:30 PM	US	Core Inflation Rate YoY FEB	2.3%		2.2%	
08:30 PM	US	Inflation Rate YoY FEB	2.5%		2.4%	

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**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 28 February 2020**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
IVC	InvoCare Limited	9.0	WEB	Webjet Limited	-29.2
CNU	Chorus Limited	5.1	CUV	Clinuvel Pharmaceut.	-29.1
HLS	Healius	3.8	RWC	Reliance Worldwide	-27.3
NXT	Nextdc Limited	0.6	LNK	Link Admin Hldg	-26.8
FPH	Fisher & Paykel H.	-0.1	PNV	Polynovo Limited	-25.9
ING	Inghams Group	-0.6	NWH	NRW Holdings Limited	-24.5
VVR	Viva Energy REIT	-1.1	MFG	Magellan Fin Grp Ltd	-23.0
A2M	The A2 Milk Company	-1.3	EML	EML Payments Ltd	-21.8
IRE	IRESS Limited	-1.4	ORE	Orocobre Limited	-21.7
GOZ	Growthpoint Property	-1.6	HVN	Harvey Norman	-21.7

Source: IRESS

**S & P Indices Week Ending 28 February 2020**

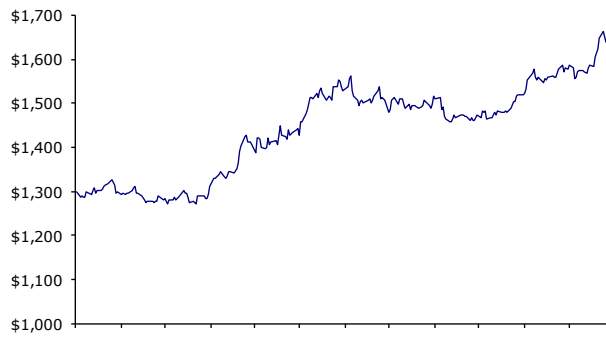
S&P Indices	1/03/2020	23/02/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	9479	10876	-12.8%	-14.3%	6.6%
S&P 200 Materials	12391	13875	-10.7%	-11.1%	25.2%
S&P 200 Industrials	6487	7229	-10.3%	-8.7%	27.1%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	2532	2873	-11.9%	-10.1%	20.9%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	12211	13474	-9.4%	-7.6%	42.7%
S&P 200 Healthcare	43817	47922	-8.6%	-4.5%	127.3%
S&P 200 Financials	5904	6494	-9.1%	-4.5%	-7.3%
S&P 200 Info Technology	1288	1495	-13.9%	-19.1%	65.6%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1224	1342	-8.8%	-9.0%	-30.3%
S&P 200 Utilities	7833	8377	-6.5%	-3.4%	3.9%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1579	1718	-8.1%	-5.7%	17.7%
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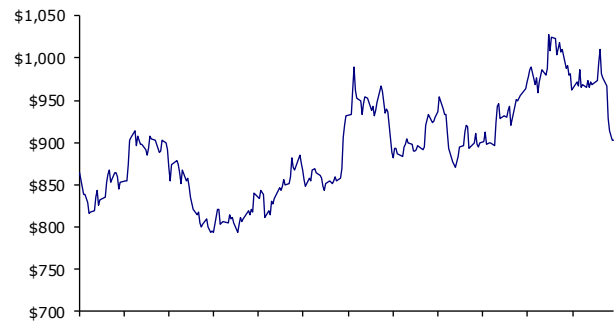


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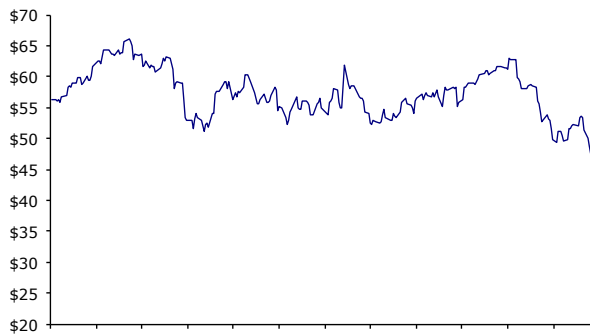
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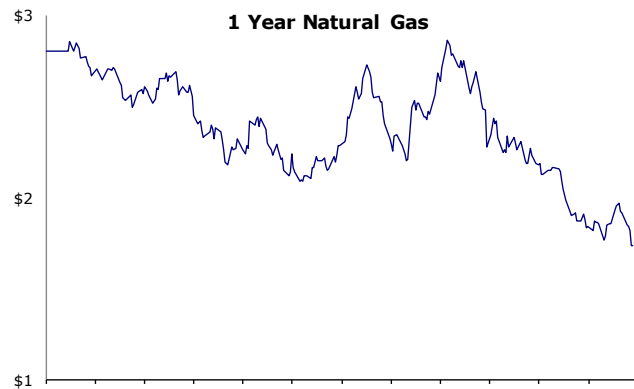
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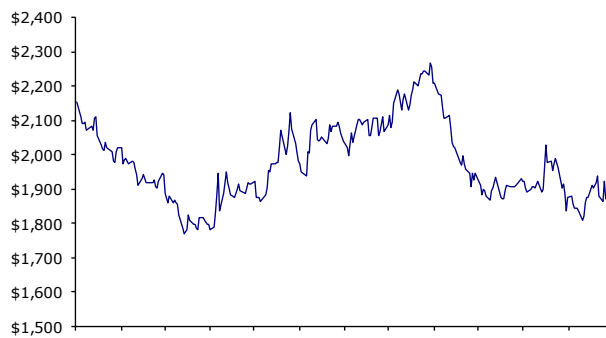
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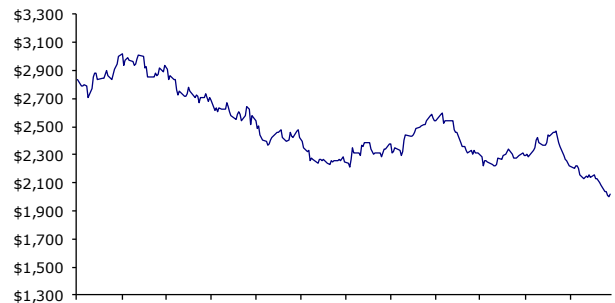
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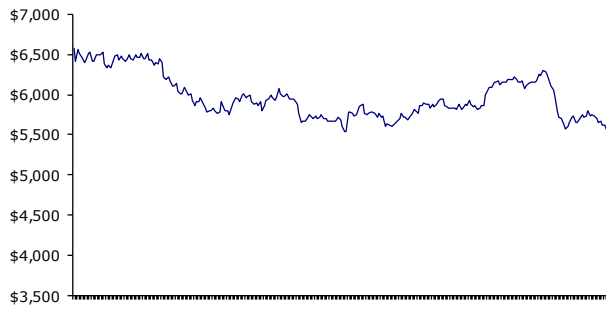


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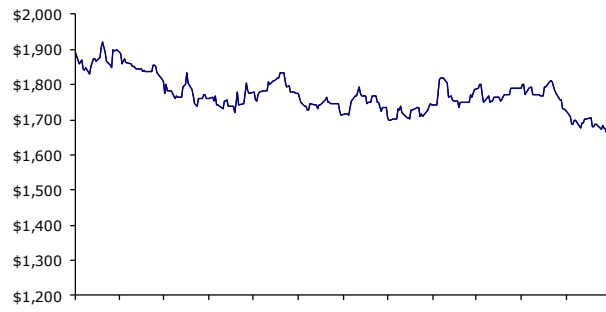




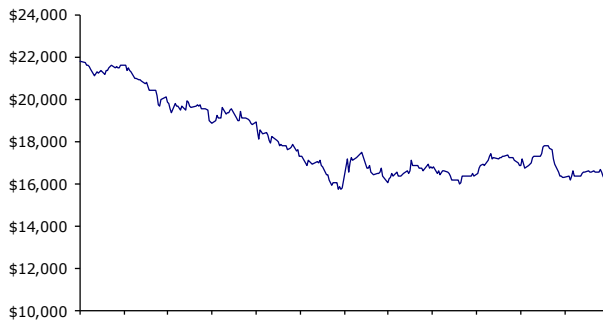
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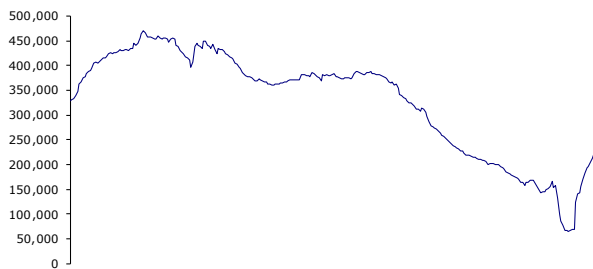


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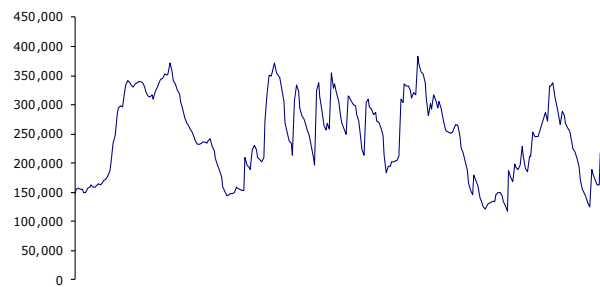


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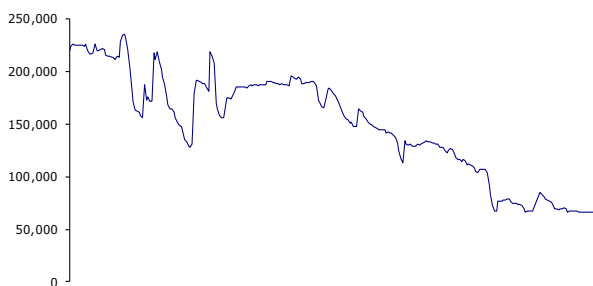
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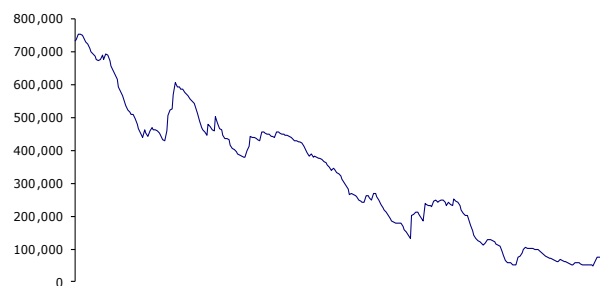
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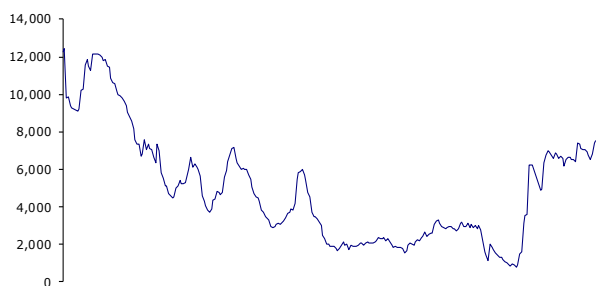
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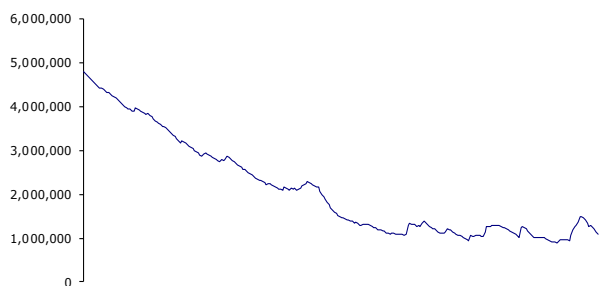
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**Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**



**Aluminium LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**







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