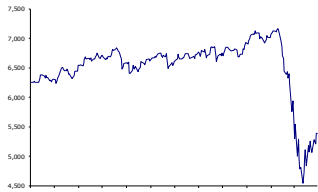


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**Global Wrap – 12 April 2020**

World Markets	12/04/2020	5/04/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	5387	5067	6.3%	8.8%	-2.8%
S&P 500	2790	2489	12.1%	16.3%	24.2%
FTSE 100	5843	5416	7.9%	15.0%	-15.7%
DAX30	10565	9526	10.9%	25.1%	-13.7%
Shanghai Composite	2797	2764	1.2%	3.5%	-13.0%
Nikkei 225	19499	18576	5.0%	17.8%	3.9%
Hang Seng	24300	23236	4.6%	9.0%	6.3%
<b>Currency</b>					
AUD/USD	0.6351	0.6087	4.3%	4.8%	-11.5%
<b>Commodities</b>					
Oil (\$/bbl)	23.2	26.3	-11.8%	-16.3%	-63.7%
Gas (\$/gal)	1.7	1.6	6.9%	8.0%	-31.7%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	4964	4864	2.1%	2.1%	-15.0%
Lead (\$/t)	1685	1661	1.4%	4.2%	-27.7%
Zinc (\$/t)	1890	1862	1.5%	3.8%	-31.1%
Aluminium (\$/t)	1429	1449	-1.4%	-12.3%	-17.5%
Nickel (\$/t)	11457	11192	2.4%	0.3%	0.8%
Tin (\$/t)	15171	14465	4.9%	7.8%	-29.1%
Gold (\$/oz)	1753	1634	7.3%	18.6%	49.5%
Silver (\$/oz)	16.1	14.5	10.8%	36.4%	-6.1%
Platinum (\$/oz)	749	714	4.8%	23.7%	-20.2%
Wheat (\$/t)	557.500	551.500	1.1%	10.1%	36.6%

Source: Iress

**Key points**

1. Last week in review
2. What happened Thursday and Friday
3. What happens next?

**Week in Review**

Global equity markets rallied the week before Easter on early signs that containment measures were slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

While volatility continued, the **MSCI World Index (AUD)** was up 9.7% and the S&P 500 Index was up 10.5% for the week.

The **S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index** closed up 6.4% this week.

At its April meeting on Tuesday, the **Reserve Bank of Australia** held the official cash rate at 0.25%, aligned with its previous commentary that further policy movements will come in other forms such as quantitative easing. Meanwhile, the **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)** urged banks and insurers to defer or reduce **dividend payments** until the economic fallout from coronavirus clears.

**Thursday/Friday**

**US stocks** rose sharply on Thursday, wrapping up a big week of gains, after the Federal Reserve detailed a bevy of programs to support the economy during the shutdowns from the coronavirus pandemic.

The S&P 500 gained 1.5% to close at 2,789.82 while the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 285.80 points, or 1.2%, to 23,719.37. The Nasdaq Composite closed 0.8% higher at 8,153.58. The US stock market was closed on Good Friday.

For the week, the S&P 500 surged 12.1%. That was its biggest one-week gain since 1974, when it rallied more than 14%. The Nasdaq had its best week since 2009, jumping 10.6%. The Dow soared more than 12% for one of its biggest weekly gains on record.

Financials were the best-performing sector in the S&P 500, gaining more than 5%.

The Fed announced a slew of programs worth up to USD 2.3 billion, including loans geared towards small and medium sized businesses. The central bank also gave more details on its plans to buy investment-grade and now even junk bonds.

Thursday's announcement was enough to outweigh another massive jump in weekly jobless claims. More than 6 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week. Economists expected an increase of 5 million. The latest data built on the record-shattering prior two readings of 6.6 million and 3.3 million.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin also told CNBC on Thursday the US economy could be re-opened in May.

He noted the department was doing "everything necessary that American companies and American workers can be open for business and that they have the liquidity that they need to operate their business in the interim."

But some investors believe that stocks are now getting ahead of themselves and investors should exercise caution, CNBC reported.

**Stocks in Asia** were mixed on Friday.

The **Shanghai composite** was down 1.04% to about 2,796.63 while the **Shenzhen composite** dropped 1.946% to approximately 1,721.22. The **Shenzhen component** fell 1.57% to 10,298.41.

**Japan's Nikkei 225** rose 0.79% to close at 19,498.50 while the **Topix index** dipped 0.92% to end its trading day at 1,430.04.

**South Korea's Kospi** added 1.33% to close at 1,860.70.

Shares of **Samsung Biologics skyrocketed 16.82%** after the firm announced on Thursday that it had entered into an agreement with Vir Biotechnology for large-scale manufacturing of SARS-COV-2 antibodies for potential Covid-19 treatment. The deal is valued at around \$362 million, according to a statement from the two companies.

Data released on Friday showed **Chinese consumer inflation** rising in March on a year-on-year basis. China's consumer price index for March rose 4.3% year-on-year, according to the country's National Bureau of Statistics. Still, that was less than expectations of a 4.8% year-on-year increase by analysts in a Reuters poll.

**European markets** closed higher Thursday as investors digested the latest US jobless data and a \$2.3 trillion stimulus package from the US Federal Reserve.

The **pan-European Stoxx 600** closed up by 1.4% provisionally, with travel and leisure stocks jumping over 4% to lead gains as all sectors traded in positive territory. With no trade on Friday, due to the Easter holiday, the benchmark finished up over 7% on the week.



The **Australian share market** has finished the week with gains across the board on hopes the coronavirus crisis might be easing in the hardest-hit areas.

The S&P/ASX200 benchmark index finished Thursday up 180.4 points, or 3.46%, at 5,387.3, while the broader All Ordinaries index jumped 180.6 points, or 3.43%, to 5,4394 in the final trading session before the four-day Easter break.

For the week, the ASX gained 6.3%, eclipsing last week's gains of 4.7% as its best weekly finish since December 2011.

Australia's biggest company on the bourse, blood products giant **CSL**, gained 5.5% to \$329 after reaffirming its full-year guidance of \$3.4 billion to \$3.48 billion.

The company did, however, flag challenges collecting plasma blood from its centres in the US because of coronavirus-related restrictions on movement.

The big banks clawed back some of Wednesday's losses following their double whammy of a Fitch ratings downgrade and APRA advice to cut dividends.

**ANZ** gained 6.6% to \$16.54, **NAB** rose 4.8% to \$16.08, Westpac gained 4.7% to \$15.96, and Commonwealth climbed 3.3% to \$61.76.

**Macquarie Group** rose 7.1% to \$99.50.

The mining sector was more restrained, with **BHP** gaining 0.6% to \$31.50, **Rio Tinto** rising 0.2% to \$89.39, and **Fortescue** climbing 0.8% to \$11.34.

Mineral sands producer **Iluka Resources** gained 2.4% to \$7.29 after withdrawing its 2020 guidance.

Energy stocks collectively gained 3.9% on improved oil prices, which were buoyed overnight by hopes that OPEC and its allies would strike a production cut agreement on Thursday.

**Woodside Petroleum**, **Beach Energy**, **Oil Search**, **Santos** and **Origin** energy were up by between 3.8% and 8.0%.

Shell licensee and Geelong refinery owner **Viva Energy** gained 5.1% to \$1.345 after declaring it would reduce its capital expenditures for the year by \$80 million to preserve cash.

Retailers had a strong day, with Just Jeans and Smiggle owner **Premier Investments** up 9.3%, Rebel Sport owner **Super Retail Group** up 10.5%, and JB Hi-Fi up 7.2%.

**Seven West Media** gained 1.6% to 6.2 cents after agreeing to delay its \$40 million sale of Pacific Magazines to German publisher Bauer Media.

With Thursday's gains, the ASX200 is now up 22.4% from its March 23 low of 4,402.5, but still down 19.4% on the year and 25.1% from its February 20 peak of 7,197.2.

A historic **oil production** cut agreement between the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known collectively as OPEC+, hit a snag after Mexico reportedly refused to agree to its share of the cuts.

However Politico reported on Friday that President Donald Trump said the United States would cut its oil production to assist Mexico in keeping alive a deal between OPEC and other oil-producing countries to boost global oil prices.

**This coming week**, apart from watching the COVID-19 curves and lock down measures, investors will be looking at US corporate earnings reports and a potential breakthrough in an OPEC+ deal.

**Economic Calendar 13/04/2020 – 17/04/2020**

Tuesday April 14 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:30 AM	AU NAB Business Confidence MAR		-4		-15	
Wednesday April 15 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 AM	AU Westpac Consumer Confidence Index APR		91.9		78	
08:30 AM	AU Westpac Consumer Confidence Change APR		-3.8%		-15%	
08:30 PM	US Retail Sales MoM MAR		-0.5%	-7%	-5.7%	
10:00 PM	CA BoC Interest Rate Decision		0.75%		0.25%	
Friday April 17 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
10:00 AM	CN GDP Growth Rate YoY Q1		6%	-6%	-6.2%	

Source: [www.tradingeconomics.com](http://www.tradingeconomics.com)**Economic Calendar 20/04/2020 – 24/04/2020**

Monday April 20 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:50 AM	JP Balance of Trade MAR		¥1109.8B		¥ 1100B	
09:30 AM	CN Loan Prime Rate 1Y		4.05%		3.95%	
Tuesday April 21 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	GB Claimant Count Change MAR		17.3K		62K	
05:00 PM	DE ZEW Economic Sentiment Index APR		-49.5		-58.8	
Wednesday April 22 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	GB Inflation Rate YoY MAR		1.7%		1.2%	
08:30 PM	CA Inflation Rate YoY MAR		2.2%		2%	
Thursday April 23 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	DE GfK Consumer Confidence MAY		2.7		-3	
Friday April 24 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:30 AM	JP Inflation Rate YoY MAR		0.4%		0.5%	
04:00 PM	DE Ifo Business Climate APR		86.1		80	
08:30 PM	US Durable Goods Orders MoM MAR		1.2%		-1%	

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**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 10 April 2020**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
PRN	Perenti Global Ltd	37.7	FPH	Fisher & Paykel H.	-11.0
CCP	Credit Corp Group	31.8	NXT	Nextdc Limited	-5.8
VCX	Vicinity Centres	31.2	CNU	Chorus Limited	-4.5
FLT	Flight Centre Travel	29.6	AZJ	Aurizon Holdings Ltd	-3.5
SCG	Scentre Grp	29.2	BXB	Brambles Limited	-2.8
SVW	Seven Group Holdings	27.5	GUD	G.U.D. Holdings	-1.8
SGP	Stockland	26.4	MTS	Metcash Limited	-1.7
SKC	Skycity Ent Grp Ltd	25.4	IAG	Insurance Australia	-1.4
VUK	Virgin Money Uk PLC	25.0	WOW	Woolworths Group Ltd	-1.1
CTD	Corp Travel Limited	24.8	ELD	Elders Limited	-0.4

Source: IRESS

**S & P Indices Week Ending 10 April 2020**

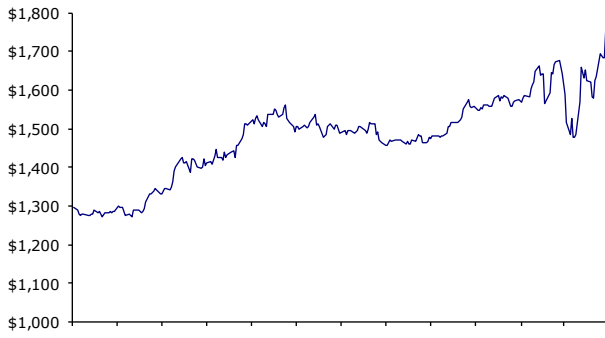
S&P Indices	12/04/2020	5/04/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	6945	6365	9.1%	24.0%	-21.9%
S&P 200 Materials	11543	10952	5.4%	12.9%	16.6%
S&P 200 Industrials	5203	4840	7.5%	16.7%	2.0%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	2051	1866	9.9%	11.9%	-2.0%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	11910	11875	0.3%	-4.3%	39.2%
S&P 200 Healthcare	44531	41691	6.8%	16.2%	131.0%
S&P 200 Financials	4294	4099	4.7%	1.5%	-32.6%
S&P 200 Info Technology	1147	1029	11.5%	24.2%	47.5%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1080	1048	3.1%	0.5%	-38.5%
S&P 200 Utilities	7605	7306	4.1%	10.7%	0.9%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1167	1006	16.0%	9.5%	-13.0%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	4789	4572	4.7%	1.5%	-32.6%

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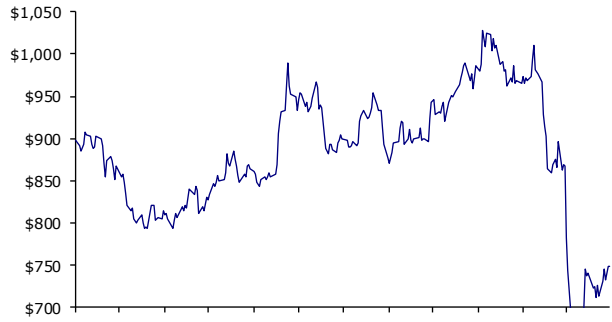


### 1 Year Commodity Price Charts

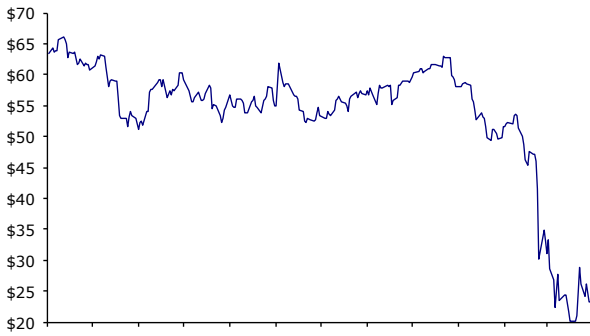
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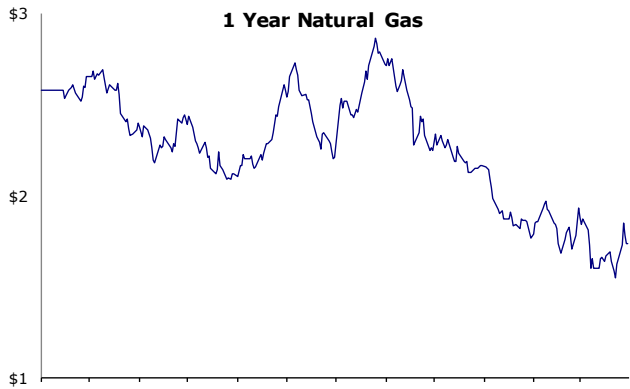
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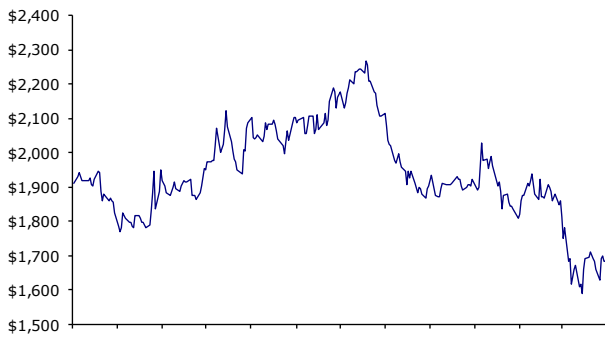
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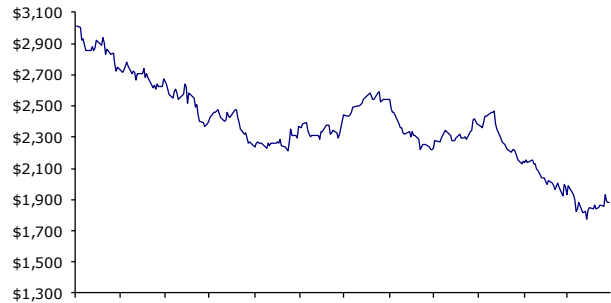
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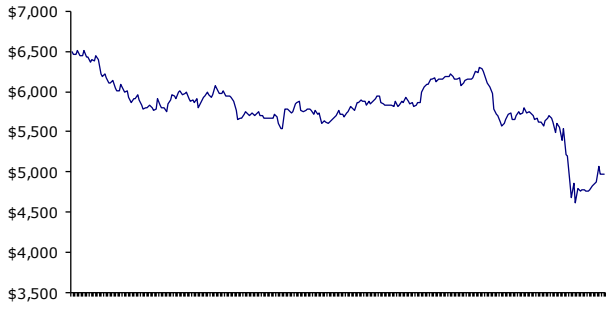


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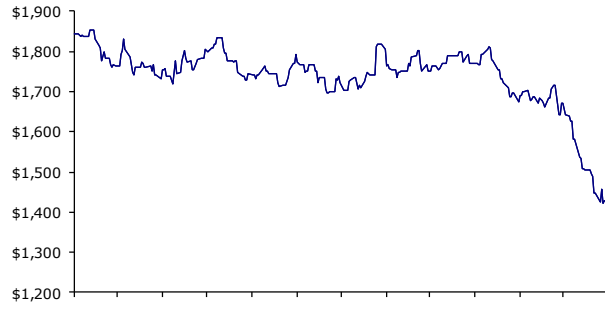




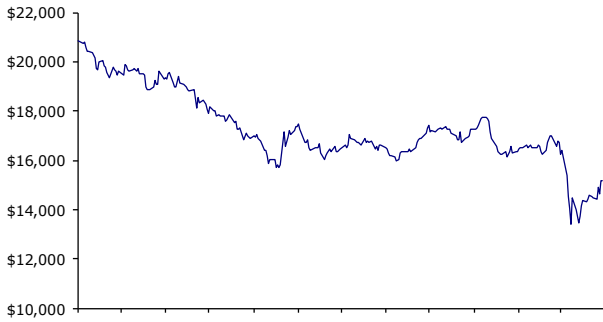
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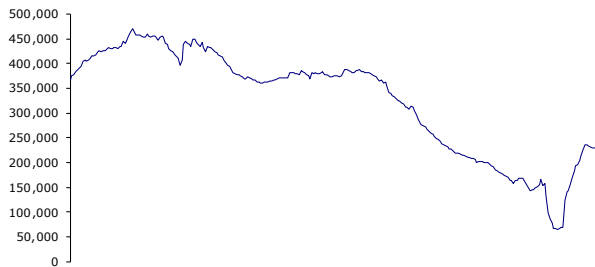


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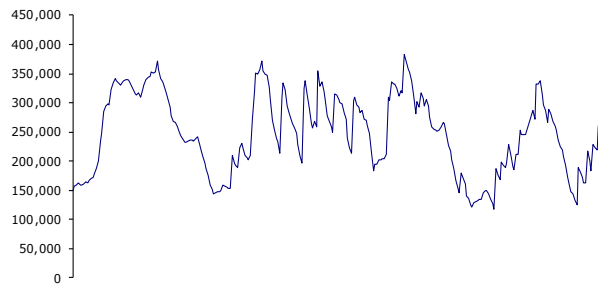


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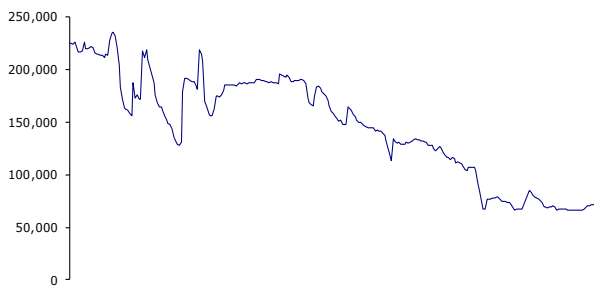
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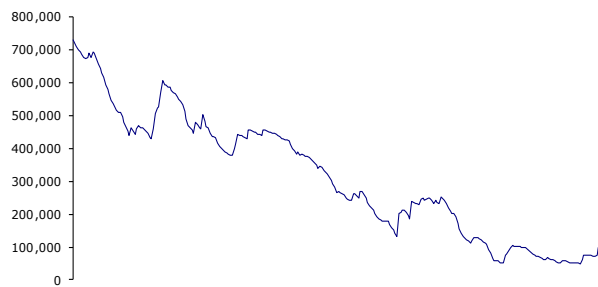
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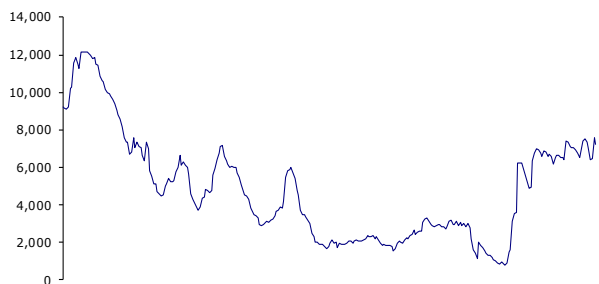
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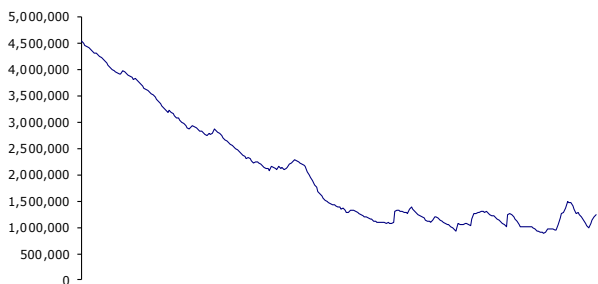
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**Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**



**Aluminium LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**





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