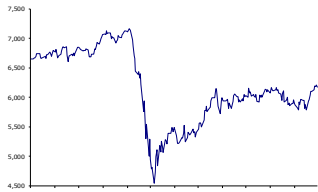
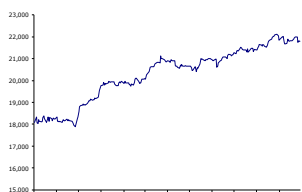


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**Global Wrap – 18 October 2020**

World Markets	18/10/2020	11/10/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	6177	6102	1.2%	4.3%	11.4%
S&P 500	3484	3477	0.2%	7.6%	55.1%
FTSE 100	5920	6017	-1.6%	0.3%	-14.6%
DAX30	12909	13051	-1.1%	2.1%	-0.2%
Shanghai Composite	3336	3358	-0.7%	3.5%	3.8%
Nikkei 225	23411	23559	-0.6%	1.4%	24.8%
Hang Seng	24387	24193	0.8%	2.8%	6.7%
<b>Currency</b>					
AUD/USD	0.7077	0.7210	-1.8%	-1.3%	3.2%
<b>Commodities</b>					
Oil (\$/bbl)	40.9	39.5	3.4%	1.7%	-23.8%
Gas (\$/gal)	3.4	3.3	1.7%	60.2%	29.1%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	6728	6741	-0.2%	0.1%	15.2%
Lead (\$/t)	1757	1780	-1.3%	-5.1%	-24.6%
Zinc (\$/t)	2398	2416	-0.7%	-1.0%	-12.6%
Aluminium (\$/t)	1866	1806	3.3%	8.6%	7.7%
Nickel (\$/t)	15603	14990	4.1%	8.6%	37.2%
Tin (\$/t)	18390	18210	1.0%	1.8%	-14.0%
Gold (\$/oz)	1906	1926	-1.0%	2.0%	62.6%
Silver (\$/oz)	24.4	25.1	-2.8%	6.0%	42.8%
Platinum (\$/oz)	864	888	-2.7%	2.5%	-7.8%
Wheat (\$/t)	626.500	592.250	5.8%	14.3%	53.5%

Source: Iress

**Key points**

1. Week in review
2. Friday's markets
3. What to watch next week

**Week in review**

Global equity markets continued their volatility, as sentiment swings between hopes for a better economic future and despondency amid the ongoing pandemic and signs that the economic rebound is fading. At the same time unprecedented policy actions have aimed to stimulate economic activity and have boosted risk asset prices. However, as one analyst told CNBC this week, these efforts are "not sufficient to generate a self-reinforcing economic expansion".

**Friday's markets**

**US:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose on Friday for its first daily gain in four sessions after the release of strong US consumer data to end a volatile week.

The Dow closed 112.11 points higher, or 0.4%, at 28,606.31. The S&P 500 eked out a small gain, closing at 3,483.81 and the Nasdaq Composite ended the day down 0.4% at 11,671.56.



The major averages were broadly higher for most of the session. However they gave up most of their gains in the final hour of trading as Big Tech shares sold off.

US retail sales jumped 1.9% in September easily topping a Dow Jones estimate of 0.7%, according to data released by the Commerce Department on Friday. Excluding autos, sales were up 1.5%, better than a 0.4% estimate.

Boeing shares led the Dow higher, rising 1.9% after Europe's aviation regulator said Boeing's 737 Max jet is safe to fly again.

Pfizer jumped 3.8% after the company said it would apply for emergency use of its coronavirus vaccine as soon as it reaches certain safety milestones that it expects to have in late November.

Meanwhile, Amazon shares dipped 1.9% amid concerns over the sales from company's Prime Day event. Health care and utilities were the best-performing sector in the S&P 500, jumping nearly more than 1% each.

Wall Street was coming off its third consecutive daily decline amid uncertainty around further coronavirus stimulus as well as fears of a worsening pandemic around the world, while lawmakers in Washington continued to send mixed signals about progress toward a stimulus deal.

### Asia

Mainland Chinese stocks were mixed by the close, with the Shanghai composite up 0.13% to 3,336.36, while the Shenzhen component declined 0.68% to 13,532.73.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index jumped 1.04%.

Japan's Nikkei 225 declined by 0.41% to close at 23,410.63. In South Korea, the Kospi traded lower by 0.83% to 2,341.53.

### Europe

European markets closed sharply higher Friday, clawing back from steep losses in the previous session.

The pan-European [Stoxx 600](#) closed up by 1.3% provisionally, its best session in nearly three weeks.

Autos jumped 3.6% as all but one sector gained. Telecoms bucked the upward trend to fall 0.2%. All of the major bourses were positive, led by France's CAC which rose by nearly 2.2%.

UK Prime Minister [Boris Johnson](#) said he would [seek a no-deal Brexit](#) unless there was a fundamental change of approach from the European Union.

The UK government also announced plans to impose tougher coronavirus restrictions on London, while the French government declared a public health state of emergency earlier this week amid a surge in cases. Germany has also announced new rules to curb the spread of the virus.

[Thyssenkrupp](#) shares bounced almost 11% after Britain's Liberty Steel [launched a takeover bid](#) for the German conglomerate's beleaguered steel unit.

At the other end of the European blue chip index, [Getinge](#) dropped 6% after reporting a fall in ventilator orders, despite soaring profits in the third quarter,

### Australia

Losses for the big miners, banking heavyweights and biotech CSL ensured a soft close to otherwise strong week for the Australian sharemarket as investors de-risked into the weekend, The Sydney Morning Herald reported.

The ASX 200 shed 33.5 points, or 0.5% to close at 6176.8 on Friday. The market still managed to add 1.2% across the week's five sessions, with hopes of a November interest rate cut helping it hit seven-month highs on Thursday and continue a stellar October.

A weak Wall Street lead set the tone on Friday as US stimulus talks continued to frustrate and virus cases in both Europe and America showed a worrying uptick. OANDA's Asia-Pacific analyst Jeffrey Halley said sentiment might also have lagged amid reports that China could boycott Australian cotton.

The banks shed earlier gains to join the other market heavyweights in the red.

Westpac led losses for the big four, falling 0.6% to \$18.66. Macquarie Group pulled the other way with a 1.3% rise to \$134.34 while Medibank Private jumped 3% to \$2.73 on an analyst upgrade.



CSL ended 0.7% lower at \$299, though a 1% climb for ResMed and a 0.3% gain for Fisher and Paykel helped limit losses for the health sector.

Mining titan BHP fell 1.4% to \$36.25 and Rio Tinto - which reported a drop in quarterly ore shipments - fell 0.9% to \$95.45.

Fortescue metals ended marginally in front at \$16.63.

Elsewhere, Transurban weighed with a 2.7% drop to \$13.70 and Telstra fell 0.7% to \$2.84.

Afterpay added 1.8% to \$96.72 and Wesfarmers was 0.5% higher at \$48.20.

**Next week investors will be watching:**

Monday - the release of China's gross domestic product (GDP) and US Federal Reserve Governor Jerome Powell's speech for indications about interest rate moves as well as European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde's speech.

Tuesday - the Reserve Bank of Australia will release its monthly meeting minutes and China will announce its interest rate decision.

Wednesday - Australian retail sales will be released.

**Economic Calendar 19/10/2020 – 23/10/2020**

Monday October 19 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:50 AM	JP Balance of Trade SEP		¥248.3B		¥ 400B	
10:00 AM	CN GDP Growth Rate YoY Q3		3.2%	5.2%	5.1%	
Tuesday October 20 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
09:30 AM	CN Loan Prime Rate 1Y		3.85%		3.85%	
Wednesday October 21 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	GB Inflation Rate YoY SEP		0.2%		0.2%	
08:30 PM	CA Inflation Rate YoY SEP		0.1%		0.3%	
Thursday October 22 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:00 PM	DE GfK Consumer Confidence NOV		-1.6		-3	
Friday October 23 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
07:01 AM	GB GfK Consumer Confidence OCT		-25		-26	
07:30 AM	JP Inflation Rate YoY SEP		0.2%		0.1%	

**Economic Calendar 26/10/2020 – 30/10/2020**

Monday October 26 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
04:00 PM	DE Ifo Business Climate OCT		93.4			
Tuesday October 27 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
08:30 PM	US Durable Goods Orders MoM SEP		0.4%		0.2%	
Wednesday October 28 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
10:00 PM	CA BoC Interest Rate Decision		0.25%		0.25%	
Thursday October 29 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
01:00 PM	JP Consumer Confidence OCT		32.7			
08:30 PM	US GDP Growth Rate QoQ Adv Q3		-31.4%		20%	
Friday October 30 2020		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast	
02:30 PM	FR GDP Growth Rate QoQ Prel Q3		-13.8%		15.1%	
03:00 PM	DE GDP Growth Rate YoY Flash Q3		-11.3%		-8.8%	
03:00 PM	DE GDP Growth Rate QoQ Flash Q3		-9.7%		8.5%	
04:00 PM	ES GDP Growth Rate YoY Flash Q3		-21.5%		-9.3%	
04:00 PM	ES GDP Growth Rate QoQ Flash Q3		-17.8%		11%	
06:00 PM	EA GDP Growth Rate YoY Flash Q3		-14.7%		-8%	
06:00 PM	EA GDP Growth Rate QoQ Flash Q3		-11.8%		7.5%	
07:00 PM	IT GDP Growth Rate YoY Adv Q3		-18.0%		-10.3%	
07:00 PM	IT GDP Growth Rate QoQ Adv Q3		-13.0%		7.5%	
08:30 PM	US Personal Income MoM SEP		-2.7%		0.1%	
08:30 PM	US Personal Spending MoM SEP		1%		-1.7%	

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

**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 16 October 2020**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
URW	Unibailrodawestfield	23.2	FLT	Flight Centre Travel	-9.1
LNK	Link Admin Hldg	21.6	MSB	Mesoblast Limited	-7.7
GUD	G.U.D. Holdings	12.5	WEB	Webjet Limited	-7.2
SUL	Super Ret Rep Ltd	9.9	Z1P	Zip Co Ltd.	-7.1
BOQ	Bank of Queensland.	9.9	AVH	Avita Therapeutics	-6.1
PME	Pro Medicus Limited	9.1	CIM	Cimic Group Ltd	-5.9
BAP	Bapcor Limited	8.7	VCX	Vicinity Centres	-4.9
PDL	Pendal Group Ltd	8.6	OBL	Omni Bridgeway Ltd	-4.9
NEC	Nine Entertainment	8.5	RHC	Ramsay Health Care	-4.8
APT	Afterpay Limited	8.1	ABC	Adbri Limited	-4.3

Source: IRESS

**S & P Indices Week Ending 16 October 2020**

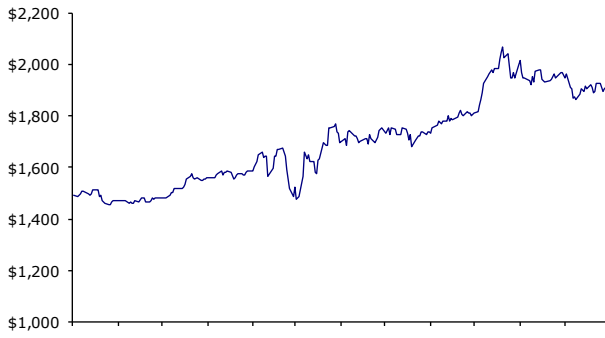
S&P Indices	18/10/2020	11/10/2020	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	6746	6724	0.3%	1.5%	-24.1%
S&P 200 Materials	14142	14218	-0.5%	1.5%	42.8%
S&P 200 Industrials	5810	5903	-1.6%	0.0%	13.9%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	2826	2757	2.5%	5.6%	35.0%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	12633	12330	2.5%	0.4%	47.6%
S&P 200 Healthcare	44100	43486	1.4%	1.0%	128.7%
S&P 200 Financials	4893	4777	2.4%	9.8%	-23.2%
S&P 200 Info Technology	1986	1901	4.4%	13.1%	155.4%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1184	1166	1.5%	2.4%	-32.6%
S&P 200 Utilities	7167	7032	1.9%	-0.1%	-4.9%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1344	1346	-0.1%	3.9%	0.2%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	5457	5328	2.4%	9.8%	-23.2%

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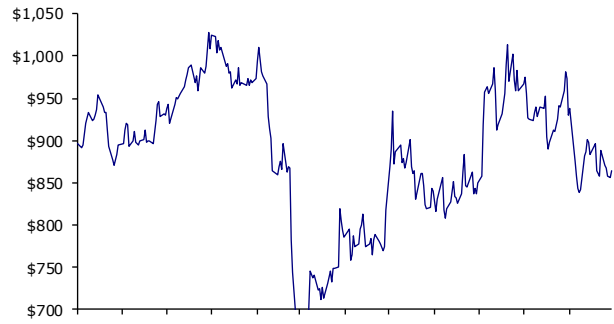


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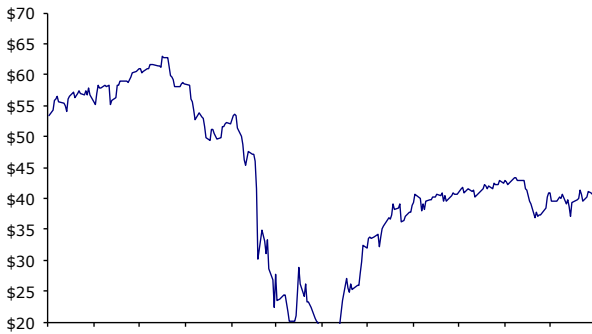
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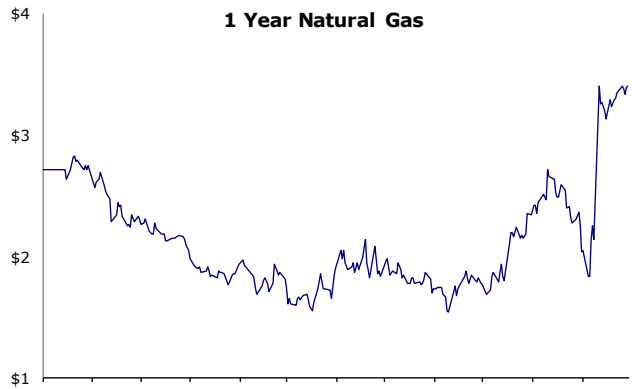
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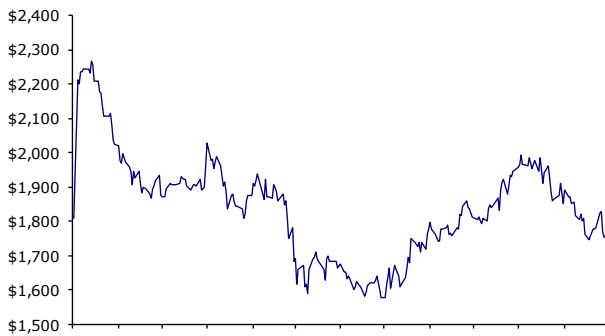
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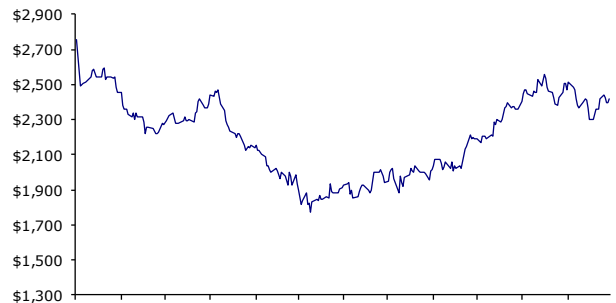
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**1 Year Lead**

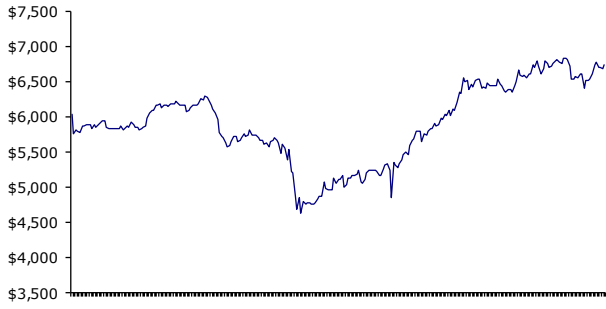


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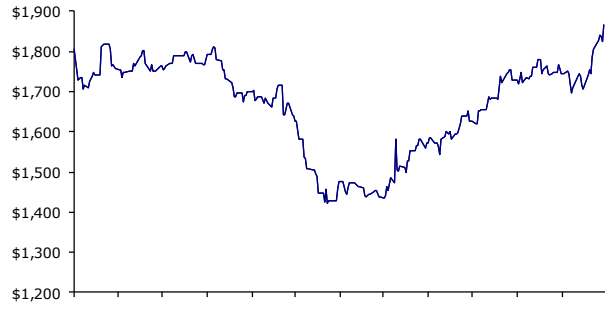




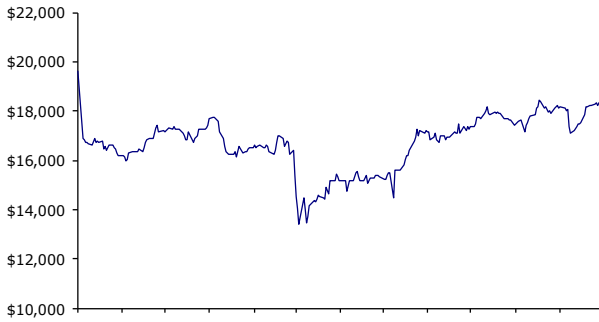
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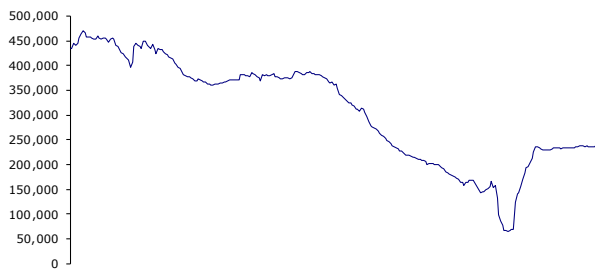


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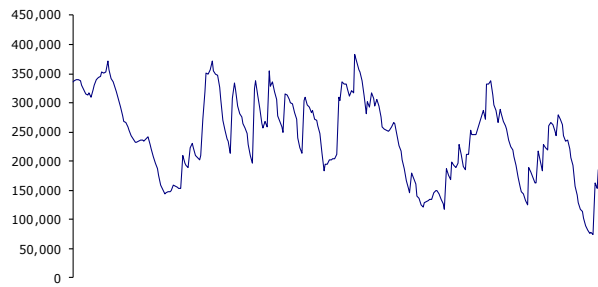


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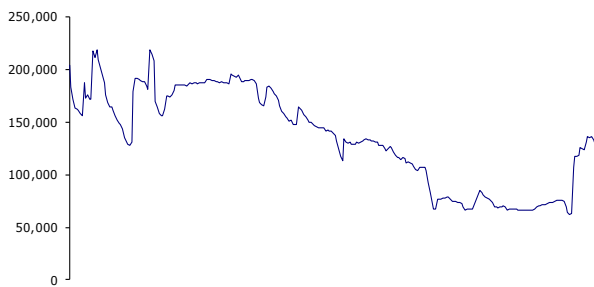
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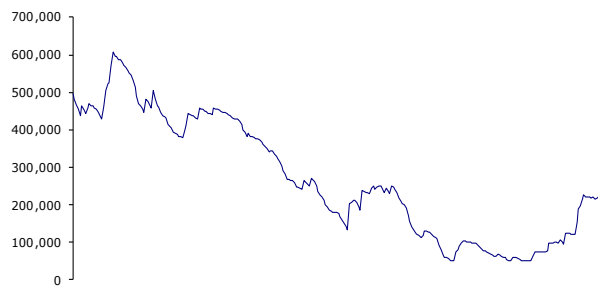
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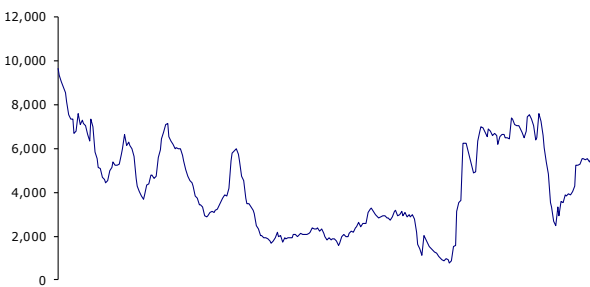
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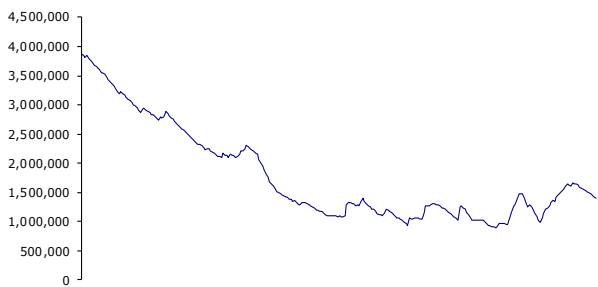
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**Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**



**Aluminium LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**





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