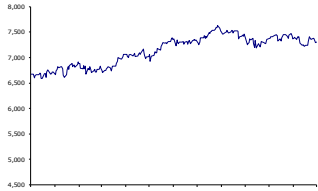
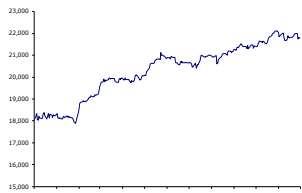


**12-month XJO chart**

**12-month Dow Jones chart**

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**Global Wrap – 19 December 2021**

World Markets	19/12/2021	12/12/2021	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
ASX 200	7304	7354	-0.7%	-1.3%	31.8%
S&P 500	4621	4712	-1.9%	-1.7%	105.7%
FTSE 100	7270	7292	-0.3%	-0.2%	4.9%
DAX30	14050	13719	2.4%	3.6%	3.6%
Shanghai Composite	3632	3681	-1.3%	1.3%	13.0%
Nikkei 225	28546	28640	-0.3%	-3.2%	52.1%
Hang Seng	23193	23996	-3.3%	-6.0%	1.4%
<b>Currency</b>					
AUD/USD	0.7156	0.7171	-0.2%	-0.2%	4.1%
<b>Commodities</b>					
Oil (\$/bbl)	70.9	72.0	-1.5%	-9.6%	32.9%
Gas (\$/gal)	3.5	3.8	-6.7%	-30.9%	39.9%
Iron Ore (\$/t)	0.0	53.9	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Copper (\$/t)	9520	9543	-0.2%	-3.4%	63.1%
Lead (\$/t)	2324	2280	1.9%	0.2%	-0.3%
Zinc (\$/t)	3270	3332	-1.9%	-4.7%	19.1%
Aluminium (\$/t)	2694	2625	2.6%	-0.2%	55.6%
Nickel (\$/t)	19840	19960	-0.6%	-6.1%	74.5%
Tin (\$/t)	39550	40150	-1.5%	-1.7%	84.9%
Gold (\$/oz)	1805	1785	1.1%	1.0%	53.9%
Silver (\$/oz)	22.5	22.2	1.5%	-4.3%	31.8%
Platinum (\$/oz)	933	934	-0.1%	-4.3%	-0.5%
Wheat (\$/t)	775.000	783.750	-1.1%	-9.1%	89.8%

Source: Iress

**Key points**

1. Fears of rising rates and omicron spook world markets
2. Gold miners among top performers on ASX
3. What to watch next week

Global stocks came under pressure again in Friday's volatile session amid worries about tighter monetary policy and the ongoing pandemic.

In the US the **Dow Jones Industrial Average** dropped 532.20 points, or 1.5%, to 35,365.44. The **S&P 500** fell 1% for a second down day to 4,620.64. The tech-heavy **Nasdaq Composite** ended the session less than 0.1% lower at 15,169.68 after briefly trading in the green. At its session low, the **Nasdaq** dropped about 1.5%.

The major averages posted a negative week with the Nasdaq being the biggest loser. The tech-heavy benchmark declined nearly 3%, while the Dow and the S&P 500 slipped 1.7% and 1.9%, respectively.

Friday coincided with the expiration of stock options, index options, stock futures and index futures — a quarterly event known as “**quadruple witching**” that typically comes with heightened volatility.



The S&P financial sector was the biggest laggard on Friday with a 2.3% loss after bank stocks outperformed in the previous session.

**Goldman Sachs** lost nearly 4%, while **Bank of America** and **JPMorgan** both lost over 2%.

Many mega cap tech shares registered steep losses this week. **Microsoft** dipped 0.3% Friday, bringing its weekly decline to nearly 5.5%. Google owner **Alphabet** and **Apple** fell more than 4% this week. Shares of one-time EV darling **Rivian** tumbled more than 10% Friday after the truck maker said it will fall short of its 2021 production target.

Investors appeared to be rotating from high-growth tech names to consumer staples, as they continued to digest the latest move by the **Federal Reserve** along with rising inflation and the spread of the omicron COVID variant.

COVID-19 vaccine makers **Moderna** and **Pfizer** notched weekly returns of 14.7% and 12.7%, respectively, making them standouts in the S&P 500.

Meanwhile **FedEx** shares jumped almost 5% after quarterly earnings and revenue results topped expectations and it announced a \$5 billion buyback. The shipper also reinstated its original 2022 EPS forecast.

Earlier this week, the Fed announced a more aggressive plan to wind down its asset purchases and that it is looking at hiking rates multiple times in 2022.

Asian markets traded mostly lower on Friday, following Thursday's losses on Wall Street. **Japan's Nikkei 225** fell 1.79% to close at 28,545.68. Chinese mainland shares also tumbled, with the **Shanghai composite** falling 1.16% to close at 3,632.36 while the **Shenzhen component** shed 1.62% to 14,867.55.

In Hong Kong, the **Hang Seng** index tumbled 1.14% while the tech-focused **Hang Seng Tech Index** dropped 2.37%.

Hong Kong-listed shares of Chinese tech companies sold off sharply: **Alibaba** shares fell 3.73%, **JD** was down 3.79%, **Meituan** declined 5.29%, search engine giant **Baidu** tumbled 1.22% and **Tencent** slipped 2.74%.

Meanwhile, state media reported Friday that China plans to change its laws to allow ride-hailing and food delivery workers to form unions.

The **Bank of Japan** dialled back emergency pandemic-funding on Friday, but it maintained its ultra-loose short-term rate target at negative 0.1%, while for the 10-year bond yields the rate remained around 0%.

The pan-European **Stoxx 600** closed down by 0.5%, with autos slipping 2.5% to lead losses as most sectors and major bourses slid into the red.

The **Bank of England** hiked interest rates for the first time since the start of the pandemic, citing a strong labor market and the need to return inflation towards its 2% target. November's reading came in at a 10-year high of 5.1% annually.

The **European Central Bank** struck a more dovish tone, further cutting its pandemic-era bond buying program but vowing to stay accommodative through 2022 and beyond.

Meanwhile, the **omicron variant** is spreading at an alarming rate, with countries across Europe implementing containment measures in a bid to avoid a tsunami of cases. The UK reported more than 90,000 cases in a single day on Friday, but daily deaths remain relatively stable for now.

At the top of the index, **Just Eat Takeaway.com** shares climbed over 4% after activist investor Cat Rock has increased its stake in the Anglo-Dutch food delivery firm.

French petroleum company **Rubis** climbed 4.7% after acquiring solar energy group Photosol in a bid to speed up its transition to renewables.

**Australian shares** edged higher on Friday, but not enough to recover from a mid-week slump. The **S&P/ASX 200** added 0.1%, or 8.3 points, to 7304 but ended the week 0.7% lower.



**Gold miners** posted the largest gains on Friday thanks to a 1% rise in the precious metal's price to \$US1795.35 an ounce. The **gold price** has benefited from increasingly hawkish commentary from central banks this week.

**Northern Star Resources** jumped 5.6% to \$9.45, **Evolution Mining** added 4.2% to \$3.94, **Newcrest** rose 3.7% to \$23.65 and **Regis Resources** firmed 3.5% to \$1.91.

Gains posted by the major banks also supported the broader market. **Commonwealth Bank** advanced 2.4% to \$99.12, **NAB** rose 0.3% to \$28.83, **Westpac** added 0.3% to \$21.03, and ANZ climbed 0.7% to \$27.63.

More heavy selling across the technology sector held the benchmark index back from a stronger rally. **Life360** dropped 7.3% to \$9.60, **Megaport** lost 5.3% to \$18.18, **Tyro Payments** fell 5.9% to \$2.69, and **Xero** tumbled 4.7% to \$134.27.

Buy now, pay later stocks fell on concerns that the industry may face tougher regulation in the US.

**Afterpay** dropped 7.6% to \$82.67, Zip Co declined 6.1% to \$4.18, and **Sezzle** dived 9.9% to \$2.91.

**Magellan Financial Group** requested a trading halt until Monday, pending an announcement to be made relating to the termination of a material contract.

**Transurban** ended 1% lower at \$13.53 after saying it will pay an extra \$2 billion to complete its troubled West Gate Tunnel project, which is about \$900 million more than expected.

The **pre-Christmas week** kicks off with the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) to be released by the Australian Government on Monday.

On Tuesday, the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) December meeting minutes will be released, which could give possible clues as to future interest rate increases.

Investors will also be watching the Westpac Leading Index, which tracks nine gauges of economic activity, also out on Tuesday.

On Wednesday British and American gross domestic product (GDP) will be released, followed by US and Japanese consumer price index (CPI) on Thursday.

Sources: CNBC, AFR, Reuters, FXStreet

**Economic Calendar 20/12/2021 – 24/12/2021**

Monday December 20 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
09:30 AM	CN	Loan Prime Rate 1Y	3.85%		3.85%
Tuesday December 21 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
03:00 PM	DE	GfK Consumer Confidence JAN	-1.6	-2.5	-2.7
Thursday December 23 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
08:01 AM	GB	GfK Consumer Confidence DEC	-14		-16
09:30 PM	US	Durable Goods Orders MoM NOV	-0.5%	1.5%	1.1%
09:30 PM	US	Personal Income MoM NOV	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%
09:30 PM	US	Personal Spending MoM NOV	1.3%	0.6%	0.5%
11:00 PM	US	New Home Sales NOV	0.745M	0.77M	0.77M
Friday December 24 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
07:30 AM	JP	Inflation Rate YoY NOV	0.1%		0.4%

**Economic Calendar 27/12/2021 – 31/12/2021**

Friday December 31 2021		Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
09:00 AM	CN	NBS Manufacturing PMI DEC	50.1		50.5

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

**All Ords Top 10 Week Ending 17 December 2021**

10 Best Performing Stocks Weekly (%)			10 Worst Performing Stocks Weekly (%)		
NAN	Nanosonics Limited	11.7	MSB	Mesoblast Limited	-21.7
WTC	Wisetech Global Ltd	10.2	360	Life360 Inc.	-17.5
CHC	Charter Hall Group	9.5	Z1P	Zip Co Ltd.	-15.6
OBL	Omni Bridgeway Ltd	9.4	PBH	Pointsbet Holdings	-14.2
NWL	Netwealth Group	8.9	APT	Afterpay Limited	-13.8
RRL	Regis Resources	8.8	MP1	Megaport Limited	-12.9
CGC	Costa Group Holdings	7.8	EML	EML Payments Ltd	-10.6
ABP	Abacus Property Grp.	7.4	GUD	G.U.D. Holdings	-9.4
CIA	Champion Iron Ltd	7.4	CTD	Corp Travel Limited	-9.1
ILU	Iluka Resources	6.4	CSL	CSL Limited	-8.8

Source: IRESS

**S & P Indices Week Ending 17 December 2021**

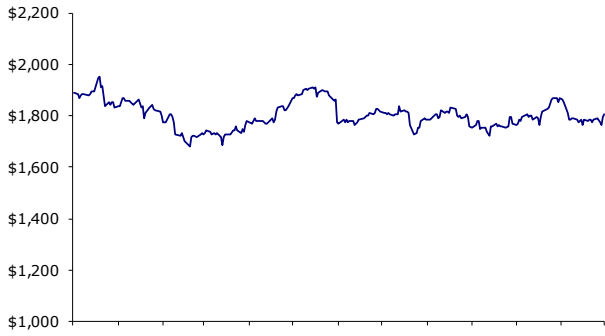
S&P Indices	19/12/2021	12/12/2021	Wkly Chg	Mthly Chg	Yearly Chg
S&P 200 Energy	7912	7907	0.1%	-4.1%	-11.0%
S&P 200 Materials	16352	15980	2.3%	4.2%	65.2%
S&P 200 Industrials	6508	6545	-0.6%	-0.6%	27.5%
S&P 200 Consumer Disc.	3459	3573	-3.2%	-3.7%	65.2%
S&P 200 Consumer Staples	13369	13861	-3.5%	-4.5%	56.3%
S&P 200 Healthcare	42675	45630	-6.5%	-9.8%	121.3%
S&P 200 Financials	6486	6447	0.6%	-0.5%	1.8%
S&P 200 Info Technology	2076	2175	-4.5%	-6.9%	167.0%
S&P 200 Telecommunicatic	1593	1626	-2.0%	-1.0%	-9.3%
S&P 200 Utilities	6542	6451	1.4%	2.3%	-13.2%
S&P 200 Property Trusts	1751	1712	2.3%	2.8%	30.5%
S&P 200 Financials ex PT	7234	7190	0.6%	-0.5%	1.8%

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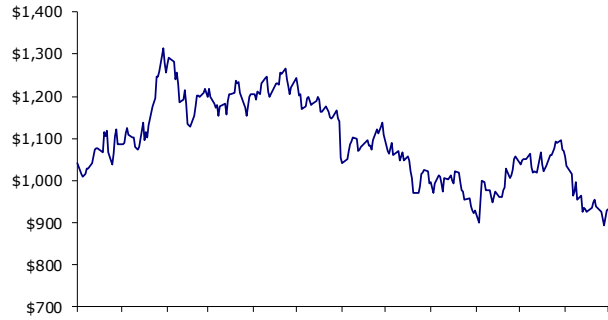


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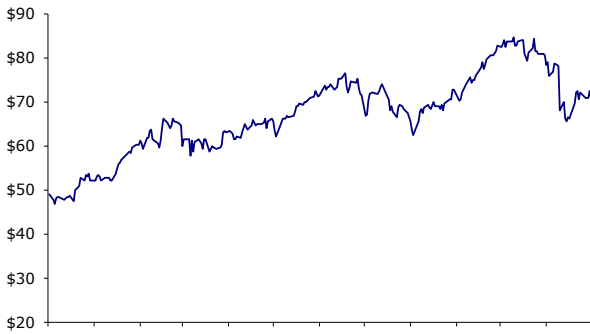
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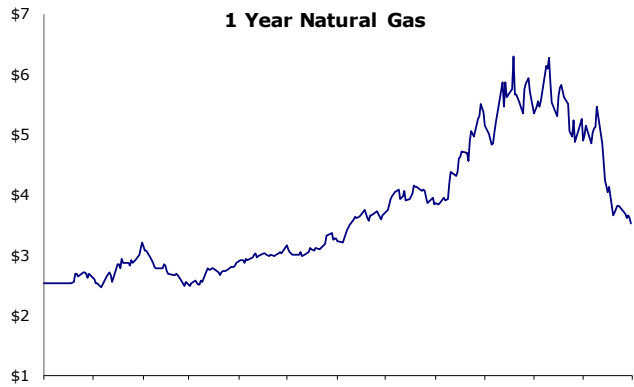
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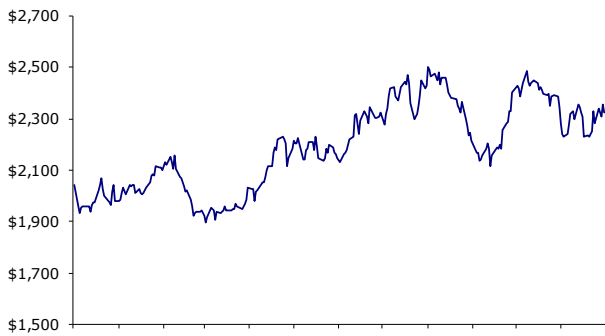
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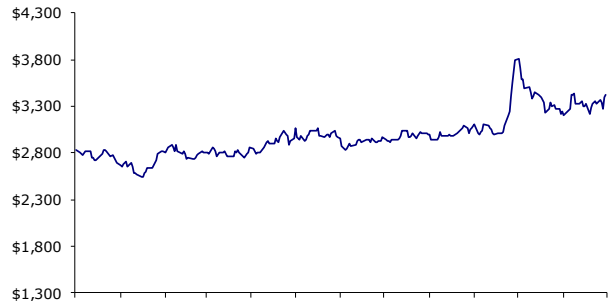
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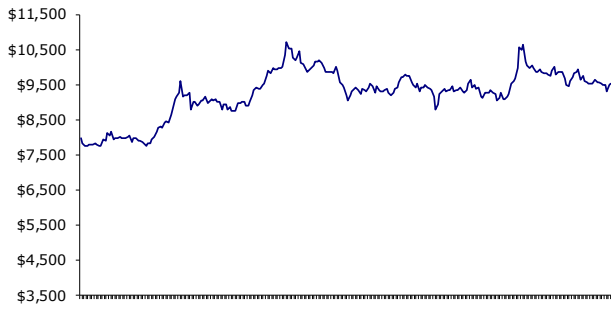


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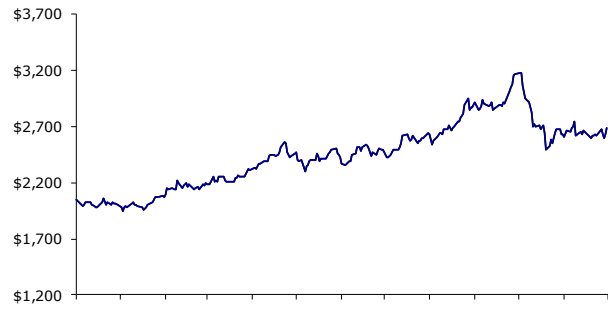




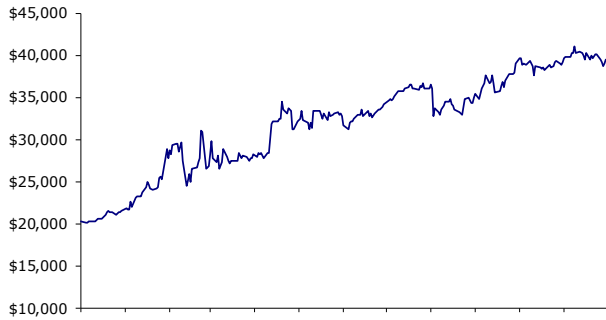
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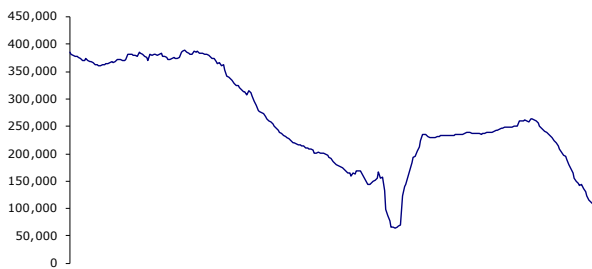


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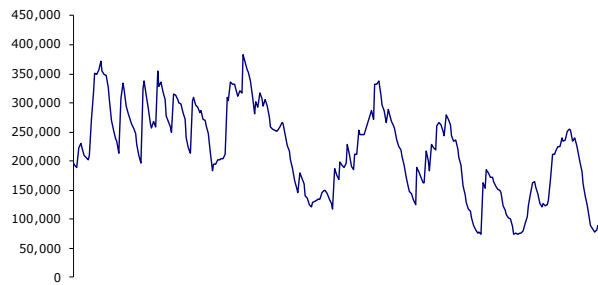


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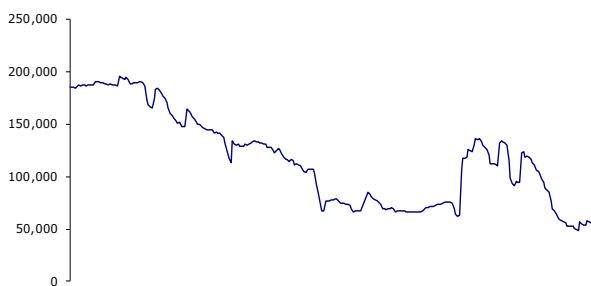
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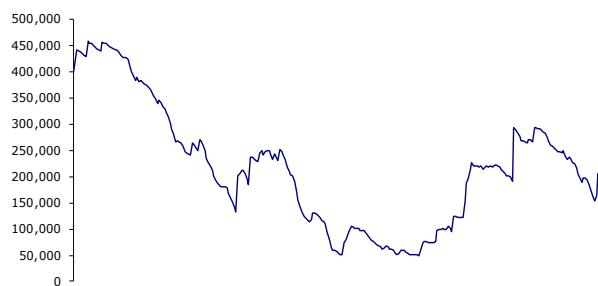
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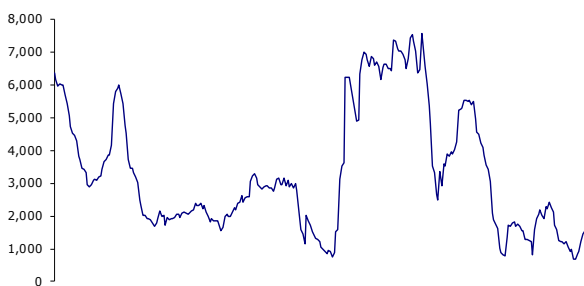
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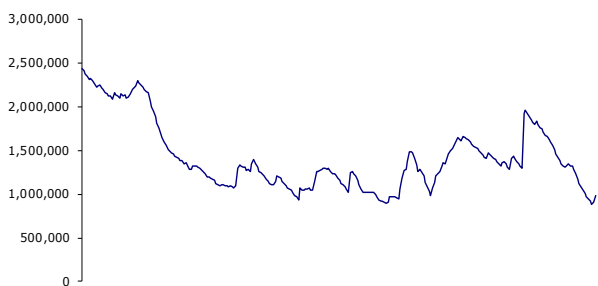
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**Tin LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**



**Aluminium LME Stockpiles - 5 Year**





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