

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6611	-7	-0.1
NZX 50	12703	54	0.4
DJIA Futures	29932	64	0.2
S&P 500 Futures	3665	-3	-0.1
NASDAQ Futures	12462	8	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade, again with material domestic data due by late morning, and influential US data tonight, following vacillating overnight international equities sentiment.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes October retail sales 11.30am AEDT.

In addition, four stocks will debut on the ASX.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** extended Wednesday's gains.

US **gold** futures settled higher for a third consecutive session, surpassing \$US1840/oz.

LME **copper** settled virtually flat. **Nickel** and **aluminium** continued lower.

Northern China port **iron ore** (62% Fe fines) prices were reported at \$US237.08/t, 0.6% higher than for Wednesday.

The **\$A** rose to ~US74.45c after trading at ~US74.25c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	29970	86	0.3
S&P 500	3667	-2	-0.1
NASDAQ	12377	28	0.2
FTSE 100	6490	27	0.4
DAX 30	13253	-60	-0.5
Shanghai Comp	3442	-7	-0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured variously across major European and US equities markets overnight, amid mixed data releases and corporate news, reports of new record Covid-19 case, death and hospitalisation tallies in the US, and commentary surrounding key negotiations on both sides of the Atlantic.

For its part, in second-half US trade, Pfizer warned of delivery constraints on the number of doses of the Covid-19 vaccine developed in conjunction with BioNTech.

Earlier overnight, indications from US parliamentarians negotiating a potential new stimulus package, plus government funding needed from 12 December, appeared more positive than earlier in the week.

In addition, US officials ventured that US Covid-19 vaccination

Australia – October retail sales - 11.30am AEDT

- * Construction sector listing – 10.30am AEDT – **MGH** *
- * Virtual medical services listing – 11am AEDT – **DOC** *
- * Minerals exploration listing – 11.30am AEDT – **PRS** *
- * Software developer listing – 12.30pm AEDT – **NXL** *

Today's Stock Watch
Unibail Rodamco Westfield (URW)

URW is purchasing €544.9M worth of bonds under the tender offer announced last month. All tenders were accepted. Settlement is scheduled for later today.

Premier Investments (PMV)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Range International (RAN)

\$144,100 order for 5000 HD pallets in hand from Nestle Philippines, boosting the 2020 Nestle Philippines order total to \$US441,440.

Omni Bridgeway (OBL)

Anticipating \$6.8M from a confidential settlement of a claim by the Apex Minerals and Apex Gold liquidator.

Bod Australia (BDA)

Heralding the 2 December United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs' decision to accept a World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation to consider cannabis as a Schedule 1 drug, rather than Schedule 4.

Resources
Calidus Resources (CAI)

Planning to earn up to an initial 51% of a tenement located 75km from CAI's WA Pilbara Warrawoona gold project, and adjoining two deposits that CAI is acquiring.

CAI says the tenement is also immediately along strike from the two deposits, namely Blue spec and Gold Spec.

Energy
Woodside Petroleum (WPL) / FAR Ltd (FAR)

FAR Senegal JV partner WPL is intending to exercise a right to pre-empt FAR's proposed sale of its Senegal holdings to ONGC Videsh Vankorneft.

WPL is planning to pay FAR \$US45M and to reimburse working capital, including cash calls from 1 January to completion of the transaction. WPL will also cover contingent payments up to a total \$55M.

WPL is proposing to fund the acquisition from cash reserves. Transaction conditions include FAR shareholder approval and Senegal government approval. A FAR shareholder meeting is scheduled for 21 December. FAR trade remains suspended.



programs could commence as early as mid-December.

Subsequent optimism detracted further from the \$US safe-haven allure, the \$US trading at 2.5-year lows intra-session.

In the UK, UK-European Union (EU) trade talks were reported to include further willingness for some compromise, with some stakeholders suggesting a draft could be completed by week's end and be fine-tuned next week.

Meanwhile, among overnight **data** releases, the **euro zone** reported a 1.5% rise for October retail sales, against expectations of a 0.4% improvement after a 1.7% September fall.

Against October 2019, sales were 4.3% higher.

The results were buoyed by retail sales in **France**, which came in 2.8% higher for the month and 5.9% greater than for October 2019.

The euro zone region's final services PMI reading underwhelmed however, representing a 5.2-point drop, however to 41.7.

Germany's final services PMI reading fell to 46 from 49.5 for October.

In the **UK**, the November services PMI was finalised at a contractionary 47.6, from 51.4 for October.

In the **US**, the ISM's influential services sector activity index fell 3.2 points in November to a nonetheless robust 58.0.

The employment component index rose 1.4 points to 51.5. The orders index fell by 1.6 to 57.2.

A November job cuts report estimated 64,797 job losses, against 80,666 for October and expectations of 79,000.

Weekly new unemployment claims tallied 712,000, against 750,750 the previous week and following expectations of 774,000.

Yesterday afternoon, 30-year government bond auction by Japan produced a 0.648% yield from 0.643%.

Tonight in the **US**, November employment statistics are due, together with October trade figures and factory orders.

In overnight corporate news **Ryanair** revealed it had ordered 75 **Boeing** 737 MAX craft.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Feb)	1841.1	oz	10.9	0.6
Silver (NY) (Mar)	24.08	oz	0.05	0.2
Gold (LON) (2 Dec)	1823	oz		
Platinum	1025	oz	18	1.8
WTI Crude (NYMEX Jan)	45.64	bbbl	0.36	0.8
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Jan)	48.71	bbbl	0.46	1.0
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%) (2 Dec)	134.56	t	9.94	8.0
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	7677	t	1	0.0
Nickel	15930	t	-76	-0.5
Aluminium	2023	t	-33	-1.6
Lead	2033	t	-29	-1.4
Zinc	2755	t	4	0.2
Tin	18860	t	75	0.4

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight, OPEC+ announced agreement to allow an

Pre-Open Announcements

MAAS Group Holdings (* MGH)

Construction materials, equipment and services provider scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEDT, following a \$145.6M IPO at \$2.00 per share.

264.95M quoted shares.

Doctor Care Anywhere Group (* DOC)

Virtual GP services provider scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT, following a \$102M IPO at 80c per CDI/share.

178.82M quoted CDIs/shares.

Nuix Ltd (* NXL)

Software developer and supplier scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$953M IPO at \$5.31 per unit.

Trading will commence on a conditional and deferred settlement basis.

Normal (T+2) trade is scheduled to commence 8 December (Tuesday next week).

317.305M quoted shares.

Fonterra Shareholders Fund (* FSF)

Q1 sales volumes came in on par with the same period last year. EBIT rose from \$NZ72M to \$NZ250M.

Farm gate milk price range also updated this morning, to a midpoint of \$NZ7.00/kg of milk solids.

Medical Developments International (* MVP)

MVP director Gordon Naylor has been appointed to take over from David Williams as MVP chair, effective 18 December.

Mr Williams, who has been MVP chair since December 2003, will remain on the MVP board as a non-executive director.

Mr Naylor worked with recently appointed MVP MD Brent MacGregor at CSL (ASX: CSL).

Messrs Naylor and MacGregor were appointed to MVP 14 October.

Meanwhile, MVP describes sales as 'subdued' and has disclosed 1H FY21 sales-to-date are lower than for a year ago.

Update regarding MVP plans to assume EU Pentrox sales and distribution control also lodged post-trade yesterday.

Beacon Lighting Group (* BLX)

Establishing an initial 50:50 Beacon Commercial Property fund with Rebeach Pty Ltd, a company controlled by BLX executive chair Ian Robinson.

BLX has traded higher the past five sessions, settling at \$1.47 yesterday after closing out last week at \$1.36.

Matrix Composites & Engineering (MCE) / Woodside Petroleum (WPL)

MCE will provide design and engineering and other services to WPL subsidiary Woodside Energy Technologies, under a three-year agreement.

All work completed under the deal will be provided on an agreed schedule of rates.



additional 500,000bbl/d production from 1 January and for this to be reviewed monthly by OPEC+ energy ministers.

Russia's planned January production increase was reportedly set at 125,000bbl/d.

Prior to this week's meetings, OPEC+ was due to ease production curbs by 2MMbbl/d from 1 January.

Promising indications out of US potential new stimulus talks, and an associated weaker \$US, plus US confirmation of plans to (as in the UK) also commence Covid-19 vaccinations in December, also supported overnight prices.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

Gold – overnight gold sentiment was supported in part by US stimulus talks.

National November employment statistics, due tonight, are likely to influence at least some end-of-week gold sentiment.

Base metals – the \$US weakened overnight but was higher in early LME trade. Mixed data releases, Covid-19 developments and OPEC+ deliberations also toyed with prices.

In metal-specific news, the International Tin Association forecast 6% greater demand for tin in 2021, building on an increase which has followed higher electronics sales this year. The sales figures were mostly attributed to stay-at-home purchases.

Caixin's China November services PMI, published yesterday, rose to 57.8 from 56.8, following forecasts of a fall to 56.4.

China is expected to report November trade figures Monday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7443	0.0001	0.01
EUR – USD	1.2146	-0.0001	-0.01

Australian Data Today

ABS	Retail sales (retail)	Oct
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US Data Tonight

Employment (incl jobs created; wages; unemployment)	Nov
Trade balance	Oct
Factory orders	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	Construction PMI	Nov
UK	New domestic vehicle sales	Nov
Germany	Factory orders	Oct
Germany	Construction PMI	Nov
Euro zone	Construction PMI	Nov

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Star Entertainment Group (SGR)

Covid-19 – related operational restrictions update lodged post-trade yesterday, including recent changes in Queensland and some easing due to come into effect in NSW Monday.

Vista Group International (VGL)

Acquiring the balance 50% of Cinema Intelligence, using cash reserves, from CEO and founder Claudiu Tanasescu.

Mr Tanasescu will continue to work with VGL.

Booktopia Group (* BKG)

Online retailer scheduled completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$43.1M IPO at \$2.30 per share.

Opened at \$2.86 and traded at \$2.58 - \$2.90 before settling at \$2.72.

3.14M shares were traded across 992 transactions.

137.36M quoted shares.

P2P Transport (P2P)

Placed in voluntary administration.

Resources

Prospech Ltd (* PRS)

Minerals explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **11.30am** AEDT, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share.

~65M quoted shares.

De Grey Mining (DEG)

Mallina gold project exploration update lodged this morning.

Nickel Mines (NIC)

Resuming from a trading halt with \$275M raised in the institutional component of the company's 94c-per-share entitlement offer.

An \$89M retail offer is scheduled for 9 – 18 December.

NIC traded at ~98.94c - \$1.083 the five sessions before calling the halt.

Element 25 (* E25)

Investor update presentation lodged pre-trade.

Stone Resources (SHK)

SHK (soon to be renamed Brightstar Resources and to trade under the proposed ASX code BTR) has appointed Brightstar executive director William (Bill) Hobba as Brightstar MD.

Energy

Strike Energy (* STX) / Warrego Energy (WGO)

Reporting hydrocarbon shows from the Perth Basin EP469 WE3 second intermediate hole section.

Wireline logging is planned for this section.

STX operator and 50%; WGO 50%.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Duxton Broadacre Farms	DBF	4 Dec

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Ovato Ltd	OVT	4 Dec
Papyrus Australia	PPY	4 Dec
Wiluna Mining Corporation	WMX	4 Dec
Amaero International	3DA	7 Dec
BidEnergy Ltd	BID	7 Dec
Big River Gold	BRV	7 Dec
Eden Innovations	EDE	7 Dec
Gladiator Resources	GLA	7 Dec
Latin Resources	LRS	7 Dec
Money3 Corporation	MNY	7 Dec
Wildcat Resources	WC8	7 Dec

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Cirralto Ltd	CRO	30 Nov
Dotz Nano	DTZ	20 Nov
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	3 Dec

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
CGL	Mon	20	100	1.90
CKF	Mon	10.5	100	1.91
SHV	Thu	4	100	5.03
UMG	Fri (11 Dec)	3.9	0	0.00
CLF	17 Dec	1.5	100	4.71
RFF	30 Dec	~2.82	0	4.35

Reports & Events*(selected; all times AEDT)*

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	DEG	AGM (2pm)
	FSF	Q1 update
	PMV	AGM
Mon	MTS	Interim
Tues	BOQ	AGM
	BID	AGM (12.30pm)
	NOX	Investor webinar (2pm)
Wed	PPT	Investor day
	SOL	AGM (midday)
Fri (11 Dec)	MYQ	AGM (2pm)
	PDL	AGM
	TNY	AGM; Innovation session
	WBC	AGM