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Markets				
SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6787	-8	-0.1	
NZX 50	11071	26	0.2	
DJIA Futures	28132	2	0.0	
S&P 500 Futures	3144	0	0.0	
NASDAQ Futures	8403	2	0.0	

#### Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade with new data due out of China, and three large-cap domestic stocks trading exdividend, ahead of key economic growth data to be released tonight during the last full US trading session for this week.

Regionally today, China is expected to report October industrial profits 12.30pm AEDT.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics publishes its September quarter construction work done report.

Meanwhile ALQ, AMC and OFX are trading ex-dividend. Please see p4 for a detailed ex-dividend list.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** settled higher.

US gold futures (December) rose slightly.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) extended recent gains by US6c/t, reaching \$US84.35/t.

LME copper and aluminium rallied. Nickel continued higher.

The \$A was pushed to ~\$US67.90c after trading at US67.85c early yesterday evening.

This morning, New Zealand has reported a \$NZ1.013B October trade deficit, against a \$NZ1.242B September shortfall.

> **Overseas Markets** CLOSE +/-

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28122	55	0.2
S&P 500	3141	7	0.2
NASDAQ	8648	15	0.2
FTSE 100	7403	7	0.1
DAX 30	13236	-10	-0.1
Shanghai Comp	2907	1	0.0

#### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Choppy trade featured across major European and US equities markets overnight, amid a swag of US data releases and ahead of key growth data tonight, with some caution also setting in ahead of the US Thanksgiving holiday Thursday and associated late-week official start to end-of-year holiday season retail sales.

Yesterday, China's Ministry of Commerce announced vice premier Liu He and top US trade negotiators had agreed on how to resolve some issues which have prevented agreement on an initial trade pact, and were planning to remain in contact regarding outstanding issues.

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

China – October industrial profits – 12.30pm AEDT

## **Today's Stock Watch**

## Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (FPH)

24% higher, \$NZ121.2M interim NPAT. 12% higher, \$NZ570.9M operating revenue. 23% higher, NZ12c fully franked interim dividend. \$NZ1.40 NTA, against \$NZ1.46.

Anticipating \$NZ255M - \$NZ265M FY 2020 NPAT and \$NZ1.19B operating revenue.

## Harvey Norman (HVN)

July – October aggregated sales rose 2.0% year-on-year, and comparable sales by 1.7%. Breakdown statistics lodged this morning. Today's AGM materials also lodged pre-trade.

## **Telstra Corporation (TLS)**

Today's investor day materials, including a costs and productivity update, lodged pre-trade.

A webcast briefing was scheduled to commence 9am AEDT.

## Charter Hall Social Infrastructure REIT (\* CQE)

CQE portfolio manager Nick Anagnostou is leaving CQE in favour of some initial time out.

Mr Anagnostou's deputy for the past 11 years Travis Butcher will take over as fund manager, effective immediately.

Diversified finance head Scott Martin has been appointed to head CQE finance functions.

## Resources

## Rio Tinto (RIO)

Board approval in hand for \$A1B worth of development funding for the WA Pilbara Greater Tom Price iron ore operations.

The investment includes a new crusher, a 13km conveyor, and autonomous haulage (AHS) equipment for Western Turner S2.

## Catalyst Metals (CYL)

Hancock Prospecting subsidiary Gold Exploration Victoria will boost its CYL holding to 14.8%, and become CYL's top shareholder, by subscribing for \$7.85M worth of CYL shares at \$2.25 each.

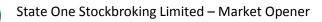
Hancock Prospecting is a JV partner in CYL's Four Eagles gold project.

The newly issued shares will be voluntarily escrowed for a year. The investment will push CYL's cash-at-bank beyond \$20M. CYL has traded at \$2.47 - \$2.61 over the past week.

## Lithium Australia (LIT)

Subsidiary VSPC has successfully completed lithium-ferrophosphate cathode powder testing with potential customers in China and Japan.

The testing determined the material met specifications for use in lithium-ion batteries.



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The statement followed a teleconference involving Liu He, chief US	]
trade representative Robert Lighthizer and treasury secretary Steven Mnuchin.	
The conference followed China's request for high-level discussions	
prior to this week's US Thanksgiving holiday. The US president in the meantime again promoted support for	12.1% higher, \$24.1M interim NPAT. 9.2% higher, \$448.8M revenue.
Hong Kong protestors.	9.5c fully franked interim dividend, against 9c a year ago.
Yesterday (late morning AEDT) US Federal Reserve chair Jerome	
Powell indicated US rates were unlikely to go higher in the near term, stating the central bank remained committed to a 2% CPI	Damstra Holdings (* DTC)
growth target. He again described the bank's current view of US	DTC anticipates meeting prospectus forecasts, after September
economic conditions as 'generally good'.	quarter cash receipts improved 41% year-on-year, to \$4.2M. Registered licences rose 48%, to 333,404.
Later, European Central Bank officials confirmed a policy review	Digital Wine Ventures (* DW8)
would commence in January. Among a swag of overnight <b>US</b> data releases, October wholesale	
inventories rose 0.2% after falling 0.7% in September.	of Friday's AGM.
The Case-Shiller September house price index rose 0.1% for the	•
month following a flat August and came in 2.1% higher year-on- year.	as its first spirit producer. This is in addition to several other wineries and distributors
An FHFA September house price index appreciated 0.6% for the	
month following a 0.2% August rise.	Details lodged this morning.
New home sales declined 0.7% during October, after rising 4.5% in	Integrated Green Energy Solutions (IGE)
September. The Richmond Fed manufacturing index dropped to -1 from eight.	Pending a revised permit appeal period, IGE is proposing to be
Conference Board estimated its consumer index at 125.5, from	producing fuel from the processing of 100t/day of plastic by the end of 31 March 2020.
126.1, representing a fourth consecutive month of declines.	Additional details, including interim funding, lodged post-trade
In <b>Germany</b> , the GfK consumer confidence index rose 0.1 to 9.7.	yesterday.
<b>Tonight</b> in the <b>US</b> , the Federal Reserve publishes its 'beige book' district-by-district' economic conditions and progress report.	SG Fleet Group (SGF)
A second (of three) September quarter GDP growth estimate is also	Company secretary Edelvine Rigato has resigned, effective
due, together with October durable goods orders, personal income	yesterday. SGF has appointed Tawanda Mutengwa to take over as company
and spending, pending home sales and the November Chicago PMI.	secretary as from 10 December.
In addition, MBA weekly mortgage applications, and weekly new unemployment claims are expected.	CFO Kevin Wundram is interim company secretary.
Companies scheduled to report earnings include: Banco Santander,	Emeco Holdings (EHL) / Perpetual Ltd (PPT)
Deere & Co, Hyundai Corp and Tiffany & Co.	Investor conference presentations lodged this morning.
In overnight corporate news, Walt Disney achieved a record high in early trade following a positive report on the group's digital	
streaming service launched mid-month.	sales and marketing solutions specialist and national account
US retailer <b>Best Buy</b> appreciated more than 10% on pleasing full	director Mark Thompson as chief revenue officer, effective 9
year guidance following better-than anticipated September quarter earnings.	December.
Dollar Tree tumbled more than 15%, however, on disappointing	In addition, CV1 company secretary and legal counsel Jenny Cutri has been appointed chief compliance officer. Ms Cutry is also
results and an import tax impact warning.	non-executive chair of K2fly (ASX: K2F).
Yesterday, Alibaba debuted on Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, adding ~6.5% to the IPO price for the company's ~\$US11.3B	A COO appointment remains pending.
secondary listing.	NetLinkz Ltd (NET)
Audi announced ~9500 job cuts in conjunction with a refocus on	Non-executive director David O'Dowd has resigned from the NET board, in favour of focusing on his legal practice.
manufacturing electric vehicles. US markets will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday tomorrow	BNK Banking Corporation (BBC)
night and will close early Friday.	Endeavouring to recover ~\$2M worth of cash deployed to ATM
	network operators for which liquidators have been appointed.
	Primewest (PWG)
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COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1460.3	OZ	3.4	0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	17.04	oz	0.15	0.9
Gold (LON)	1458	oz		
Platinum	906	oz	11	1.2
WTI Crude (Jan)	58.41	bbl	0.40	0.7
Brent Crude (Jan)	64.27	bbl	0.62	1.0
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	84.35	t	0.06	0.1
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	5938	t	64	1.1
Nickel	14545	t	80	0.6
Aluminium	1759	t	21	1.2
Lead	1944	t	13	0.6
Zinc	2304	t	21	0.9
Tin	16375	t	-95	-0.6

#### **Commodities Commentary**

*Oil* – prices were pushed higher overnight, following a media report from Russia further indicating a potential three - six-month further OPEC+ production curb from 31 March 2020.

OPEC and OPEC+ plan to meet in Vienna Thursday and Friday respectively next week and are expected to announce any decision then.

An OPEC committee, formed to review oil markets, will meet on the Wednesday.

Meanwhile, International Energy Agency (IEA) executive director Fatih Birol described global economic conditions as 'very fragile', and implored OPEC+ and the US to consider this.

Mr Birol also predicted the US would lead oil output growth for the next five years.

A media report indicated expectations of a slight decline last week in US crude stockpiles. Post-US trade, the API was due to release its weekly inventory estimates.

US weekly petroleum inventories are due tonight from government agency the EIA.

In overnight exploration and development news, Norwegian company Equinor revealed plans to drill 30 - 40 oil and gas exploration wells during 2020, up to 30 of these in Norwegian territory and most of the balance in Brazil.

**Gold** – some overhang from a positive price prediction from Goldman Sachs late weekend (US time), plus some reported bargain hunting, were mostly cited as supporting Comex futures to a slight overnight gain.

Weakening currencies in China and India, plus India's higher gold import taxes, have reduced gold demand, a report also confirmed overnight.

**Base metals** – key data to come this week, plus current supply figures appeared to mostly influence overnight LME trade, according to industry insiders.

In the meantime, a Commerzbank analyst predicted falls for LME *aluminium* prices, to as low as \$U\$1705/t.

**China**'s October industrial profits are expected today, and official November PMIs over the weekend. The US is due to report a

Real estate funds manager PWG has acquired the Coffs Harbour, NSW Moonee Market shopping centre for ~\$30M.

In addition, PWG has purchased an industrial logistics facility in South Australia for \$14.9M.

PWG's AUM are currently estimated beyond \$4B.

#### Simavita Ltd (SVA)

SVA has appointed John McBain as a director, to fill a casual vacancy.

Dr McBain is also a director of the Royal Women's Hospital Foundation and is a former Melbourne IVF chairman.

#### Resources

## Centrex Metals (\* CXM)

CEO Simon Slesarewich will leave CXM in three months, under mutual agreement with the CXM board, and in favour of company cash management.

In addition, joint company secretary Mark Terry has stepped down and will also leave his CFO role before year's end.

Mr Slesarewich's and Mr Terry's responsibilities will be assumed by other existing CXM personnel.

#### Ardea Resources (ARL)

ARL spinoff Godolphin has completed a \$7M IPO.

ARL shares will trade ex-return-of-capital Monday (2 December). Godolphin is targeting an ASX listing prior to year's end.

#### **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Castillo Copper	CCZ	27 Nov
Comet Ridge	COI	27 Nov
Helios Energy	HE8	27 Nov
Jadar Lithium	JDR	27 Nov
Recce Pharmaceuticals	RCE	27 Nov
Strike Resources	SRK	27 Nov
Victory Mines	VIC	27 Nov
Alkane Resources	ALK	28 Nov
Axiom Properties	AXI	28 Nov
dorsaVi Ltd	DVL	28 Nov
Eagle Health Holdings	EHH	28 Nov
Regal Investment Fund	RF1	28 Nov
Sienna Cancer Diagnostics	SDX	28 Nov
The Environmental Group	EGL	28 Nov

#### Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Austar Gold	AUL	18 Nov
Authorised Investment Fund	AIY	22 Nov
CFOAM Ltd	CFO	12 Nov
Creso Pharma	СРН	5 Nov
CropLogic Ltd	CLI	19 Nov

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September quarter GDP growth update tonight, in addition to the release of a region-by-region economic conditions report.

Exchange Rates					
CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%		
AUD – USD	0.6785	-0.0002	-0.03		
EUR – USD	1.1023	0.0001	0.01		
	Australian Da	ta Today			
ABS	Constructio	n work done	Sep Q		
	US Data To	onight			
GDP (2 <sup>nd</sup> of three estimates) Sep Q					
Fed Reserve beig	Nov				
Durable goods or	Oct				
Initial jobless clai	23 Nov				
Chicago PMI	Nov				
Personal income	Oct				
Pending home sa	Oct				
Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight					
China	Industrial prof	ïts	Oct		

China	Industrial profits	Oct
Germany	Import prices	Oct

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Millennium Minerals	MOY	20 Nov
Nzuri Copper	NZC	19 Nov
OBJ Ltd	OBJ	5 Nov
Skin Elements	SKN	25 Nov
Titan Minerals	TTM	21 Nov
TV2U International	TV2	26 Nov

## **Ex-Dividends**

Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
Today	11.5	30	2.56
Today	16.7	0	4.24
Today	2.35	70	4.40
Tomorrow	34	100	1.43
Tomorrow	4	0	4.13
Tomorrow	0.63	100	1.38
Tomorrow	0.7	0	4.90
Tomorrow	5.51	0	3.08
Tomorrow	0.36	0	1.48
Tomorrow	0.79	0	4.02
Tomorrow	8.78	60	1.06
Fri	3.4	30	0.40
Fri	1.25	0	3.20
Fri	0.82	0	5.52
Fri	2	100	0.70
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## **Reports & Events**

(select)	
Company	Report/Event
BCI	AGM
СҮР	AGM
CKF	Interim
DCN	AGM
FPH	Interim
HVN	AGM
MSB	AGM
OCL	AGM
SFR	AGM
SM1	AGM
TLS	Investor day
CCA	AGM
CMW	AGM
ELX	AGM
EVN	AGM
FWD	AGM
FBU	AGM
IFL	AGM
MVF	AGM
QIP	AGM
	Company BCI CYP CKF DCN FPH HVN MSB OCL SFR SM1 TLS CCA CMW ELX EVN ELX EVN FWD FBU IFL MVF

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	BUB	AGM
	PEA	AGM
	PRU	AGM
	PMV	AGM
	RFG	AGM
	SVY	AGM
	VN8	AGM