

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5972	36	0.6
NZX 50	12207	5	0.0
DJIA Futures	26337	-220	-0.8
S&P 500 Futures	3270	-33	-1.0
NASDAQ Futures	11192	-151	-1.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences the last trading day of October on a Friday, with key domestic data due late morning, following largely vacillating overnight international equities trade amid a cocktail of earnings, economic data releases and revised growth forecasts, variously interpreted a few days out from the 3 November US presidential election.

Post-US trade, Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Twitter have reported earnings, accompanied by various outlooks and warnings, but sales and profits mostly exceeding expectations.

US futures have swung lower this morning.

Regionally today, **Japan** reports September industrial production **10.50am** AEDT.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) publishes September financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, **11.30am** AEDT.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports September quarter **producer prices** at the same time.

Post-ASX trade, the RBA release international reserves and foreign exchange liquidity.

Today being the last trading day for October, a plethora of September quarter reports is also anticipated.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** dropped further.

US **gold** futures (August) also continued lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) extended a string of slight declines, trading beneath \$US120.30/t.

LME **copper** turned higher but not so **nickel** or **aluminium**.

The **\$A** slipped to ~US70.35c, after trading at ~US70.60c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	26659	139	0.5
S&P 500	3310	39	1.2
NASDAQ	11186	181	1.6
FTSE 100	5582	-1	-0.0
DAX 30	11598	38	0.3
Shanghai Comp	3273	3	0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Marked choppy, swinging trade featured across a majority of

* Nutritional supplements listing **10.30am** AEDT – NGS *

October – last trading day

Today's Stock Watch
AMP Ltd (AMP)

Confirming receipt of an indicative takeover proposal from US-headquartered Ares Management Corporation.

Meanwhile, AMP says it is considering 'a range of options' after receiving 'significant interest' in the group's assets and businesses while undertaking the portfolio review announced early September.

ResMed Inc (RMD)

September quarter net operating profit rose 27% to \$US216.9M. Net income increased 48% to \$US178.4M.

Revenue grew 10%, to \$US751.9M.

Paying a US39c quarterly dividend.

RMD hosted a webcast teleconference overnight.

Janus Henderson Group (JHG)

AUM grew 6% to \$US358.3B during the September quarter.

Operating income tallied \$US156.5M, against \$US143.6M a year earlier and \$US106.7M for the June quarter 2020.

Paying a US36c quarterly dividend.

JHG hosted a teleconference yesterday evening.

Investec Australia Property Fund (IAP)

10.4% lower, \$A38.34M interim NPAT. 5.7% lower, \$45.185M revenue. ~4.389c interim distribution.

Results presentation lodged post-trade yesterday. IAP hosted a webcast teleconference early yesterday evening AEDT.

Immutep Ltd (IMM)

Licence and collaboration agreement secured with NYSE-listed Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (LabCorp) targeting the development of immune-oncology products or services.

Nutritional Growth Solutions (* NGS)

Paediatric nutritional supplements specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEDT, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share. ~43M quoted securities.

Energy
Origin Energy (ORG)

September quarter gas revenue fell 39% and sales volumes by 4%. Additional statistics lodged this morning.

Cooper Energy (COE) / APA Group (APA)

Orbost gas plant works terms agreed between COE and APA. Details lodged this morning.

COE September quarter statistics also due today.

COE teleconference scheduled to commence **11am** AEDT.



major European and US equities markets overnight, with another deadly public attack in France, a batch of renewed economic warnings from central banks and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), some mixed data releases, and a bevy of key earnings reports on both sides of the Atlantic.

The NASDAQ and S&P 500 differed, with support ahead of a batch of earnings reports due post-US trade from ultra high-profile US stocks.

In the meantime, US presidential election campaigning and Covid-19 figures and developments remained ongoing considerations.

The **European Central Bank** (ECB) post-policy meeting press conference confirmed the ECB was readying to enact further stimulus.

ECB president Christine Lagarde assured that while euro zone economic recovery indications suggested a greater-than-anticipated loss of momentum, the bank would closely assess new economic projections at its December meeting.

Ms Lagarde stated that the ECB intended to 'ensure that financing conditions remain favourable'.

In the meantime, the **IMF** lowered its 2020 UK GDP forecast to a 10.4% contraction and promoted additional UK government support as 'essential'.

For its part yesterday afternoon, the **Bank of Japan** lowered its forecast for domestic GDP for the 12 months to 31 March (FY21), to a 5.5% drop from the previous predicted -4.7% decline.

Among overnight **data** releases, an initial (first of three) **US** September quarter **GDP** estimate indicated 7.4% growth for the three months following a 9% June quarter contraction.

Year-on-year, September quarter GDP bounced 33%, against the June quarter's annualised 31% dive.

US weekly new unemployment claims also improved, rising by 751,000, against 791,000 the previous week.

US September pending home sales fell 2.2% for the month but were 20.5% higher than for September 2019.

Earlier, a final **euro zone** October consumer confidence reading came in as expected, at -15.5, from -13.9 for September.

Germany's October unemployment rate was calculated at 6.2% from 6.3% for September and against forecasts of an increase to 6.5%.

Also in Germany, an initial October CPI reading indicated 0.2% year-on-year deflation, and 0.1% inflation growth for the month.

In the **UK**, September domestic vehicle production was 5% lower than for September 2019.

UK September consumer credit, as calculated by the Bank of England, fell by £0.6B after a £0.6B August increase and following forecasts of a £0.74B rise.

In the meantime, **G20** finance ministers and central bankers were reported to be next meeting 13 November to consider less-developed nations struggling with debt exacerbated by the Covid-19 outbreak.

Tonight in the **US**, September personal income and spending, the Chicago PMI, and a final reading of the University of Michigan consumer confidence index are due.

Elsewhere, the **euro zone** publishes initial September quarter GDP and October CPI readings.

Pre-Open Announcements

Myer Holdings (MYR)

~33% vote recorded against MYR's remuneration report at yesterday's AGM.

Strategic Elements (SOR)

SOR has closed the company's 6c-per-share SPP which targeted \$1M and was initially scheduled to close 10 November (Tuesday week).

By 3.30pm AWST yesterday, SOR had received \$6.8M worth of applications.

SOR will accept \$5.1M worth.

SOR settled at 14c yesterday after closing out last week at 6.5c and trading at 7.2c – 8.5c the day the SPP was announced.

Douough Ltd (DOU)

September quarter update lodged pre-trade.

Pacific Current Group (PAC)

FUM grew 14%, to \$A106.4B, during the September quarter.

Fluence Corporation (FLC)

13% higher, \$US15.6M year-on-year September quarter revenue, representing a 50% increase for the three months. \$US11.1M cash flow. \$US31.2M cash balance.

iCar Asia (ICQ)

September quarter operating statistics lodged this morning, including a \$A1.05M net operating cash outflow, representing a 32% year-on-year improvement.

Respiri Ltd (RSH)

Heralding the wheezo launch response from pharmacists. Details lodged this morning.

DUG Technology (DUG)

DUG will enable the Perth, WA-based Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research access to the company's high-performance computing cycles (HPC) and software using DUG McCloud.

DUG says 'several companies' are assessing the benefits DUG's HPC could provide.

Resources

OceanaGold Corporation (* OGC)

Produced 63,136oz of gold at a \$US1695/oz AISC during the September quarter, and sold 60,790oz.

January – September production reached 202,521oz at a \$US1367/oz AISC. Sales have tallied 214,133oz.

January – September \$US154.2M net loss. \$US331.9M revenue, boosted by \$US97.9M revenue for the September quarter.

September quarter \$US96.8M net loss, impacted by an \$US80M Didipio impairment.

\$US187.0M net debt. \$US127.0M cash and available liquidity.

A teleconference was scheduled for 8am AEDT.



Companies scheduled to report earnings later today and tonight include: AbbVie, Air China, Baoshan Iron & Steel, Chevron, CITIC, Colgate-Palmolive, Exxon Mobil, Glencore, Honeywell, Industrial Bank of China, Japan Airlines, Mitsui, PetroChina, Sumitomo and Total.

In overnight corporate news, **Apple** reported, post-US trade, its best ever September sales, but iPhone revenue has appeared to disappoint.

Alphabet, Amazon, Facebook and **Twitter** have also reported post-US trade, with the results expected to influence some of tonight's trade sentiment.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1868	oz	-11.2	-0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	23.36	oz	0.001	0.0
Gold (LON) (Oct 27)	1870	oz		
Platinum	841	oz	-22	-2.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	36.17	bbl	-1.22	-3.3
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	37.65	bbl	-1.47	-3.8
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	120.28	t	-0.17	-0.1
Copper (LME,3mth Ind,PM)	6748	t	16	0.2
Nickel	15545	t	-170	-1.1
Aluminium	1805	t	-5	-0.3
Lead	1832	t	22	1.2
Zinc	2546	t	8	0.3
Tin	17822	t	-107	-0.6

Commodities Commentary

Oil – prices fell to ~five-month lows overnight amid ongoing demand concerns.

In addition, Libya's daily oil output was reported to have reached 680,000bbl and is expected to ramp to 1MMbbl/d before the end of November.

Hurricane Zeta crossed the US coast in southern Louisiana with offshore Gulf production expected to begin to resume from late Thursday US time.

~85% of oil output and 58% of natural gas production were estimated as shut-in by overnight.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count is due tonight.

Gold – prices swung overnight, on US data, \$US moves (ICE \$US +0.7%) and pro-stimulus commentary following the European Central Bank policy meeting.

Meanwhile, the World Gold Council reported international September quarter demand had fallen to the least (892t) in any quarter during the past 11 years. For the three months, demand dropped 19%.

Base metals – a yet stronger \$US constrained overnight LME trade, as did ongoing commentary regarding the strength, and likely impacts of, the Covid-19 resurgence in major western nations.

Some end-of-quarter positioning could be noted tonight, but also caution ahead of China's official October PMIs, which are anticipated over the weekend.

Horizon Gold (HZN) / Panoramic Resources (PAN)

HZN will settle a \$316,267 debt to PAN with 726,550 HZN shares.

HZN has traded at 5.2c – 6c over the past five trading sessions.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Buddy Technologies	BUD	30 Oct
Emerge Gaming	EM1	30 Oct
Hawkstone Mining	HWK	30 Oct
Challenger Exploration	CEL	2 Nov
CML Group	CGR	2 Nov
Conico Ltd	CNJ	2 Nov
Imricor Medical Systems	IMR	2 Nov
Marvel Gold	MVL	2 Nov
Meteoric Resources	MEI	2 Nov
Seek Ltd	SEK	2 Nov
Hydrix Ltd	HYD	3 Nov
Santana Minerals	SMI	3 Nov
Bowen Coking Coal	BCB	4 Nov
Neurotech International	NTI	4 Nov

Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Consolidated Financial Holdings	CWL	16 Oct
Cyclone Metals	CLE	19 Oct
New Energy Minerals	NXE	15 Oct
Resource Generation	RES	26 Oct
Triple Energy	TNP	28 Oct
Vault Intelligence	VLT	9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MOT	Today	0.88	0	7.25
MXT	Today	0.74	0	5.18
PGG	Today	0.71	0	4.53
NBI	Mon	~0.696	0	5.70
BIS	Tue	5	100	2.84
JMS	Tue	1	0	16.96
BOQ	Wed	12	100	4.93
WAT	Fri	3	100	1.72
JYC	9 Nov	2.7	100	10.10
NAC	9 Nov	1.4	100	4.98
NSC	9 Nov	1.25	100	6.06



Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7024	-0.0005	-0.07
EUR – USD	1.1669	-0.0005	-0.04

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates (incl private sector credit)	Sep
ABS	PPI	Sep Q
RBA	Interntnl reserves; forex liquidity (4.30pm AEDT)	Oct

US Data Tonight

Personal income and spending	Sep
Employment cost index	Sep Q
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Oct
Chicago PMI	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	Workforce statistics	Sep
Japan	Industrial production (prelim)	Sep
France	GDP (initial)	Sep Q
Germany	GDP (initial)	Sep Q
Germany	Retail sales	Sep
Euro zone	GDP (initial)	Sep Q
Euro zone	CPI (initial)	Oct
Euro zone	Unemployment	Sep

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Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ASB	AGM
	CAR	AGM
	COE	Sep Q
	DOU	Sep Q
	EML	AGM
	GWA	AGM
	HUO	AGM
	IDX	AGM
	JHC	AGM
	ORG	Sep Q
	RAP	Sep Q
	RMD	Sep Q
	SXL	AGM
	SPT	AGM
	VRL	AGM
Mon	CPV	AGM
	WBC	Full year
Wed	AT1	AGM
	CWP	AGM
	DMP	AGM (3pm)
	E25	AGM
	FCL	AGM
	PDL	Full year
	PPH	Interim (tele 9am)
	TLM	AGM
Thu	ANN	AGM (9am)
	COL	AGM (10.30am)
	CCP	AGM (11am)
	DOW	AGM (11am)
	EHE	AGM (1pm)
	FLT	AGM
	ING	AGM
	NAB	Full year
	NHF	AGM (1pm)
	PAA	AGM
Fri	TWE	AGM
	CNU	AGM
	ORI	Full year
	SPK	AGM