

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5767	-5	-0.1
NZX 50	8736	87	1.0
DJIA Futures	24870	11	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2688	3	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	6844	29	0.4

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens end-of-month trade ahead of influential domestic and regional data, following pre-trade announcements from several major financial stocks.

Regionally, **China** releases its official (National Bureau of Statistics-calculated) October manufacturing and services sector PMIs **midday** AEDT.

The Bank of **Japan** is due to announce outcomes from today's policy meeting **2pm** AEDT.

Locally today, September quarter **CPI** growth and financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, are due **11.30am** AEDT.

In addition, **ANZ** has reported full year results pre-trade.

Being the last day of October, a raft of September quarter reports is also anticipated.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** picked up the pace of the previous session's falls.

US (December) **gold** futures continued lower.

Iron ore (China port, 62% Fe) rose modestly.

LME **copper** fell. **Nickel** turned slightly higher. Aluminium extended this week's decline.

The **\$A** surpassed US71.00c after appreciating to US70.95c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	24875	432	1.8
S&P 500	2683	41	1.6
NASDAQ	7162	111	1.6
FTSE 100	7036	10	0.1
DAX 30	11287	-48	-0.4
Shanghai Comp	2568	26	1.0

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy trade featured across major European and US equities markets overnight amid a raft of high-profile corporate earnings reports and influential euro zone data.

Notably, key US indices opened higher and in the last two hours of trade were propelled to session-peaks.

Despite marked vacillations, the FTSE 100 settled near session highs also, supported by the previous night's budget announcement and strong BP earnings.

In the **euro zone**, the first estimate for September quarter GDP growth came in at 1.7% year-on-year, following 2.1% for the June quarter, and against

Last trading day of the month

Australia – Sep Q CPI and private sector credit **11.30am** AEDT

China – NBS October PMIs **midday** AEDT

* Business services listing **10.30am** AEDT – **WWG** *

Today's Stock Watch

Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)

Flat, \$A6.4B full year NPAT. 16% lower, \$5.81B cash profit, including discontinued operations.

2% higher \$19.8B income. 80c fully franked final dividend. 16.8% CET1 (Basel) ratio, up 1%. 11% fewer FTE staff.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA)

Selling Colonial First State Global Asset Management for \$4.12B. Anticipating \$2.9B CET1 capital, for a 0.65 lift, from the sale.

The buyer is Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation.

In association, CBA has appointed Society One CEO and MD Jason Yetton as 'wealth management and mortgage broking businesses' CEO, and CBA Wealth Management CFO Andrew Morgan as CFO of the new company.

CBA plans to demerge the new company.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

Review results lodged this morning, highlighting a cash return on asset sales.

nib Holdings (NHF)

Anticipating a minimum \$190M FY 2019 underlying operating profit (UOP) and at least \$168M operating profit.

Previously, NHF had expected \$180M UOP.

Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia (GMA)

49.6% lower (year-on-year), \$19.6M September quarter NPAT. \$A5.1B new insurance written, down 7.3%.

Infigen Energy (IFN)

September quarter net revenue fell 9% (year-on-year) to \$66.3M.

Wiseway Group (* WWG)

Trade (export and import) services provider scheduled to list **10.30am** AEDT following a \$6M IPO at 50c per share.

121M quoted shares.

Resources

Iluka Resources (ILU)

Rutile mining is underway again in Sierra Leone, following industrial action. The issue has yet been totally resolved, however.

ILU is now anticipating producing a maximum 125,000t – 130,000t of rutile in Sierra Leone.

Energy

Caltex Australia (CTX)

Anticipating \$275M - \$295M 2018 EBIT on a \$20M adverse impact from convenience retail earnings.

Origin Energy (ORG)

12% higher, \$640M integrated gas revenue, up 12% on the June quarter and 35% year-on-year.

Electricity sales rose 4% for the quarter to 9.5TWh, and natural gas sales 6% to 82.2PJ.

expectations of at least 1.8%.

For the three months, GDP grew 0.2%, against 0.4% during the June quarter

Business and economic sentiment indices also pulled back.

An initial October CPI growth reading for **Germany** was estimated at 2.5% following 2.4% for September.

Among **US** data releases, Case-Shiller reported 5.5% higher house prices for August against 5.9% in July, representing a fifth consecutive monthly slowing.

A Conference Board October consumer sentiment reading rose 2.6 to an 18-year peak of 137.9.

Tonight in the US, treasury funding requirements, a private sector jobs report, employment costs, a Chicago PMI update and weekly mortgage applications are due.

Companies scheduled to reveal earnings or provide updates later today or tonight include: Audi, Banco Santander, Credit Suisse, General Motors, GlaxoSmithKline, Jaguar Land Rover, Kellogg, Mazda Motor, Nomura Holdings, Samsung, Sanofi, Takeda Pharmaceutical, Telefonica, Tesla, Yamaha Motor and Yum! Brands.

In overnight corporate news, **Facebook** has revealed weaker-than-anticipated revenue and user growth in post-US trade. This will impact some trade sentiment tonight.

Nvidia benefited from an investment house upgrade, helping boost chip manufacturers.

Apple unveiled a new MacBook Air and new Mac Mini.

Further oil price falls supported US **transport** stocks.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1225	oz	-2	-0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.5	oz	0.02	0.1
Gold (LON)	1231	oz		
Platinum	834	oz	4	0.5
WTI Crude (Dec)	66.2	bbl	-0.9	-1.3
Brent Crude (Dec)	75.9	bbl	-1.4	-1.9
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	76.7	t	0.2	0.3
Copper (LME,3mth,PM)	6032	t	-128	-2.1
Nickel	11765	t	10	0.1
Aluminium	1967	t	-17	-0.9
Lead	1939	t	-19	-1.0
Zinc	2550	t	-72	-2.8
Tin	19075	t	-50	-0.3
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.00	bshl	-0.08	-1.5

Commodities Commentary

Oil – the US petroleum and associated finance sanctions to come into effect against Iran at the beginning of next week will produce ‘severe consequences’ internationally, Iran warned overnight.

In addition, South Korea revealed it had requested a waiver in order to keep purchasing crude from Iran. Further, warnings abounded, including from the International Energy Agency (IEA), regarding likely reduced demand on higher price, global trade and associated growth concerns.

Meanwhile, Refinitiv Eikon figures revealed

Pre-Open Announcements

WiseTech Global (** WTC)

Acquiring management and logistics specialist CargoIT I Skandinavien.

WTC is paying \$1.8M upfront plus expected earn-outs totalling \$1.8M.

Fluence Corporation (* FLC)

€1.7M waste-to-energy system contract in hand with ArreBeef Energi, a beef processor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This is FLC’s first waste-to-energy Argentine order.

Sky &Space Global (* SAS)

SAS has appointed iiNet founder and former MD Michael Malone as chairman, effective tomorrow.

Wattle Health Australia (WHA)

September quarter sales totalled \$3.75M. \$52.05M cash.

Resources

Alacer Gold Corporation (* AQG)

\$US20.6M September quarter net loss, due to a drop in the value of Turkey’s lira.

Produced 26,160oz of gold at a \$US626/oz AISC.

\$US116M cash. \$US350M debt.

A webcast teleconference commenced 8am AEDT.

OceanaGold Corporation (OGC)

Waihi, New Zealand Martha project underground drilling has returned several additional high-grade intersections.

Assays lodged post-trade yesterday.

MZI Resources (* MZI)

Produced a record 32,995t of heavy mineral concentrate (HMC) during the September quarter, 37.6% higher than for the June quarter. Production costs fell 19%.

Shipped a record 24,856t of HMC, a 48.6% quarterly increase. \$9.9M cash.

Talisman Mining (TLM)

TLM non-executive director and former chairman Alan Senior is resigning from the TLM board at the 30 November AGM.

Focus Minerals (FML)

Exploration update lodged post-trade yesterday, highlighting 11,500m of drilling completed across several WA Laverton region prospects.

Energy

Energy Resources of Australia (* ERA) / Rio Tinto (RIO)

Kevin McLeish has resigned as an ERA non-executive director, effective yesterday, ahead of his retirement from ERA parent RIO at year’s end.

In association, former ERA CEO and MD, and current RIO health, safety, security and environment services head Andrea Sutton has been appointed to the ERA board.

Central Petroleum (CTP)

\$22.1M cash as at 30 September. September quarter update lodged post-trade yesterday.

88 Energy (88E)

Mourning the sudden death of director Brent Villemarette.



combined September daily output in Russia, Saudi Arabia and the US reached 33MMbbl.

Brent crude traded as low as \$US75.09/bbl and WTI at \$US65.33/bbl.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report is due from government agency EIA tonight.

Gold – a continuing strong \$US and positive US equities sentiment detracted from overnight gold interest.

Base metals – \$US strength, combined with broadening sources of international growth warnings, appeared the major influences on overnight LME trade.

Aluminium fell to 14-month lows.

Rising lead inventories again surprised on the lead-in to the northern winter.

Official PMI updates are due out of China today. These are expected to influence at least some of tonight's trade, together with end-of-month positioning.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7101	-0.0005	-0.06
EUR – USD	1.1343	-0.0002	-0.02

Australian Data Today

ABS	CPI	Sep Q
RBA	Financial aggregates	Sep
RBA	International reserves (4.30pm)	Sep
RBA	Forex liquidity (4.30pm)	Sep

US Data Tonight

Treasury funding needs	Dec Q
Employment cost index	Sep Q
Private sector employment	Oct
Chicago PMI	Oct
MBA mortgage applications	26 Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	Oct
Japan	BoJ policy meeting outcomes	Oct
Japan	BoJ outlook (4pm AEDT)	Dec Q
Japan	Industrial production	Sep
Japan	Consumer confidence	Oct
Japan	Housing starts	Sep
UK	GfK consumer confidence	Oct
Germany	Retail sales	Sep
Euro zone	CPI (prelim)	Oct
Euro zone	Unemployment	Sep

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Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AQG	Sep Q
	AIA	AGM
	ANZ	Full year
	CTX	Investor day #2
	CTD	AGM
	GMA	Sep Q
	HSO	AGM
	IFN	Sep Q
	JHC	AGM
	NHF	AGM
	ORG	Sep Q
	TGR	AGM
Tomorrow	BHP	Webcast Q&A
	CNU	AGM
	CCP	AGM
	CWN	AGM
	DOW	AGM
	NAB	Full year
	PPT	AGM
	SGR	AGM
	VCX	AGM
	WOW	Sep Q
Fri	CSR	Interim
	MAH	AGM
	MQG	Interim
	ORI	Full year
	SPK	AGM
Mon (5 Nov)	WBC	Full year

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Corporate Travel Management	CTD	31 Oct
G Medical Innovations Holdings	GMV	31 Oct
Litigation Capital Management	LCA	31 Oct
MRG Metals	MRQ	31 Oct
Celsius Resources	CLA	1 Nov
Emerald Resources	EMR	1 Nov
Invictus Energy	IVZ	1 Nov
New Energy Minerals	NXE	1 Nov
Pursuit Minerals	PUR	1 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
BPH Energy	BPH	25 Oct
GBM Gold	GBM	11 Oct
Green Energy Solutions	IGE	29 Oct
Gulf Manganese Corporation	GMC	19 Oct
Impelus Ltd	IMS	26 Oct
Inca Minerals	ICG	29 Oct
MMJ Phytotech	MMJ	8 Oct
Pelican Resources	PEL	31 Oct
PLC Financial Solutions	PLC	5 Oct



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Updater Inc UPD 9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MXT	Today	0.9	0	5.12
AOD	Tomorrow	0.27	0	6.55
NBI	Tomorrow	0.88	0	0.43
FNP	Fri	2.75	50	1.01
JYC	Mon	6	100	6.88
NAC	Mon	1.35	100	6.95
NSC	Mon	1.36	100	9.38
BIS	6 Nov	4	100	4.37
BKW	7 Nov	36	100	3.23
RMD	7 Nov	3.66	0	0.92
API	8 Nov	4	100	5.02
WAT	8 Nov	3	100	2.38