

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6835	-119	-1.7
NZX 50	11496	-221	-1.9
DJIA Futures	28196	0	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3224	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	8998	0	0.0

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens a new month's trade on a Monday, with:

- a plethora of key domestic and regional data due from pre-trade;
- the People's Bank of China ready today to make available significant funding as China's markets reopen;
- a continued focus on the impacts of the coronavirus;
- key data and corporate results expected out of the US and Europe tonight;
- and deepening Middle East discord.

Over the weekend the Palestinian Authority announced it was severing all ties with the US and Israel. The Palestinian president rejected a peace plan put by the US and emphasised the cutting of ties included those relating to security.

Among **regional** data releases today, **industrial profits** are due out of **China 12.30pm AEDT**.

Caixin is also scheduled to publish its China January **manufacturing PMI, 12.45pm**.

A January **manufacturing PMI** is due for **Japan 10.50am**.

The People's Bank of China is making available a net 150 billion yuan (~\$US22B) via reverse repurchase operations, to support the banking system and the yuan.

Locally today, a swag of economic indicators is due ahead of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) policy meeting tomorrow.

AIG publishes its January **manufacturing** sector activity index pre-trade.

CoreLogic's January **residential property price index** is also expected.

ANZ's January **job advertisements** report, December **building approvals** and the TD Securities/Melbourne Institute monthly **inflation gauge** report are due late-morning.

The RBA publishes monthly **commodity prices** post-trade.

Meanwhile, **MFF** is among stocks trading **ex-dividend** today.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, WTI **crude** fell. The expiring March Brent contract settled slightly lower.

US **gold** futures (CME February) swung to a slight fall.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) declined, but remained above \$US92.40/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and aluminium settled barely changed. **Nickel** turned higher and rallied.

China – industrial profits 12.30pm AEDT; Caixin manufacturing PMI 12.45pm AEDT

Today's Stock Watch

Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC)

Confirming Rosen Law has filed a class action against WBC on behalf of select securityholders, in association with WBC's market disclosure relating to financial crime monitoring.

AMP Ltd (AMP)

AMP has appointed acting CFO James Georgeson as CFO, effective today. Mr Georgeson was appointed to the acting position in August 2019.

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare (FPH)

Launching a new, compact nasal mask for sleep apnoea in Australia and New Zealand.

Launches in Canada and Europe are expected to follow.

Dubber Corporation (DUB) / Telstra Corporation (TLS)

TLS customers will be able to subscribe to DUB's cloud call recording and data capture services.

Argo Investments (ARG)

24.4% lower, \$A118.84M interim NPAT. 21.8% lower, \$A132,84M income.

Flat, 16c fully franked interim dividend. \$8.54 NTA, against \$7.34.

Elixinol Global (EXL)

Selling subsidiary Hemp Foods Australia to Yunnan Lvxin Biological Pharmaceutical Co. Anticipating a \$A12.5M impairment.

Resources

Newcrest Mining (NCM)

Selling Newcrest Singapore Holdings for a total \$90M cash, \$30M of which is deferred until 18 months following completion.

Newcrest Singapore Holdings held 75% of PT Nusa Halmahera Minerals (PT NHM), which operates the Gosowong project in Indonesia.

NCM had been required to sell down its PT NHM holding to 49% by 30 June.

Associated asset sales and transaction costs will push NCM's expected loss on the sale to \$44M.

Sipa Resources (SRI) / Rio Tinto (RIO)

RIO is withdrawing from the SRI Uganda farm-in and JV agreement, established in May 2018.

Lynas Corporation (LYC)

LYC's planned WA goldfields rare earths processing facility has been awarded 'major project status' by the WA Government.



The \$A appreciated a little after falling below US66.90c early Friday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	28256	-603	-2.1
S&P 500	3226	-58	-1.8
NASDAQ	9151	-148	-1.6
FTSE 100	7286	-96	-1.3
DAX 30	12982	-175	-1.3
Shanghai Comp	2977	Public	Holiday

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets trended lower through overnight Friday trade, amid international moves to contain the impact of the coronavirus, these further impacting travel, tourism and global trade.

Earlier Friday, Chinese companies had been offered force majeure certification covering coronavirus-related disruptions to international dealings.

An investment bank forecast a possible 0.4% adverse virus impact on China's 2020 GDP growth and offered US economic growth would potentially be pulled back also.

Among overnight Friday data releases, the **US** reported December personal income and spending 0.2% and 0.3% higher respectively for the month, against 0.4% increases in November.

The Chicago PMI disappointed, falling to 42.9 from 48.2.

The University of Michigan's final January consumer sentiment reading came in at 99.8, against 99.3 for December.

Earlier, the **euro zone** reported preliminary 0.1% December quarter GDP growth, for the three months, and a 1% increase on the December quarter 2018.

An initial January CPI estimate represented 1.4% year-on-year growth.

Germany's December retail sales tumbled 3.3% for the month but improved 0.8% on December 2018.

In the **UK**, the Bank of England estimated December consumer credit at £1.218B, against £0.653B for November.

Meanwhile the US Senate voted overnight Friday not to allow witnesses for the president's impeachment trial, meaning a vote, expected to approve an acquittal is anticipated mid-week.

Tonight in the US, the ISM's influential manufacturing index, December construction spending and a final Markit January manufacturing PMI are due.

Elsewhere, **UK** markets commence trade with the UK no longer a member of the European Union (EU), but commencing an 11-month transition period.

Commentary regarding negotiations, in particular associated with UK trade with any nation, is expected to sway the British pound. This, even before EU talks commence in earnest, expected in March.

In addition, January manufacturing PMIs are due for the euro zone and UK.

Pre-Open Announcements

IMF Bentham (* IMF)

Received \$55.1M gross income from litigation investments during the December quarter, pushing the total for the six months to 31 December to \$142.1M. This exceeded full-year 2018 gross income.

Fluence Corporation (* FLC)

A teleconference was scheduled to commence 9.30am AEDT. Access details lodged post-trade Friday.

\$US23.4M December quarter revenue.

Expecting 30% FY 2020 recurring growth, to \$US9.0M.

\$US21.9M cash and equivalents.

Kathmandu Holdings (KMD)

KMD group has appointed Rip Curl (part of KMD) legal counsel as KMD group legal counsel.

In addition, exclusive KMD CIO Jolann van Dyk has been appointed COI for the KMD group, and KMD supply chain GM Caleb Nicolson as KMD group supply chain officer.

IMEXHS Ltd (* IME)

Medical imaging group IME has scheduled a December quarter teleconference and Q&A to commence **10.30am** AEDT.

Access details lodged post-trade Friday.

IME dropped to 2.3c Friday after closing out the previous week at 4.5c.

Vonex Ltd (* VN8)

December quarter sales revenue grew 17.25% year-on-year, to \$2.53M.

\$2.6M cash at 31 December.

FBR Ltd (FBR)

December quarter activities summary lodged post-trade Friday.

\$16.0M cash and equivalents.

Spark New Zealand (SPK) / Sky New Zealand (SKT)

SPK has completed the sale of entertainment streaming business Lightbox to SKT.

Orbital Corporation (* OEC)

Investor presentation lodged pre-trade.

OEC settled at 43.5c Friday, after trading higher for three consecutive sessions, and closing out the previous week at 34.5c.

PainChek Ltd (PCK)

\$798,000 R&D-related tax rebate received.

NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals (NSB)

A preclinical study involving NSB's EmtinB and a pig model of raise intro-ocular pressure induced glaucoma has progressed past dosing to sample processing.

To date, a dose of up to 300mg/kg has been determined to be well-tolerated, with 'no abnormal findings'.

The Lions Eye Institute is conducting the study.



Companies scheduled to report **earnings** include: Alphabet (inc Google; post-US trade), BP, LG Chem, Mitsubishi Electric, Mitsubishi UFJ, NXP Semiconductors, Panasonic, Ryanair, Samsung Heavy Industries, Sysco Corp and Unilever.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1587.9	oz	-1.3	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Mar)	18.012	oz	0.02	0.1
Gold (LON) (30 Jan)	1578	oz		
Platinum	958	oz	-19	-2.0
WTI Crude (Mar)	51.56	bbbl	-0.58	-1.1
Brent Crude (Mar)	58.16	bbbl	-0.13	-0.2
Iron Ore (NYMEX,CHN,62%)	92.44	t	-0.46	-0.5
Copper (3mth,evening)	5567	t	-4	-0.1
Nickel	12770	t	160	1.3
Aluminium	1730	t	-0.5	-0.0
Lead	1878	t	45	2.5
Zinc	2205	t	14	0.6
Tin	16475	t	440	2.7

Commodities Commentary

Oil – reports emerged in early overnight Friday trade that an OPEC policy meeting scheduled for March could be brought forward to as early as tomorrow through Wednesday.

Russia reportedly was in favour of an earlier OPEC+ meeting.

Among the supply-demand forecasters, Goldman Sachs offered the coronavirus could lower China's daily crude demand by ~400,000bbbl.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report, published overnight Friday, included 675 operating oil rigs, one fewer than for the previous week.

Meanwhile, a second December oil and gas condensate gas output estimate for Russia came in at 11.28MMbbbl/d, against 11.26MMbbbl/d for November.

The Brent crude March delivery contract expired Friday, the April contract dropping 1.2% for the session, to \$US56.62/bbl.

For the month, WTI crude slid ~15.6%, and Brent almost 12%.

Overnight Friday, WTI traded at \$US50.97/bbl - \$US52.29/bbl.

Gold – sentiment is expected to be affected mostly by coronavirus developments this week, although international key data releases continue into the new month.

CME futures settled ~3.8% higher for the month.

Overnight Friday data releases, including US personal income and spending, euro zone GDP and CPI updates, appeared to have little impact on Friday's gold trade.

Base metals – pushed and pulled overnight Friday by data considerations, end-of-month positioning, growing reported impacts of the coronavirus and geopolitical tensions.

China's official January PMIs, reported Friday, came in at 50.0 for the manufacturing sector (against 50.2 in December and November), and 54.1 (from 53.5 in December).

China's NBS said surveying for the indices concluded 20 January, and that hence the coronavirus and Lunar New Year shutdown had no impact on the January figures.

HeraMED Ltd (HMD)

HMD has appointed former Signals Analytics senior VP Alexander Radke GM US operations.

Australian Dairy Nutritionals Group (AHF)

AHF has appointed Kathryn Davies as CFO, effective Thursday 30 January.

Resources

Resolute Mining (* RSG)

RSG has repaid a \$US130M bridge facility secured for the 2019 Toro Gold acquisition.

Perseus Mining (PRU)

Corporate presentation lodged pre-trade.

Magnis Energy Technologies (MNS)

MD Marc Vogts has retired, effective Friday 31 January.

MNS has appointed MNS director Leslie Hosking as interim MD. Mr Vogts remains a top-20 MNS shareholder and will be available to MNS for 'handover'.

Anglo Australian Resources (AAR)

The appointment of Marc Ducler as MD has been completed.

In addition, AAR has appointed former fellow (to Mr Ducler) Egan Street Resources employees Julie Reid as geology manager and Jed Whitford as part-time GM business development and projects.

Egan Street Resources was acquired by Silver Lake Resources (ASX: SLR).

Base Metals (BSE) / Golden Rim Resources (GMR) / Danakali Ltd (DNK) / Lepidico Ltd (LPD)

Conference presentations lodged this morning.

Blackham Resources (BLK)

New video presentations available. Access details lodged this morning.

Energy

Winchester Energy (WEL)

Acquiring a 92% holding in 320 acres contiguous with WEL acreage within the East Permian Basin, Texas, US.

In addition, White Hat 20#6 wireline logging is expected to commence next week.

McLeod 17#3 is to be perforated and completed following Arledge 16#2.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Dubber Corporation	DUB	3 Feb
OneVue Holdings	OVH	3 Feb
Roots Sustainable Agricultural Technologies	ROO	3 Feb
Consolidated Tin Mines	CSD	4 Feb
Resolution Metals	RML	4 Feb



Friday, **Japan** reported January CPI, December retail sales and industrial production, these generally better-than-feared, retail sales rising 0.2% for the month and 2.6% lower year-on-year, and industrial output 3.0% lower than for December 2018, but having improved 1.3% for the month.

In metal-specific news, China reportedly imported ~75% more *nickel* from Indonesia in 2019 than in 2018, a total 23.9Mt, before Indonesia's export ban from this year.

China's December refined *tin* imports were calculated at seven times the amount imported during December 2018 and twice the volume imported during November 2019.

MMG reported exports from the Las Bambas *copper* operation, Peru, had been disrupted since Monday 27 January, due to civil environmental protests.

China's markets are scheduled to resume today.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6687	0.0001	0.02
EUR – USD	1.1086	-0.0008	-0.08

Australian Data Today

Indicator	Category	Month
AiG	PMI	Jan
CoreLogic	Home price index	Jan
TDSec/MInst	Inflation gauge	Jan
ANZ	Job advertisements	Jan
ABS	Building approvals	Dec
RBA	Commodity price index (4.30pm AEDT)	Jan

US Data Tonight

ISM manufacturing	Jan
Construction spending	Dec
Markit manufacturing PMI (final)	Jan

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial profits	Dec
China	Caixin manufacturing PMI	Jan
Japan	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Jan
UK	Manufacturing PMI	Jan
Germany	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Jan
Euro zone	Manufacturing PMI (final)	Jan

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Suspensions *(select)*

Company	Code	Since
Altura Mining	AJM	15 Jan
AuStar Gold	AUL	20 Jan
Coziron Resources	CZR	14 Jan
Force Commodities	4CE	15 Jan
Hawkstone Mining	HWK	17 Jan
Integrated Green Energy Solutions	IGE	20 Jan
Lake Resources	LKE	22 Jan
MEC Resources	MMR	17 Jan
Reverse Corp	REF	16 Jan
Sensera Ltd	SE1	28 Jan
Ziptel Ltd	ZIP	28 Jan

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
MFF	Today	20	100	0.91
NBI	Today	0.9	0	5.88
OZG	Today	0.3	100	2.86
WIC	Today	3	100	5.24
ASW	Tomorrow	2.1	100	5.80
EZL	Tomorrow	1.75	100	4.67
AFI	Fri	10	100	3.39
BKI	Fri	3.63	100	4.22
OCA	Fri	1.88	0	3.26

Reports & Events

(selected)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	ARG	Interim
	OPC	Investor day
Tomorrow	AQG	Dec Q (post-ASX; tele 8am AEDT Wed)
	CIM	Full year
	JHC	Full year (post-ASX; tele midnight)
	TPW	Interim (teleconf 10am)
Wed	CIP	Interim (w/cast brief 10.30am AEDT)
	CMA	Interim (w/cast brief 9.30am)
	GMA	Full year (teleconf 10am)
Thu	VG8	Interim (w/cast brief 10.30am AEDT)
Fri	REA	Interim (teleconf 8.30am)



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