

**Market Opener** 

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## **Markets**

SFE 200 Futures (9.25am AEST)	5446	30	0.6
NZX 50	7345	-16	-0.2
DJIA Futures	18216	-3	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2160	-1	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	4871	0	0.0

#### **Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market commences a new quarter's trade amid public holidays across four States and Territories, and on mostly positive international equities, but mixed commodities, leads.

During the weekend, the **UK** has confirmed it will commence formal negotiations to leave the **Europe**an Union by 31 March 2017.

Also over the weekend, **China** reported a steady 50.4 September manufacturing **PMI** and a 53.7 services PMI, up 0.2. China's **markets** will remain **closed** all through **this week**, for the annual National Day holiday season.

Regionally today, a manufacturing PMI is due for **Japan 11.30am** AEST. The quarterly Tankan manufacturing survey is also due.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **gold** slipped. **WTI crude** continued to settle higher. **Copper** also extended gains. **Iron ore** dropped ahead of the extended holiday season in China.

The \$A appreciated beyond US76.55c after trading at  $\sim$ US76.10c early Friday evening.

Locally today, a manufacturing PMI, house price index and inflation report are due, ahead of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (**RBA**) policy meeting tomorrow.

#### **Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	18308	165	0.9
S&P 500	2168	17	0.8
NASDAQ	5312	43	0.8
FTSE 100	6899	-20	-0.3
DAX 30	10511	105	1.0
Shanghai Comp	3005	6	0.2

#### **Overseas Markets Commentary**

Major European and US equities markets mostly bounced overnight Friday during end-of-quarter trade.

An ~15% lift in Deutsche Bank shares in German and US trade also helped raise financial sector sentiment. The turn came on reports the bank would pay the US Department of Justice a \$US5.4B penalty rather than the initially determined \$US14B.

**Germany**'s August retail sales grew 3.7% year-on-year, following a 1.5% drop in July.

Meanwhile, the **euro zone**'s initial 0.4% September CPI growth reading represented a two-year peak.

In the  $\mathbf{UK}$ , a 2.1% final June quarter GDP growth reading undershot expectations by 0.1%. but bettered the previous estimate by 0.2%.

**Daylight saving** commenced in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT yesterday.

Hence from today, ASX trade will commence local time in Western Australia at 7am, Queensland at 9am and the Northern Territory at 8.30am.

**Today** is a **non-settlement** day (except for ETOs) due to **public holidays** in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT.

Trades executed Thursday last week settle tomorrow. Friday's and today's will settle Wednesday.

# **Today's Stock Watch**

### Woolworths Ltd (WOW) / Metcash Ltd (MTS)

The WOW-Lowe's JV company Hydrox Group has completed the \$165M sale of *Home Timber & Hardware* to MTS. IN addition,

## **Telstra Corporation (TLS)**

\$US1.25B off-market share buy-back completed at \$4.43. ~282.2M (2.3%) shares were bought back, following tender demand which necessitated an 84.16% scale-back. TLS traded at \$5.13 - \$5.21 Friday.

## **Bapcor Ltd (BAP)**

Hellaby's board is recommending shareholders reject the initial ~\$300M offer from BA, but has also appointed an independent advisor to assess the proposed deal.

#### nib Holdings (NHF)

Ten-year white-labelling distribution agreement secured with New Zealand Automobile Association.

#### Resources

#### Neometals Ltd (NMT) / Mineral Resources (MIN)

MoU agreed for an investigation into the technical and commercial feasibility of establishing a lithium chemical facility in the WA goldfields. The plant would be designed to produce lithium hydroxide from Mt Marion JV lithium project concentrate. Lithium hydroxide can be sold directly to battery cathode manufacturers. MIN holds 43.1% of the Mt Marion JV, as does Ganfeng Lithium Co. NMT owns the balance 13.8%.

#### Pilbara Minerals (PLS) / Mineral Resources (MIN)

MIN has lodged another Supreme Court of WA writ regarding WA Pilgangoora lithium project sales plans.

#### **Kidman Resources (KDR)**

WA Earl Grey lithium project assays lodged this morning. Mineralisation has now been determined across a 1400m  $\times$  750m area.

## **Genesis Minerals (GMD)**

WA goldfields Ulysses gold project mining underway. Cash-flow is anticipated by mid-November. Ore will be processed at the Paddington facility, under a toll agreement.

#### **Energy**

#### Yancoal Australia (YAL)

YAL has issued \$US775M worth of nine-year bonds under the planned \$US950M total issue. BOCI Asia Financial Products intends to take the balance, and has secured a six-month extension to do so by 31 March 2017.



A GfK UK consumer confidence estimate rose to -1 from -7.

**US** August personal spending (inflation-adjusted) fell 0.1%, the first decline in seven months, against a 0.2% rise for income.

The final September University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading came in at 91.2.

**Tonight** in the **US**, the ISM's September manufacturing index, a final September Markit PMI and August construction spending are due.

Zojirushi and Tata Motors are among companies scheduled to report earnings or provide sales updates.

#### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1317	oz	-9	-0.7
Silver (NY) (Dec)	19.3	OZ	0.1	0.3
Gold (LON)	1323	OZ	4	0.3
Platinum	1025	OZ	1	0.1
WTI Crude (Nov)	48.2	bbl	0.4	0.6
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	55.2	t	-0.9	-1.6
Copper (LME)	4865	t	24	0.5
Nickel	10575	t	140	1.3
Aluminium	1673	t	2	0.1
Lead	2124	t	61	3.0
Zinc	2377	t	21	0.9
Tin	20025	t	0	0.0
CBT Wheat (Dec)	4.02	bshl	0.03	0.8

## **Commodities Commentary**

Oil – prices diverged overnight Friday, Brent crude falling 0.4% for the session, to \$US49.06/bbl.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig count revealed seven additional oil rigs in action, producing a 35-rig gain for the quarter.

Reports also emerged that **Nigeria** is commencing legal action against large producers, alleging illegal exports to the US.

Gold – Comex futures settled lower for the September quarter after two consecutive quarterly gains. Overnight Friday, prices swung, falling from initial highs produced by safe-haven trade.

This week's trade will be influenced, at least in part, by any Deutsche Bank developments, US jobs (national figures due Friday) speculation

Base metals – a softer **\$US** and some end-ofquarter positioning largely supported overnight Friday trade.

In addition, Caixin's preliminary September manufacturing PMI for **China** (reported Friday), remained in expansion mode. China's official PMI figures released over the weekend, are expected to influence some trade tonight.

Lead's 16-month peak, Friday, was reportedly supported by the South Australian power outage which caused the Nyrstar lead smelter to temporarily shut down, plus reports of a sole holding of half the LME's on-warrant lead inventory. LME trade is expected to be relatively quiet this week, due to the week-long National Day holidays,

#### **Exchange Rates**

and hence market closures, for China.

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD - USD	0.7660	-0.0000	-0.00
EUR – USD	1.1237	0.0009	0.08

# **Pre-Open Announcements**

## 4DS Memory (4DS)

Unable to bring to mind any other reason for Friday's 25.9% high-volume leap, apart from a combination of two weeks' worth of investor marketing, a media article this past week and a research report earlier this month. 4DS closed out the week at 3.4c, having settled the previous week at 2.9c.

#### The Food Revolution Group (FOD)

Audited full-year results lodged this morning, including changes to fair value and deferred tax liability calculations.

# Noxopharm Ltd (NOX)

An audit has determined NOX's full-year net loss to be \$704,725, rather than the initially reported \$1.54M.

# **Boston Global Food Company (BFC)**

BFC's full-year net loss is \$345,000 more than initially reported. Details lodged post-trade Friday.

## Ding Sheng Xin Finance Co (DXF)

Paying a maiden 1c dividend. Details lodged this morning.

#### **Resources**

## Caeneus Minerals (\* CAD)

Nevada, US Lida Valley lithium brine project drilling approval in hand.

# MRG Metals (MRQ)

Approval in hand to claim a \$550,000 R&D rebate from the Australian Government.

# **Energy**

# Dark Horse Resources (\* DHR) / Lakes Oil (\* LKO)

DHR is paying \$400,000 for 40,000 LKO ASX-listed converting notes, and LKO \$400,000 for 4% of DHR's NavGas.

#### **Armour Energy (AJQ)**

CEO Robbert de Weijer has resigned. COO Roger Cressey is acting CEO.

#### **Bounty Oil & Gas (BUY)**

Full-year results lodged post-trade Friday. Anticipating \$3.5M FY 2017 revenue, following \$1.1M for FY 2016.

#### **Trading Halts**

Company	Code	Resuming
Jameson Resources	JAL	3 Oct
ResApp Health	RAP	3 Oct
Zamia Metals	ZGM	3 Oct
Core Exploration	CXO	4 Oct
Pioneer Resources	PIO	4 Oct

#### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Cudeco Ltd	CDU	30 Sep
Drake Resources	DRK	23 Sep
HJB Corporation	НЈВ	8 Sep
KBL Mining	KBL	9 Sep
Krakatoa Resources	KTA	8 Sep
Magnum Gas & Power	MPE	30 Sep
Oakajee Corporation	OKJ	12 Sep
Realm Resources	RRP	13 Sep



## **Australian Data Today**

AIG	PMI manufacturing	Sep
RPData/CLogic	House prices	Sep
TD Securities/MI	Inflation gauge	Sep

## **US Data Tonight**

ISM manufacturing	Sep
Markit manufacturing PMI (final)	Sep
Construction spending	Aug

## Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	PMI manufacturing	Sep
Japan	Tankan survey	Q3
Japan	Vehicle sales	Sep
UK	PMI manufacturing (final)	Aug
Germany	PMI manufacturing (final)	Sep
Euro zone	PMI manufacturing (final)	Sep

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Unilife Corporation	UNS	30 Sep
Windward Resources	WIN	20 Sep
Wolf Minerals	WLF	30 Sep

#### **Ex-Dividends**

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
CAM	Tomorrow	1.2	100	5.96
DNA	Tomorrow	1	0	2.11
MYO	Tomorrow	5.5	0	2.82
NCK	Tomorrow	17	100	3.92
WMK	Tomorrow	3	75	5.16
CWP	Wed	16.5	100	5.82
GOW	Wed	6	100	3.40
ARB	Thu	17	100	1.73
EBG	Thu	0.33	100	6.40
GJT	Thu	261	0	6.47
GVF	Thu	3	100	5.58
MNY	Thu	2.5	100	3.06
QVE	Thu	1.8	100	2.66
SGM	Thu	12	100	2.37
WBA	Thu	1	100	0.87
ALR	Fri	1	100	4.55
AUB	Fri	28	100	3.60
TFC	Fri	3	100	2.01