

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDST)	5596	24	0.4
NZX 50	7094	Public	Holiday
DJIA Futures	19994	8	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2292	16	0.7
NASDAQ Futures	5158	27	0.5

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens this week's trade on strong US equities leads.

In overnight Friday commodities trade, **gold** settled a little higher. **Oil** gained. **Copper** continued to fall. **Iron ore** fell following a week's trading hiatus.

The **\$A** was propelled to ~US76.80c, after trading at ~US76.50c Friday evening.

Locally today, December retail sales (**11.30am** AEDST), ANZ's monthly job advertisements and the Melbourne Institute inflation report are due.

Last week's capital city house prices are also expected from CoreLogic.

Caixin will release a January services PMI for China 12.45pm AEDST.

Markets in New Zealand are closed today, due to a public holiday.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	20071	187	0.9
S&P 500	2297	17	0.7
NASDAQ	5667	31	0.5
FTSE 100	7188	48	0.7
DAX 30	11651	24	0.2
Shanghai Comp	3140	-19	-0.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets bounced overnight Friday, proposed US changes to financial sector rules supporting trading interest.

In addition, the **US** January employment report far exceeded expectations with regards to the number of jobs created, estimating 227,000 new positions.

Wages growth rose just 0.1%, however, and December's 0.4% gain was revised to a 0.2% rise.

The unemployment rate rose 0.1% to 4.8% as participation rose 0.2% to 62.9%.

Among other **US** data releases, the ISM January services sector activity index was estimated at 56.5, following 56.6 for December. Forecasters had mostly expected 57.

December factory orders rose 1.3%, following a 2.3% drop in November and an anticipated 1% improvement.

Euro zone final January services PMIs mostly met expectations. December retail sales were reported 0.4% lower.

In the **UK**, the index fell 1.7 points however, although remained well in expansion mode at 54.5.

Meanwhile, **Iran** put the US on notice of further

Today's Stock Watch

National Australia Bank (NAB)

1% lower, \$1.6B December quarter cash earnings, and \$1.6B NPAT. 9.5% CET1 against 9.8% at 30 September. Citing relatively high funding costs and intense competition among operating challenges.

Telstra Corporation (TLS)

Requesting further feedback on the proposed capital allocation strategy announced at the November AGM. Planning to lodged interim results 16 February and to host a live results broadcast that day, commencing 9.15am AEDST. Access details lodged this morning.

JB Hi-Fi (JBH)

Former Warehouse Group CEO and The Good Guys adviser Mark Powell has been appointed as a JBH non-executive director, effective 13 March.

Argo Investments (ARG)

15c fully-franked interim dividend. 8.9% drop in interim NPAT to \$104.1M. 3.8% lower, \$114.4M revenue. \$7.63 NTA. 15.2c EPS. \$183.8M cash and equivalents.

Xped Ltd (XPE)

MoU secured with Solekai Systems for XPE technology licensing, collaborative marketing and a reseller agreement.

GrainCorp Ltd (GNC)

Credit Suisse has re-rated GNC as neutral, from outperform.

Resources

Lepidico Ltd (LPD) / Lithium Australia (LIT)

LIT is proposing to launch an off-market one-for-13.25 takeover bid for LPD.

In addition, LPD has secured a LoI with Avalon Advanced Materials for a proposed lepidolite mining and lithium carbonate production partnership in Canada, using ore from Avalon's Separation Rapids project.

LPD traded at 1.2c - 1.3c Friday and LIT at 17.5c - 18.5c.

Tiger Resources (TGS)

Mining engineer Brad Sampson has been appointed CEO and MD. Current CEO and MD Michael Griffiths will remain with TGS as a non-executive director during a transition period.

Atlas Iron (AGO)

Moody's has revised its AGO credit ratings to B3 from Caa3, citing 'sustainable improvements' to AGO's balance sheet and debt levels.

Independence Group (IGO)

Credit Suisse has reassessed IGO as outperform, from neutral.

Resolute Mining (RSG)

Mining Indaba conference presentation lodged this morning. The four-day conference commences today.

Energy

Peninsula Energy (PEN)

Fully-underwritten \$6.5M 50c-per-share SPP commencing later this week, following the December institutional placement. PEN traded at 68c - 78.5c last week.

nuclear weapon activity, in response to newly-announced US sanctions.

Since then, the US administration has again suggested some sanctions on **Russia** could be lifted.

Tonight in the US, no major data releases are expected.

Hasbro, Marubeni, Suzuki Motor, Toyota Motor and Twenty-First Century Fox are among companies scheduled to report earnings today and tonight.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1221	oz	2	0.1
Silver (NY) (Mar)	17.5	oz	0.1	0.5
Gold (LON)	1215	oz	-7	-0.6
Platinum	1001	oz	4	0.4
WTI Crude (Mar)	53.8	bbl	0.3	0.5
Brent Crude (Mar)	56.8	bbl	0.3	0.4
Iron Ore (China port)	82.2	t	-1.1	-1.4
Copper (LME)	5772	t	-114	-1.9
Nickel	10225	t	-170	-1.6
Aluminium	1835	t	6	0.3
Lead	2325	t	-15	-0.6
Zinc	2796	t	-55	-1.9
Tin	19770	t	-70	-0.4
CBT Wheat (Mar)	4.30	bshl	-0.04	-1.0

Commodities Commentary

Oil – overnight Friday trade was supported in part by a weaker \$US.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report estimated 17 more oil rigs were in operation.

Gold – forecasters expect this week's trade to mostly react to US administrative announcements and any associated \$US moves.

Equities were favoured overnight Friday, and the \$US softened a little on the US jobs report, in particular on wages growth, placing some constraint on gold trade.

Base metals – People's Bank of **China** moves to effectively tighten policy appeared to be the largest influence on Friday's trade.

In addition, Caixin estimated a 0.9-point fall in its China January manufacturing PMI to 51.0.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7680	0.0003	0.04
EUR – USD	1.0786	-0.0005	-0.05

Australian Data Today

ABS	Retail sales	Dec
MI/TDsec	Inflation gauge	Jan
ANZ	Job advertisements	Jan
CoreLogic	House prices (capital cities)	4 Feb

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Caixin services PMI	Jan
Japan	Workforce (provisional)	Dec
Euro zone	Sentix investor confidence	Jan

Pre-Open Announcements

WAM Leaders (WLE)

\$17.8M interim NPAT. \$29.4M revenue. 10c fully-franked interim dividend. Maiden reporting period.

Cr8tek Ltd (CR8)

Advisor appointment and FAQ document lodged this morning.

Velocity Property Group (* VP7)

Scheduled to list 11am AEDST tomorrow.

Resources

Poseidon Nickel (POS) / Lefroy Exploration (LEX) / Lithium Australia (* LIT)

New airborne geophysics has defined lithium-tantalum pegmatites within POS's WA Mt Day and LEX's Lake Johnston Lake Johnston projects. Details, including various rights and complementary LIT exploration, lodged this morning.

New Age Exploration (NAE)

Redmoor tin-tungsten project JV operating vehicle Cornwall Resources has received a £843,649 (balance) option payment from Strategic Minerals. This means Strategic will hold 50% of Cornwall and NAE also 50%.

Danakali Ltd (DNK)

Cape Town, South Africa (pre-Mining Indaba) conference presentation lodged this morning. In addition, former Canpotex and Behre Dolbear Capital chairman Robert G Connochie is joining the DNK board as a non-executive director.

Lucapa Diamond Company (LOM)

Cape Town, South Africa conference presentation lodged this morning.

Panoramic Resources (PAN)

Road show presentation lodged this morning.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Manalto Ltd	MTL	6 Feb
PepinNini Minerals	PNN	6 Feb
Inca Minerals	ICG	7 Feb
migme Ltd	MIG	7 Feb
Protean Energy	POW	7 Feb
Ram Resources	RMR	7 Feb
Sacgasco Ltd	SGC	7 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
De Grey Mining	DEG	25 Jan
LatAm Autos	LAA	2 Feb
Moko Social Media	MKB	25 Jan
Suda Ltd	SUD	27 Jan

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
AFI	Tomorrow	10	100	4.01
TAH	Tomorrow	12.5	100	5.29
RMD	Wed	~3.05	0	1.37

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BKI	Fri	3.6	100	4.25
MGP	Fri	0.2	0	2.46

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	NAB	Trading update
Tomorrow	AQG	Full-year
	MQG	Trading update
	SCP	Full-year
	TCL	Interim
Wed	BWP	Interim
	CIM	Full-year
	GMA	Full-year
	RIO	Full-year
Thu	AGL	Interim
	AMP	Full-year
	NBN	Interim
	SUN	Interim
Fri	NWS	Interim