

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	5826	-6	-0.1
NZX 50	8872	10	0.1
DJIA Futures	25341	11	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	2728	0	0.0
NASDAQ Futures	6853	18	0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens mid-week trade ahead of a plethora of key regional and domestic data today and out of the US, euro zone and UK tonight, and following plenty of material overnight northern hemisphere geopolitical news.

In addition, post-ASX trade yesterday, **China** reported October new lending had fallen to 697B yuan, from 1380B yuan in September.

Regionally today, China's October industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales figures are expected **1pm** AEDT.

Japan releases September quarter CPI growth **10.50am** AEDT.

Locally today, the September quarter **wages** price index is due **11.30am** AEDT.

Westpac and the Melbourne Institute publish a monthly **consumer confidence** report, 10.30am.

An employment indicator is due this afternoon, ahead of tomorrow's national October jobs and wages statistics.

In mixed overnight commodities trade, **oil** slumped. US (December) **gold** futures settled slightly lower.

Iron ore (China port 62% Fe) continued lower, but more moderately so.

LME **copper** closed moderately higher. **Nickel** and **aluminium** declined further.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US72.15c after trading at US72.0c early yesterday evening.

Regional and domestic commentary is anticipated out of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (**ASEAN**) leaders' summit and associated meetings continuing in Singapore today.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	25286	-101	-0.4
S&P 500	2722	-4	-0.2
NASDAQ	7201	0.01	0.0
FTSE 100	7054	0.7	0.0
DAX 30	11472	147	1.3
Shanghai Comp	2655	24	0.9

Overseas Markets Commentary

Choppy, swinging trade featured across most major European and US equities markets overnight, amid a series of geopolitical news releases, slumping oil prices and swinging currencies.

US officials again presented proposed late-month top-level **US-China** trade talks in differing hues, one promoting progress and another threatening

China – industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales - 1pm AEDT

Japan – September quarter GDP – 10.50am AEDT

* Investment company listing **1.15pm** AEDT – **HM1** *

Today's Stock Watch

DuluxGroup Ltd (DLX)

5.4% higher, \$150.67M full year NPAT.

3.3% higher, \$1.84B revenue.

14c fully franked final dividend, up 0.5c. 53.7c NTA.

Eclix Group (ECX)

14.7% higher, \$62.2M full year NPAT.

25.5% higher, \$758.5M revenue.

8c fully franked final dividend, up 0.25c.

Ausnet Services (AST)

10.9% lower, \$181.5M interim NPAT.

6.8% lower, \$995.8M revenue.

4.86c, 1.94c-franked interim dividend. 83c NTA.

Medibank Ltd (MPL)

Today's AGM materials, including a 'strong position' assertion, lodged pre-trade.

Factor Therapeutics (FTT)

Ongoing VF001 development halted following phase 2 clinical trial results for FTT's proposed venous leg ulcer treatment VF00102.

Teleconference scheduled for **11am** AEDT.

iSignthis Ltd (ISX)

ISX is proposing to acquire Diners Club and Discover Network-branded cards, initially across Australia and the European Union, and potentially elsewhere, but not including North America.

Details lodged this morning.

Eagle Health Holdings (EHH)

Co-operation agreements secured with Luyan Pharmaceuticals and Lianfutang Pharmaceuticals.

Creso Pharma (CPH)

Exclusive distribution agreement secured with Vibrac Group, for ales of CPH's veterinary products across 15 additional countries, including Colombia, France and Germany.

Hearts and Minds Investments (* HM1)

Investment company scheduled to list **1.15pm** AEDT following a \$500M at \$2.50 per share.

Resources

Doray Minerals (DRM) / Silver Lake Resources (SLR)

Planning to merge under an agreed DRM scheme of arrangement.

DRM shareholders will receive 0.677s SLR shares for each DRM share.

Effectively, SLR shareholders will hold 62.7% of the merged entity and DRM 37.3%.

DRM has traded at 34.5c – 36.5c over the past five trading sessions, and SLR at 51c – 54c.

Northern Star Resources (NST)

Macquarie has re-rated NST as outperform, from neutral.

further adverse action should China not 'change posture', including with increased concessions.

Meanwhile, China reported its chief trade negotiator would likely visit Washington in preparation for the planned leaders' talks at the G20 forum in Argentina.

Earlier, the **UK** and **European Union** heralded an agreed, conditional draft plan governing the UK-EU separation. This will be considered by UK government cabinet members from 2pm today UK time.

As **Italy** prepared to re-present its proposed budget to the European Commission by last night's deadline, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned the original stimulus-based plan could produce a domestic recession.

Among data releases, **Germany's** final October CPI growth (non-harmonised) came in at 2.5% following 2.3% for September. For the month, inflation rose 0.2%, against 0.4% in September.

An economic sentiment index improved to -24.1 from -24.7.

For the euro zone as a whole, the index fell to -22 from -19.4.

In the **UK**, September wages, excluding bonuses, grew 3.2% on average following a 3.1% rise in August.

October unemployment claims grew by 20,200, following a 23,200 September rise.

The September unemployment rate rose to 4.1% from 4% in August.

Tonight in the US, an October CPI reading is keenly anticipated. Weekly mortgage applications are also expected.

Cisco Systems, E.ON, US department store Macy's and RWE are among companies scheduled to report earnings or provide updates.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1203	oz	-1	-0.1
Silver (NY) (Dec)	14.0	oz	-0.03	-0.2
Gold (LON)	1206	oz		
Platinum	837	oz	-1	-0.1
WTI Crude (Dec)	55.7	bbl	-4.2	-7.1
Brent Crude (Jan)	65.5	bbl	-4.65	-6.6
Iron Ore (CHN port 62%)	75.7	t	-0.4	-0.4
Copper (LME, 3mth, PM)	6073	t	24	0.4
Nickel	11345	t	-55	-0.5
Aluminium	1936	t	-6	-0.3
Lead	1952	t	23	1.2
Zinc	2489	t	-8	-0.3
Tin	19270	t	5	0.0
CBT Wheat (Dec)	5.08	bshl	-0.12	-2.3

Commodities Commentary

Oil – figures flared overnight, **OPEC** predicting 2019 international crude demand rising at 70,000bbl/d fewer than it did in October, representing a fourth consecutive month of lower revisions.

The new forecast came in at a 1.29MMbbl/d increase in demand, against 127,000bbl/d higher October production, reaching 32.9MMbbl/d.

OPEC nominated an optimal 1.36MMbbl/d production from its members during 2019, 250,000bbl/d fewer than the organisation estimated

Pre-Open Announcements

James Hardie Industries (* JHX)

JHX has appointed Schneider Electric CEO Rada Rodriguez as an independent non-executive director, effective yesterday.

EVE Investments (EVE)

EVE investee company Meluka Honey has secured a distribution agreement with The Fair Traders, covering 500 retailers across New South Wales and the ACT. Sales are expected commence during the end-of-year holiday season.

Resources

Birimian Ltd (BGS)

Resuming from a trading halt with the resignations of chairman James McKay and directors Gillian Swaby and Greg Walker, effective yesterday.

Company secretary Mark Pitts has also resigned, but will remain with BGS until Tuesday next week.

The resignations came following shareholder agitation. BGS last traded at 20c.

Energy

Central Petroleum (CTP)

Non-executive directors Peter Moore and Sarah Ryan have resigned from the CTP board.

Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	AST	Interim
	AOG	AGM
	BIN	AGM
	CPU	AGM
	DLX	Full year
	ECX	Full year
	MPL	AGM
	MGX	AGM
	NSR	AGM
	NCM	AGM
	NEC	AGM
	PGH	AGM
	RHC	AGM
	SWM	AGM
Tomorrow	ABP	AGM
	CHC	AGM
	CGC	AGM
	EHL	AGM
	FXL	AGM
	FMG	AGM
	GMG	AGM
	ISD	AGM
	NVT	AGM
	NST	AGM
	PTM	AGM
	SXY	AGM
	SRS	AGM
WES	AGM	
Fri	ALU	AGM

in October.

Further, OPEC raised its predicted rise in 2019 non-OPEC members daily output by 120,000bbl to 2.23MMbbl.

The **International Energy Agency** (IEA) released its *2018 World Energy Outlook*, predicting international demand would continue higher to a 106.3MMbbl/d peak in 2040.

From 2040, demand is expected to ease, due to the number of electric vehicles likely in use and improved fuel efficiencies, the IEA said.

In the meantime, US government agency the **EIA** forecast domestic shale oil production to reach a daily 7.94MMbbl during December, up 113,000bbl/d.

Industry-calculated weekly US petroleum inventories are expected tonight, followed by the EIA's estimates tomorrow night.

Gold – pushed and pulled overnight by swinging currencies and geopolitical news, ahead of key data out of China today, and the US, euro zone and UK tonight.

US December futures reportedly traded at \$US1196.6/oz - \$US1205.5/oz.

US CPI, due tonight, is expected to influence at least some currency, and hence gold, trade.

Base metals – today's October industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales figures out of China will influence tonight's trade, following some overnight caution.

In addition, the \$US, euro and British pound swung markedly.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7219	0.0000	0.00
EUR – USD	1.1292	0.0001	0.01

Australian Data Today

Wstpc/MI	Consumer confidence	Nov
ABS	Wage price index	Sep Q
DeptofJobs	Employment indicator	Oct

US Data Tonight

CPI	Oct
MBA mortgage applications	9 Nov

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	Industrial production	Oct
China	Fixed asset investment	Oct
China	Retail sales	Oct
Japan	GDP	Sep Q
Japan	Industrial production (final)	Sep
Japan	Tertiary industry index	Sep
UK	CPI	Oct
UK	PPI	Oct
UK	Retail price index	Oct
UK	Labour productivity	Sep Q
Germany	GDP (initial)	Sep Q
Euro zone	GDP (2 nd)	Sep Q
Euro zone	Industrial production	Sep

	IFN	AGM
	LLC	AGM
	LNK	AGM
	MGR	AGM
	PBT	AGM

Mon (19 Nov)	BBN	AGM
	FXJ	AGM
	SYD	Oct

Tue (20 Nov)	A2M	AGM
	ALQ	Interim
	AAD	AGM
	DHG	AGM
	FBU	AGM
	MND	AGM
	OFX	Interim
	TNE	Full year

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
AUB Group	AUB	14 Nov
Bionomics Ltd	BNO	14 Nov
Celamin Holdings	CNL	14 Nov
Marmota Ltd	MEU	14 Nov
Orinoco Gold	OGX	14 Nov
Pivotal Systems Corporation	PVS	14 Nov
RCR Tomlinson	RCR	14 Nov
Adriatic Metals	ADT	15 Nov
FBR Ltd	FBR	15 Nov
Gold Mountain	GMN	15 Nov
Pacifico Minerals	PMY	15 Nov
Sipa Resources	SRI	15 Nov
Toptung Ltd	TTW	15 Nov

Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
Energy Technologies	EGY	12 Nov
Environmental Clean Technologies	ECT	13 Nov
Impelus Ltd	IMS	26 Oct
Lindian Resources	LIN	5 Nov
Pelican Resources	PEL	31 Oct
Updater Inc	UPD	9 Oct

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
PL8	Tomorrow	0.5	100	5.69
TLT	Tomorrow	1.6	0	1.51
KMD	Fri	10.07	100	4.87
SOL	Fri	33	100	1.88
TWD	Fri	16	100	6.67
WAM	Fri	7.75	100	6.60
CBC	Mon (19 Nov)	1.6	100	3.31
ELD	Mon	9	100	2.34
ZEL	22 Nov	11.54	0	5.79
CIE	26 Nov	1.55	50	7.40
CVL	29 Nov	0.59	100	1.14
GZL	29 Nov	10	100	4.41



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