

## Markets

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEST)	<b>6185</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>NZX 50</b>	9324	-21	-0.2
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	26452	18	0.1
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	2912	2	0.1
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	7505	7	0.1

## Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with a batch of domestic corporate results, and some high-profile stocks trading ex-dividend, following vacillating overnight international equities trade as investors considered broad trade and geopolitical issues and a plethora of associated commentary.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued higher.

US (December) **gold** futures gained.

**Iron ore** (62% Fe, China port) turned lower.

LME **copper** and **nickel** extended Tuesday's gains, but **aluminium** pulled back.

The **\$A** has traded in a relatively narrow range after appreciating to US72.50c early yesterday evening.

Locally today, the **Reserve Bank of Australia** (RBA) releases its quarterly bulletin **11.30am** AEST, together with August bank lending, forex transactions and reserve assets reports.

At the same time, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes detailed March quarter population and August quarter employment reports.

Companies trading ex-dividend today include **AHG**, **CWN** and **SPK**. Please see p3 for additional ex-dividend stocks and details.

Regionally today, the leaders of **South Korea** and **North Korea** continue their joint meetings in North Korea after yesterday adding some detail to assurances of achieving regional nuclear stability.

This morning, **New Zealand** has reported 2.8% year-on-year June quarter GDP growth.

For the three months, growth came in at 0.8%.

Meanwhile, **Japan's** markets are heading towards another Monday public holiday weekend.

**China's** Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges will also be closed Monday during the mid-Autumn festival.

## Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	26406	159	<b>0.6</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2908	4	0.1
<b>NASDAQ</b>	7950	-6	-0.1
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7331	31	0.4
<b>DAX 30</b>	12219	61	0.5
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	2731	31	<b>1.1</b>

## Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly achieved little traction across overnight trade which ultimately nonetheless produced largely positive

## Australia – RBA quarterly bulletin 11.30am AEST

## Today's Stock Watch

### Suncorp Group (SUN)

Today's AGM is likely to deliver plenty of promises, reassurances and questions.

### Washington H Soul Pattinson & Co (SOL)

20% lower, \$A266.85M full year NPAT.

21% higher, \$1.17B operational revenue.

33c fully franked final dividend, up 1c.

\$13.46 NTA.

SOL's investment portfolio grew 19.8% during August.

Streamed results briefing scheduled to commence 12.30pm AEST. Access details lodged this morning.

### Premier Investments (PMV)

20.45% lower, \$A83.64M full year NPAT.

7.98% higher, \$1.19B revenue.

33c fully franked final dividend, up 6c (22.2%).

\$3.28 NTA.

Sales grew 10% during the first five weeks of FY 2019.

PMV holds 27.5% of Breville Group (ASX: BRG).

### Brickworks Ltd (BKW)

5.8% lower, \$A175.44M full year NPAT.

2.5% lower \$821.08M revenue.

36c fully franked final dividend, up 2c.

12.42c NTA. \$303.8M net debt.

Streamed results briefing scheduled to commence 12.30pm AEST. Access details lodged this morning.

### Sydney Airport (SYD)

Passenger numbers grew 3.8% year-on-year during August, and are 3.2% higher for the year-to-date.

Breakdown statistics also lodged this morning.

### Macmahon Holdings (MAH)

Director Vyril Vella is resigning from the MAH board, effective 31 October.

Mr Vella has been a MAH director for 10 years.

## Resources

### Rio Tinto (RIO)

Proposing to buy back \$3.2B worth of shares by the end of the year, matching net proceeds from recent asset sales.

Details lodged this morning.

### Westgold Resources (WGX)

WGX believes this week's high-volume trade, and a drop from \$1.335 at last Friday's settlement to yesterday's \$1.125 close, is associated with reweighting activity by an international gold ETF.

### OceanaGold Corporation (OGC)

New Zealand WKP prospect drilling has returned additional high-grade gold and silver intersections, also indicating an extension to known mineralisation.

settlements.

The DJIA proved the exception, opening higher and sentiment never looking threatened through to session close.

Shifting international goods and services trade implications remained forefront, as did broad political disquiet, in particular in the UK, Germany and US.

Additional overnight trade influences included central bank revelations and a batch of notable data releases on both sides of the Atlantic.

*Market analysts, however, were also noting repositioning ahead of a major change to the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), in particular technology, media and consumer classifications, come close of trade Friday (tomorrow).*

*The changes include moving the commonly-termed FANG stocks from the IT sector into a newly formed communications services grouping, which will also include large media stocks currently residing in the consumer discretionary sector.*

*Apple will remain within the S&P technology index with a 20% weighting against the current 16%.*

Among overnight data releases, **UK** 2.7% August year-on-year CPI growth surprised on the upside, pushing the British pound higher.

The headline figure followed 2.5% for July, which had represented the first increase in eight months.

Entertainment, air and sea fares and clothing were cited as the major influencers on the further increase.

**US** data releases included weekly mortgage applications, which rose 1.6% despite rates reaching seven-year highs.

August housing starts rose 9.2%, helping propel 10-year US bond yields as high as 3.092% and 30-year yields to 3.238%.

Building permits fell by 5.7% for the month, and 5.5% year-on-year, however.

In the meantime, **European Central Bank** (ECB) president Mario Draghi advocated that euro zone governments establish a common fund sufficient to cushion regional economies in times of crisis.

In the UK, **Bank of England** chief economist Andy Haldane highlighted heightened business concerns at indications coming out of negotiations between the UK and European Union, ahead of the UK's proposed separation.

Brazil's central bank opted to retain current interest rates.

**Tonight** in the US, weekly new unemployment claims, August existing home sales, the Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index and the Conference Board's leading index report are due.

Companies scheduled to report earnings or provide an update include Auto Trader (at AGM), Diageo (AGM) and Micron Technology.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY) (Dec)</b>	<b>1208</b>	oz	5	0.4
<b>Silver (NY) (Sep)</b>	14.3	oz	0.1	0.6
<b>Gold (LON)</b>	1200	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	822	oz	10	1.2
<b>WTI Crude (Oct)</b>	<b>71.1</b>	bbl	1.3	1.8
<b>Brent Crude (Nov)</b>	<b>79.4</b>	bbl	0.4	0.5

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Althea Group Holdings (\* AGH)

Medicinal cannabis product developer scheduled to list 11am AEST tomorrow following a \$19.65M IPO at 20c per share. Licences and permits in hand for importing, cultivating, producing and supplying medicinal cannabis. 131.72M quoted shares.

### archTIS Ltd (\* AR9)

Cyber security consultancy scheduled to list midday AEST tomorrow following an \$8M IPO at 20c per share. 83.93M quoted securities.

## Resources

### First Graphene (FGR)

FGR has appointed UK-based advanced materials advisor Andy Goodwin as the company's full-time chief technology officer.

### Copper Mountain Mining Corporation (C6C)

C6C has lodged assays from further drilling within C6C's British Columbia, Canada New Ingerbelle project, adjacent to the company's 75%-held Copper Mountain mine. A New Ingerbelle resource update is underway. C6C also holds copper assets in Queensland.

## Reports & Events

(selected scheduled)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>BKW</b>	Full year
	<b>PMV</b>	Full year
	<b>SOL</b>	Full year
	<b>SUN</b>	AGM
	<b>SYD</b>	August stats
	<b>TLS</b>	Sh/hldr meeting
<b>Tomorrow</b>	TLS	Sh/hldr meeting
<b>Wed</b> (26 Sep)	AGL	AGM
	AIZ	AGM
	NUF	Full year

## Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Axiom Mining	AVQ	20 Sep
Myanmar Metals	MYL	20 Sep
Trek Metals	TKM	20 Sep
ApplyDirect Ltd	AD1	21 Sep
Bowen Coking Coal	BCB	21 Sep
Horizon Gold	HRN	21 Sep
Jacka Resources	JKA	21 Sep
Melbana Energy	MAY	21 Sep

## Suspensions (select)

Company	Code	Since
AFT Corporation	AFT	11 Sep
Alice Queen	AQX	10 Sep
Antilles Oil & Gas	AVD	24 Aug
AustSino Resources Group	ANS	6 Sep
Aksesstoday Ltd	AXL	14 Sep



<b>Iron Ore</b> (CHN port 62%)	69.46	t	-0.36	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Copper</b> (LME,3mth,PM)	<b>6121</b>	t	35	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	12510	t	110	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Aluminium</b>	2026	t	-9	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Lead</b>	2025	t	-50	<b>-2.4</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	2434	t	85	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Tin</b>	18870	t	-105	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>CBT Wheat (Oct)</b>	<b>5.23</b>	bshl	0.12	<b>2.4</b>

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – WTI traded at two-month peaks overnight. A US weekly domestic petroleum inventories report estimated crude stocks had fallen by 2.1MMbbl, to the least in almost 3.5 years. Stored petrol also fell, by 1.7MMbbl.

Net oil imports declined a daily 106,000bbl. In industry news, Russia's Surgutneftegaz, added its name to the list of producers seeking payment in currencies other than \$US (in this case euros), to head off any adverse impacts should it be caught up in US sanctions.

**Gold** – relative \$US supported overnight prices, despite some stronger-than-anticipated US housing market indicators.

**Base metals** – early relative \$US weakness (including against the € and \$A) and further assessment of new proposed US-China trade tariffs as being less fearsome than previously indicated, again supported general overnight LME sentiment.

**Zinc** further benefited from an International Lead & Zinc Study Group estimate of a 32,500t international deficit come 31 July, following a 14,200t shortfall at the end of June.

Lead again suffered from apparent confusion at demand ahead of the northern hemisphere winter.

**Japan's** August trade figures, reported yesterday, included a 15.4% year-on-year rise in imports, against 6.6% higher exports. In July, imports rose 14.6% and exports 3.9%.

Post its two-day policy meeting, the Bank of Japan vowed to retain low shorter-term rates for the foreseeable future.

Japan's yen subsequently traded at the least against the \$US in several weeks.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7258	-0.0008	<b>-0.10</b>
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1671	-0.0002	<b>-0.01</b>

### Australian Data Today

RBA	Quarterly bulletin	Sep
RBA	Forex transactions	Aug
RBA	Reserve assets	Aug
RBA	Bank lending	Aug
ABS	Employment	Aug Q
ABS	Population	Mar Q

### US Data Tonight

Philadelphia Fed manufacturing	Sep
Existing home sales	Aug
Initial jobless claims	15 Sep

Hardey Resources	HDY	10 Sep
Imagion Biosystems	IBX	17 Sep
Sundance Resources	SDL	10 Sep
Syngas Ltd	SYS	6 Sep
Victory Mines	VIC	11 Sep

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>AHG</b>	Today	6.8	100	7.18
<b>CLT</b>	Today	1.25	0	2.50
<b>CWN</b>	Today	30	60	4.42
<b>EGL</b>	Today	0.06	100	1.13
<b>KBC</b>	Today	0.5	100	11.36
<b>PIA</b>	Today	3.5	100	5.93
<b>PNI</b>	Today	7	100	1.55
<b>PPC</b>	Today	3	100	4.20
<b>QMS</b>	Today	1.2	100	2.24
<b>SLK</b>	Today	8	100	3.37
<b>SPK</b>	Today	10.96	0	5.22
<b>XIP</b>	Today	4.5	100	4.93
ALX	Tomorrow	12	0	3.37
BRI	Tomorrow	3.5	100	3.57
CUV	Tomorrow	2	0	0.11
EGG	Tomorrow	2.5	100	3.10
JMS	Tomorrow	5	0	13.33
CAR	Mon	23.7	100	2.93
CNU	Mon	11.91	0	4.46
SGF	Mon	9.96	100	4.80
VLS	Mon	1.5	100	3.79

## S&P S&P/ASX Indices Re-balance

*The following changes will be effected as trading opens 24 September (Monday)...*

### S&P/ASX100

Out: PPT

In: RWD

### S&P/ASX200

Out: GMA, GXL

In: BIN, ELD

### S&P/ASX300

Out: AGI, BDR, IPD, ISD, ISU, MNS, MOC, RFG, SKT

In: AMI, CUV, IGL, JMS, KGN, MNY, MP1, NEA, OMH, PNI, PNV, PPS, SEA, WGN

### S&P/ASX All Australian 200

Out: AHY, GMA

In: EHL, HUB

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Conf Board leading index Aug

**Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight**

<b>UK</b>	Retail sales	Aug
<b>Euro zone</b>	Consumer confidence	Sep

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