

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.25am AEST)	5429	-34	-0.6
NZX 50	7308	-35	-0.5
DJIA Futures	18058	-39	-0.2
S&P 500 Futures	2144	-5	-0.2
NASDAQ Futures	4835	-9	-0.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences the last trading session of the **September quarter** on a Friday, and a public holiday in Melbourne, ahead of the AFL grand final weekend and Monday **public holidays** in four States and/or Territories.

In addition, China and its markets are heading into a full week of National Day holidays.

Regionally today, there will be plenty to consider.

Caixin is due to release its preliminary September manufacturing **PMI** for **China 11.45am** AEST. China's NBS is expected to release official PMIs tomorrow.

Japan will publish August **CPI** and employment figures **9.30am**, and at **9.50am** a Bank of Japan September policy meeting summary of opinions, and industrial production. A plethora of additional August statistics continues through the day.

Overnight international equities leads are mixed, but decidedly negative out of the US.

Commodities leads are mostly positive. **Oil** added to the previous session's rally. **Copper** also extended gains. US **gold** futures and **iron ore** turned modestly higher.

The **\$A** slipped below US76.40c after trading at ~US76.65c early yesterday evening, and has fallen further this morning.

Locally today, August new home sales and financial aggregates, including private sector credit, are due.

Forex liquidity and international reserves will be published post-trade.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	18143	-196	-1.1
S&P 500	2151	-20	-0.9
NASDAQ	5269	-49	-0.9
FTSE 100	6919	70	1.0
DAX 30	10406	-33	-0.3
Shanghai Comp	2998	11	0.4

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European and US equities markets mostly fell overnight, negative Deutsche Bank news mid-US trading session, and earlier disappointment with a Commerzbank report, bruising financial sector sentiment.

Anxiety regarding Deutsche Bank liquidity and derivatives exposure reportedly had up to 10 hedge funds withdrawing cash and reducing business with the bank.

Germany's initial October CPI reading indicated

September quarter - last trading session today.

China - manufacturing PMI (Caixin) due **11.45am** AEST.

Daylight saving commences in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT early Sunday.

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

Today's trades will settle Wednesday 5 October.

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

Public holiday in Melbourne today.

Today's Stock Watch

GUD Holdings (GUD)

Acquiring New Zealand auto accessories wholesaler Griffiths Equipment. GUD settled at \$10.63 yesterday, after closing out last week at \$10.28.

Nine Entertainment Co (NEC) / Southern Cross Media (SXL)

NEC has sold its 9.99% SXL holding at \$1.54 per share. NEC acquired the stake in March, at \$1.15 per share. SXL closed at \$1.685 yesterday, having added ~5%.

Abacus Property Group (ABP)

Selling a Clayton, Melbourne property for \$51.5M. ABP outlaid \$19.55M for the property in May 2013. 10% of the sale price has been paid by the buyer, 15% is due 30 April 2017 and the balance in September 2019.

National Storage REIT (NSR)

Refinancing a portion of the trust's existing debt portfolio with a \$100M facility with Australian Super. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Sealink Travel Group (SLK)

CFO Trevor Waller is planning to retire, effective March 2017. Mr Waller has been with SLK 10 years.

DigitalX Ltd (DCC)

DCC subsidiary AirPocket Llc has secured an agreement with Transfer To Inc, to provide top-up funding for mobile phones.

Unilife Corporation (UNS)

Previously flagged impairment estimated at \$US26M. UNS recouped 5.8% yesterday, closing at 5.5c.

nib Holdings (NHF)

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

Resources

Resolute Mining (RSG)

RSG is planning to pay a 1.7c gold sales-linked dividend 20 October.

Global Geoscience (GSC)

Shallow, significant-width lithium intersections lodged this morning following Nevada, US Rhyolite Ridge project drilling.

0.1% growth for the month and 0.7% year-on-year, slightly beating expectations.

In varied US data releases, a final June quarter 1.4% GDP growth reading bettered the previous estimate by 0.4%.

Weekly new unemployment claims rose 3000 but the four-week moving average fell 2250.

Pending home sales fell for the third consecutive month, this time by 2.4% in August.

Wholesale inventories slipped 0.1% following a flat result for July.

Tonight in the **US**, personal income and spending, a Chicago PMI and final September University of Michigan consumer sentiment reading are due.

Congress also needs to pass US government funding to enable operations to continue as normal.

Sovereign rating updates are due for Spain and the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

Overnight, Germany's second largest bank **Commerzbank** dropped after suspending dividend payments, while restructuring with the loss of 9600 current jobs and the creation of 2300 new positions.

Parliamentary testimony by (US) **Wells Fargo's** CEO, regarding sales breaches, failed to assuage investors, further damaging the finance sector

Apple also suffered, on a price target cut by Barclays.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1326	oz	2	0.2
Silver (NY) (Dec)	19.2	oz	0.1	0.5
Gold (LON)	1318	oz	-4	-0.3
Platinum	1024	oz	-3	-0.3
WTI Crude (Nov)	47.8	bbl	0.8	1.7
Iron Ore (Tianjin)	56.1	t	0.2	0.4
Copper (LME)	4841	t	23	0.5
Nickel	10435	t	-260	-2.4
Aluminium	1671	t	6	0.4
Lead	2063	t	66	3.2
Zinc	2356	t	24	1.0
Tin	20025	t	215	1.1
CBT Wheat (Dec)	3.99	bshl	-0.04	-1.1

Commodities Commentary

Oil – WTI traded as high as \$US48.32/bbl intra-session. Brent crude fell 0.5% in early trade, but settled 1% higher for the session, at \$US49.24/bbl. A weekly US petroleum drill rig count is due tonight.

Gold – Comex futures traded as low as \$US1318.60/oz intra-session

Base metals – end-of-quarter positioning is expected tonight, plus any reactions to a preliminary Caixin September China PMI, due today.

China's official PMI figures are expected tomorrow, when a week of National Day holidays commences across the nation.

Overnight, *lead* prices were pushed to a 16-month peak, on a mix of supply views and relative copper buoyancy.

Copper received some additional support from power outages which have temporarily halted BHP and OZL production in South Australia.

Pre-Open Announcements

CBL Corporation (* CBL)

Resuming from a trading halt having completed an underwritten \$NZ60M, \$3.45-per-share placement. A \$NZ3M SPP is planned at the same price. CBL last traded at \$3.64.

1-Page Ltd (* 1PG)

\$10.9M interim net loss against an \$8.4M loss a year ago. 0.3% lower, \$827,186 revenue. 24.5c NTA. \$23.7M cash. \$14.1M worth of investments as at 31 July.

Enero Group (* EGG)

EGG subsidiary Hotwire Public Relations is acquiring technology PR specialist Eastwick Communications. Consideration includes an initial \$US5M cash plus performance-linked payments over four years. EGG is paying the \$US5M from cash reserves. EGG has appreciated the past three trading sessions, settling at \$1.20 yesterday after closing out last week at \$1.15.

TW Holdings (TWH)

Intending to launch an off-market takeover bid for AusCann Group Holdings. In association, TWH plans to raise up to \$5M. Shareholders will vote on the proposal 31 October. Details of the conditional bid lodged this morning. TWH announced in May that it was planning to acquire 100% of AusCann.

Resources

S2R Ltd (* S2R)

A recent Polar Bear project Monsoon gold prospect diamond drilling campaign has concluded with receipt of assays from the final two holes. Intersections include 1m @ 38g/t Au from 213m. New drilling underway.

Cardinal Resources (* CDV)

Ghana Namdini gold project maiden resource expected by 31 December.

Agua Resources (* AGR)

Paying \$403,000 in settlement of a drilling contract dispute. Details lodged post-trade yesterday.

Energy

Caltex Ltd (CTX)

Chairman's letter lodged this morning.

Empire Oil & Gas (EGO)

Full-year results lodged this morning, highlighting 4.5% higher, \$20M revenue.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Magnum Gas & Power	MPE	30 Sep
Jameson Resources	JAL	3 Oct
ResApp Health	RAP	3 Oct
Zamia Metals	ZGM	3 Oct

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Drake Resources	DRK	23 Sep
HJB Corporation	HJB	8 Sep
KBL Mining	KBL	9 Sep

**Exchange Rates**

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7628	-0.0008	-0.11
EUR – USD	1.1218	-0.0005	-0.04

Australian Data Today

HIA	New home sales	Aug
RBA	Financial aggregates	Aug
RBA	International reserves	Aug
RBA	Forex liquidity	Aug

US Data Tonight

Personal income & spending	Aug
Chicago PMI	Sep
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	PMI manufacturing (Caixin)	Sep
China	Current account	Jun Q
Japan	CPI	Aug
Japan	Workforce	Aug
Japan	BoJ policy meeting summary	Sep
Japan	Industrial production	Aug
Japan	Household spending	Aug
Japan	Construction orders	Aug
Japan	Housing starts	Aug
Japan	Vehicle production	Aug
UK	GDP (final)	Jun Q
UK	GfK consumer confidence	Sep
UK	Mortgage approvals	Aug
Germany	Retail sales	Aug
Euro zone	CPI (preliminary)	Sep
Euro zone	Unemployment	Sep

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Krakatoa Resources	KTA	8 Sep
Oakajee Corporation	OKJ	12 Sep
Realm Resources	RRP	13 Sep
Windward Resources	WIN	20 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Fr (%)	Yield (%)
ABW	Today	0.85	0	4.52
ACQ	Today	1.5	100	1.40
AGI	Today	0.3	100	4.42
AIB	Today	1.53	0	8.53
AUB	Today	11.38	0	8.10
BPS	Today	5	100	4.35
EHE	Today	2	100	7.38
IPC	Today	5	100	6.67
LCE	Today	1.25	100	4.24
USR	Today	1.5	0	14.15
CAM	Tue	1.2	100	5.96
DNA	Tue	1	0	2.08
MYO	Tue	5.5	0	2.79
NCK	Tue	17	100	3.97
WMK	Tue	3	75	5.21
CWP	Wed	16.5	100	5.84
ARB	Thu	17	100	1.71
EBG	Thu	0.33	100	6.40
GVF	Thu	3	100	5.58
MNY	Thu	2.5	100	3.04
QVE	Thu	1.8	100	2.65
SGM	Thu	12	100	2.35
WBA	Thu	1	100	0.86
ALR	Fri	1	100	4.63
AUB	Fri	28	100	3.55
TFC	Fri	3	100	2.00

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