

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6813	-26	-0.4
NZX 50	11099	-1	-0.0
DJIA Futures	32045	-29	-0.1
S&P 500 Futures	3801	-18	-0.5
NASDAQ Futures	11166	-69	-0.6

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens Friday trade, on the second last trading day for October, with the \$A trading at ~US64.55c, a major domestic bank reporting earnings, new data in hand from China, key domestic data due late morning, and central bank moves in focus, ahead of material data out of the US and euro zone tonight. US equities markets settled decidedly mixed overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes September **producer prices** at **11.30am AEDT**.

At the same time, the ABS releases a report on Covid household impacts for September.

Given that it is the second last trading day for October, a large number of September quarter reports is anticipated heading into the weekend.

Regionally today, the **Bank of Japan** is scheduled to hold a policy meeting from which outcomes are expected at **2pm AEDT**.

The bank is also scheduled to release a new quarterly outlook at the same time.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, **China** reported 15.6% higher year-on-year September **foreign direct investment** (FDI) following forecasts for a 15% increase. During August, FDI had been calculated 16.4% higher year-on-year.

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

US **gold** futures turned slightly lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) declined for a second consecutive session, falling below \$US93/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** was reported 0.6% lower at 1325 GMT. **Nickel** and **aluminium** were reported ~1% lower at that time.

Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication. These are expected to become available via IRESS at 10.30am AEDT.

The \$A was ultimately contained at ~US64.55c after trading at US64.55c - ~US64.70c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	32033	194	0.6
S&P 500	3807	-23	-0.6
NASDAQ	10793	-178	-1.6
FTSE 100	7074	18	0.3

Today's Stock Watch
Macquarie Group (MQG)

\$3.00, 40%-franked interim dividend following \$2.72, 40%-franked a year ago.

12.8% higher, \$2.305B interim NPAT.

10.73% higher, \$8.642B net operating income.

\$70.29 NTA from \$55.76.

ResMed Inc (RMD)

US4.4c September quarter dividend from 4.03c a year ago.

5% higher (unaudited), \$US275.7M operating income.

5% higher, \$US950.3M operating revenue.

Janus Henderson Group (JHG)

AUM fell 8% to \$US274.6B during the September quarter.

\$US120.7M operating income, against \$US143.9M for the June quarter and \$US248.3M for the September quarter 2021.

Paying a US39c quarterly dividend.

Marley Spoon (MMM)

26% higher year-on-year, €100M September quarter net revenue.

Operating EBITDA came in at a €1M loss, against a €13M loss a year earlier and a €3M loss for the June quarter.

MMM is anticipating a profitable €2M - €4M operating EBITDA for the December quarter.

MMM hosted a teleconference early yesterday evening AEDT.

Resources
Newcrest Mining (NCM)

The British Columbia, Canada Brucejack mine incident Saturday has resulted in the death of the worker involved.

The worker was employed by NCM contracting partner Procon, as reported by NCM pre-trade Monday.

Brucejack mining and processing operations remain suspended.

Iluka Resources (ILU)

Produced 200,100t of zircon, rutile and synthetic rutile during the September quarter, pushing the 2022 total to 522,600t, up 4.3% year-on-year.

\$392.0M sales revenue, pushing year-to-date revenue to \$1.312B, up 16.4%.

Silver Lake Resources (SLR)

Produced 59,935oz of gold and 273t of copper during the September quarter.

Sold 58,794oz of gold and 246t of copper.

\$A2502 average realised sales price; \$A2052/oz AISC.

\$289M cash and bullion.



DAX 30	13211	15	0.1
Shanghai Comp	2983	-17	-0.6

Overseas Markets Commentary

Varying swings and chop featured across most major European, UK and US equities markets overnight trade, underscoring fragile risk sentiment.

There was plenty to consider, including mixed large corporate earnings, sales and outlooks on both sides of the Atlantic, data fuelling further central bank speculation ahead of a US Federal Reserve policy meeting next week, an overnight interest rate hike from the European Central Bank (ECB), and ongoing geopolitical disquiet.

Early yesterday evening, China had reported 15.6% September year-on-year foreign direct investment growth, slightly surpassing expectations, and earlier yesterday, a better-than-feared industrial profits decline.

Perhaps more note to investors, however, were reports of renewed Covid management restrictions across many centres from central through north west China.

The ECB convened a policy meeting at which it raised the interest rates by 0.75%, as anticipated, the refinancing rate to 2.00%, deposit rate to 1.5% and lending rate to 2.25%.

Among overnight data releases, Germany's November consumer confidence, as calculated by GfK, came in at -41.9 from -42.8. Forecasters had expected a larger improvement to -40.0.

In the UK, the CBI October distributive trades index surprised on the upside, jumping to 18 from -20 for September. Economists had predicted a further drop to -38.

Earlier yesterday (AEDT) UK September domestic vehicle production was reported 6% lower than for September 2021. Economists were anticipating a 19% increase.

In the US, the initial (of three) September quarter GDP estimate of 2.6% growth essentially matched expectations, supported by international trade.

June quarter GDP had been finalised at a 0.6% contraction however, the preliminary September quarter hence fuelling further speculation regarding the US Federal Reserve rates decision at next week's policy meeting.

In the meantime, weekly new unemployment claims tallied 217,000 from 214,000 the previous week. Forecasters had anticipated 200,000 new claims.

September durable goods orders rose 0.4% for the month, following August's 0.2% increase and forecasts for the same rate of growth in September.

The Kansas Fed manufacturing index plunged to -22 from two, against expectations for an improvement to six.

Tonight in the US, September personal income and spending are anticipated, together with September pending home sales, the University of Michigan's finalised October consumer sentiment reading and the September quarter employment cost index.

Elsewhere, Germany releases initial September quarter GDP and preliminary October CPI estimates.

In addition, the Bank of Russia convenes a policy meeting from which any interest rate change will be announced late this evening

Pre-Open Announcements

Sky City Entertainment Group (* SKC)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

MPF Parking NZ has terminated a long-term concession over the SKC Auckland car park.

Carsales.com.au Ltd (* CAR)

Today's AGM materials lodged pre-trade.

Kazia Therapeutics (* KZA)

Pre-clinical studies under a research collaboration with the University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute have shown KZA's paxalisib to be active against preclinical models of metastatic melanoma, in vitro and in vivo.

Paxalisib demonstrated activity as a sole treatment and even more active in combination with two classes of commonly used melanoma treatments.

Additional pre-clinical studies are anticipated ahead of potential clinical trials.

The paxalisib pre-clinical data was been presented at an annual Society for Melanoma Research congress earlier this month.

Adbri Ltd (* ABC)

ABC MD and CEO Nick Miller has resigned from the ABC board, in association with a leadership transition announced earlier this month.

Australian Clinical Labs (ACL)

Dropped 5.37% yesterday, settling at \$3.35 after disclosing a data breach from earlier this year.

Identitii Ltd (ID8)

Chasing ~\$4M in a one-for-two non-renounceable rights issue at 4c per share.

One free attaching option is also on offer for each two shares for which shareholders apply.

ID8's chair and CEO have each announced they will subscribe for their full entitlements.

ID8 has traded at 4.4c – 5.1c over the past five sessions.

BrainChip Holdings (BRN)

September quarter customer receipts tallied \$100,000, against \$US1.2M for the September quarter 2021. \$US24.6M cash.

Resources

Black Cat Syndicate (* BC8)

WA Coyote gold project drilling has intersected additional high-grade mineralisation extending the Kavanagh zone up dip towards the Speedy zone.

Assays lodged pre-trade. Ongoing RC and diamond drilling. Resource update anticipated by year's end.

Zimplats Holdings (* ZIM)

September quarter mined ore rose 2% for the three months



(AEDT). The central bank's governor is also scheduled to host a press conference tonight.

Companies listed to report earnings later today and tonight include: AbbVie, Airbus, Chevron, China Southern Airlines, Chubu Electric Power Co, Colgate-Palmolive, Electrolux, ENI, Equinor, Exxon Mobil, Hitachi, IAG, Industrial Bank of Korea, Mitsubishi Electric, NEC, PetroChina, SAAB, Sanofi, Sony, Tianqi Lithium, Toyota Industries and Volkswagen.

In overnight corporate news, **Amazon** reported post-US trade, a sales forecast undershooting expectations and pushing the company's price ~20% lower post-settlement.

In other post-US trade revelations, **Apple's** quarterly profit appeared to please, but not iPhone sales.

Earlier, **McDonald's** sales figures appeared to please and **Caterpillar** profits were cheered, but not so **Intel** forecasting.

Shell had reported another substantial profit, albeit representing a small fall, to \$US9.45B, and raised the company's dividend by 15%.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (COMEX 100 Dec)	1665.6	oz	-3.60	-0.2
Silver (COMEX 5000 Dec)	19.49	oz	0.00	0.0
Platinum	958	oz	5	0.5
WTI Crude (NYMEX Dec)	89.08	bbbl	1.17	1.3
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	96.96	bbbl	1.27	1.3
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	92.81	t	-0.75	-0.8
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (26 Oct)	7808	t		
Nickel	22666	t		
Aluminium	2336	t		
Lead	1890	t		
Zinc	2956	t		
Tin	18711	t		
Coal (ICE-GC Newcastle; IRESS)	386.5		-1.65	-0.4
Wheat (CBT Dec; IRESS)	838.75		-1.75	-0.2

Commodities Commentary

Oil – improved US growth data and early relative \$US weakness supported overnight prices to a third consecutive gain.

However, moves higher were constrained by a later \$US push higher and concerns at China's demand, given reports of further Covid management restrictions.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

Gold – a turn higher for the \$US index damaged overnight gold interest.

The US September quarter GDP reading, released overnight, fuelled speculation of a further robust US Federal Reserve could interest rate increase at next week's policy meeting.

The European Central Bank 0.75% higher rates decision, announced overnight, supported the speculation.

Base metals – overnight base metals trade considerations included new data out of China, but also fresh Covid containment restrictions across multiple regions, plus early \$US weakness followed by a move higher.

to 1.889Mt, but milled ore fell 2% to 1.731Mt.

Against the September quarter, ore mine and milled rose 4% and 3% respectively.

Cash costs declined by 2% for the quarter and 15% year-on-year.

Atlantic Lithium (A11)

Webinar presentation lodged post-trade yesterday.

A11 was scheduled to present 7pm AEDT yesterday.

Energy

Conrad Asia Energy (* CRD)

Oil and gas explorer completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$A45M IPO at \$A1.46 per share.

Opened at \$1.51 and traded at \$1.405 - \$1.54 before settling at \$1.46.

190,677 shares changed hands across 111 transactions.

~96.83M quoted shares/CDI.

Peter Botten non-executive chair.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Ballymore Resources	BMR	28 Oct
Strickland Metals	STK	28 Oct
Venus Metals Corporation	VMC	28 Oct
Albion Resources	ALB	31 Oct
Argent Minerals	ARD	31 Oct
Botanix Pharmaceuticals	BOT	31 Oct
Brightstar Resources	BTR	31 Oct
Cobre Ltd	CBE	31 Oct
Emyria Ltd	EMD	31 Oct
EQ Resources	EQR	31 Oct
Eureka Group Holdings	EGH	31 Oct
Koba Resources	KOB	31 Oct
Okapi Resources	OKR	31 Oct
Ookami Ltd	OOK	31 Oct
Polymetals Resources	POL	31 Oct
Red River Resources	RVR	31 Oct

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
1 st Group	1ST	12 Oct
Candy Club Holdings	CLB	11 Oct
Duke Exploration	DEX	19 Oct
Neurotech International	NTI	27 Oct
NT Minerals	NTM	25 Oct
Protean Energy	POW	11 Oct



Copper reportedly traded as low as \$US7663/t in early LME trade.

China's September **industrial profits**, reported yesterday, were calculated 2.3% lower than for September 2021, against forecasts for a 4.3% drop.

Post-ASX trade yesterday, China also reported 15.6% higher year-on-year FDI, following forecasts for a 15.0% increase.

China is scheduled to release official (NBS) October **PMIs** Monday.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6454	-0.0050	-0.77
EUR – USD	0.9970	-0.0101	-1.01

Australian Data Today

ABS	Producer prices	Sep Q
ABS	Covid household impacts	Sep

US Data Tonight

Personal income & spending	Sep
Pending home sales	Sep
Employment cost index	Sep Q
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

Japan	BoJ policy meeting outcomes	28 Oct
Japan	BoJ quarterly outlook	Dec Q
UK	Nationwide house prices	Oct
Germany	GDP (initial)	Sep Q
Germany	CPI (initial)	Sep
Euro zone	Economic confidence	Oct
Euro zone	Consumer confidence (final)	Oct
Euro zone	ECB professional forecasters survey	Oct
Russia	BoR policy meeting outcomes	28 Oct

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Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
GCI	Today	1.22	0	5.34
KKC	Today	1.09	0	7.13
PCI	Today	0.51	0	5.09
RND	Today	10	100	0.00
TCF	Today	3	0	6.67
ASG	Mon	9	100	6.80
MOT	Mon	1.41	0	6.98
MXT	Mon	1.26	0	5.17
PGG	Mon	1.09	0	6.84
BKW	Tue	41	100	2.81
NBI	Tue	0.71	0	7.18
EVT	Wed	12	100	0.00
EZZ	Thu	0.45	100	1.43

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event	
Today	ARB	AGM	
	CAR	AGM	
	CHN	Sep Q	
	GWA	AGM	
	ILU	Sep Q	
	MQG	Interim	
	MMS	AGM	
	PNV	AGM	
Mon	RMD	Sep Q (7.30am; 4.30EDT US Thur 27th)	
	SKC	AGM	
	HHR	AGM	
	IGO	Sep Q (w/cast 11am)	
	NUH	Sep Q (webinar 10.30am)	
	ORG	Sep Q	
	SXE	AGM	
	Wed	CWP	AGM
		DMP	AGM
		SKT	AGM
SOL		Briefing #1 (4 & 8 November also)	
Thu		92E	AGM
	BLD	AGM	
	DRR	AGM	
	DOW	AGM	
	EHE	AGM	
	WOW	Sep Q	
	ZIP	AGM	



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Fri	IDX	AGM
	JHX	AGM (Dublin, 8am AEDT)
	MCR	AGM
	QAN	AGM
	SPK	AGM