

**Markets**

<b>SFE 200 Futures</b> (9.30am AEDT)	6810	101	1.5
<b>NZX 50</b>	12062	11	0.1
<b>DJIA Futures</b>	34043	-12	0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500 Futures</b>	4318	-24	-0.6
<b>NASDAQ Futures</b>	13987	-172	-1.2

**Local Markets Commentary**

The Australian market opens Friday trade on the second last trading day for January with a further \$A depreciation, the ASX 200 in technical correction territory, and material domestic and regional economic data due by late morning, ahead of influential data out of Germany and the US tonight.

US equities ultimately traded lower overnight, as did several key commodities.

**Locally** today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports December quarter **producer prices** at 11.30am AEDT.

In addition, a plethora of December quarter reports is expected as end-of-month approaches.

**Regionally** today, **South Korea** releases December industrial production and retail sales at 10am AEDT.

**China's markets** will be closed next week due to the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival holiday season. Official January PMIs are anticipated out of China over the weekend.

South Korea's markets will be closed Monday through Wednesday.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** turned lower.

US **gold** futures extended Wednesday's fall.

**Iron ore** (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung higher to approach \$US130.00/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** reportedly fell ~1.5%. **Nickel** was reported to have been also been pushed more than 1% lower.

**Aluminium** reportedly rose slightly for a second consecutive session.

*Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.*

The \$A fell below US70.35c after trading at ~US70.70c - ~70.90c early yesterday evening.

**Overseas Markets**

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	34161	-7	-0.0
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	4327	-23	-0.5
<b>NASDAQ</b>	13353	-189	-1.4
<b>FTSE 100</b>	7554	85	1.1
<b>DAX 30</b>	15524	65	0.4
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	3394	-61	-1.8

Trades executed Tuesday (25 January) settle today

 \* **Respiratory pharmaceuticals** listing – 12.30pm AEDT – FRE \*

 \* **Mineral exploration** listing – 1.30pm AEDT – BRX \*

**Today's Stock Watch**
**ResMed Inc (RMD)**

July – December net profit rose 13% to \$US 405.4M. Revenue grew 16% to \$US1.799B, bolstered by 12% higher year-on-year December quarter revenue tallying \$US894.9M. December quarter net profit also rose 12%, to \$US201.8M. Paying a US42c quarterly dividend.

**AnteoTech Ltd (ADO)**

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has requested further information regarding ADO's submission for the EuGeni Reader and SARS CoV-2 Ag rapid diagnostic test.

**Fluence Corporation (FLC)**

December quarter continuing operations revenue rose 117% for the three months to \$43.5M. \$41.4M cash and equivalents.

**Doctor Care Anywhere (DOC)**

Revenue rose 115.7% during 2021 to £25.0M. A record 50,500 new patients used DOC services during the December quarter. A webcast presentation was scheduled to commence 9.30am AEDT.

**Imugene Ltd (IMU)**

European patent granted for IMU's HER-Vaxx immunotherapy. The patent covers method of composition and method of use.

**Resources**
**Newcrest Mining (NCM)**

Produced 436,000oz of gold and 26,000t of copper with a \$US1127/oz AISC during the December quarter. Realised prices rose respectively to \$US1743/oz and \$US9634/t.

**Neometals Ltd (NMT)**

\$A72.8M cash balance at 31 December. \$A47.9M receivables and investments. Nil debt.

**Askari Metals (AS2)**

Resuming trade having completed an oversubscribed \$A2.6M placement at 35c per share, in support of the Northern Territory Barrow Creek lithium project. AS2 last traded at 38.5c.



## Overseas Markets Commentary

Trade across major European, UK and US equities markets diverged overnight, European and UK sentiment down in early trade but soon trending higher, dragged so by improved US futures.

US indices subsequently opened positive but vacillated some and in second half trend trended lower to settle near session lows.

Material US economic indicators, including GDP and unemployment claims, came in better than anticipated, but other data disappointed.

The \$US in the meantime traded higher again, supported by the US Federal Reserve's view, confirmed Wednesday, that a series of near-term interest rate increases seemed appropriate.

Earlier, **Russia** had responded to the US written diplomatic plan, delivered the previous day, bemoaning the US position at remaining unwilling to address Russia's main security concerns, including keeping **Ukraine** out of the NATO.

However, Russia also offered it nonetheless remained open to dialogue.

Meanwhile, other nations continued to warn of the broader international impacts of any military attack and subsequent sanctions.

Overnight **data** releases included the **UK** CBI January distributive trades index which jumped 20 points to 28, following expectations for 11.

Earlier yesterday, during ASX trade, the UK's December domestic vehicle production was reported 12.7% lower than for December 2020. Forecasters had anticipated a 16.3% fall, but the result nevertheless represented the least output since 1956.

In **Germany**, the February GfK consumer confidence index improved to -6.7 from -6.9, defying expectations for a deterioration to -7.8.

In the **US**, the initial (first reading of three) December quarter **GDP** growth estimate came in at 6.9% for the three months following 2.3% September quarter growth and expectations for 5.5% for the final quarter for 2021.

Weekly new unemployment claims tallied 260,000 following 290,000 the previous week. Forecasters had predicted 295,000 new claims.

December durable goods orders fell 0.9% for the month following a 3.2% November increase and forecasts for a 0.2% decline.

December pending home sales tumbled 3.8% for the month. Forecasters had anticipated a 0.1% decline following a 2.3% November drop. Against December 2020, sales were down 6.9%.

The Kansas City Fed manufacturing index was estimated at 20 from 11 for December, and soundly overshooting forecasts for 12.

**Tonight** in the **US**, December personal income and spending are keenly anticipated, together with the University of Michigan's final consumer sentiment reading for January and the December quarter employment cost index.

Elsewhere, Germany releases an initial December quarter GDP estimate.

Companies listed to report earnings or provide trading updates

## Pre-Open Announcements

### Firebrick Pharma (\* FRE)

Respiratory disease nasal spray-focused pharmaceuticals manufacturer scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$7M IPO at 20c per share.

106.11M quoted shares.

### PointsBet Holdings (\* PBH)

December quarter statistics lodged in presentation format this morning.

PBH settled at \$5.03 yesterday, after closing out last week at \$6.05.

### Synlait Milk (SM1)

Revising the forecast 2021/2022 base milk price from \$NZ8.00/kgMS to \$NZ9.25/kgMS.

A further price update is anticipated in May.

## Resources

### BelaraRox Ltd (\* BRX)

Technology, battery and renewable energy-focused multi-mineral explorer scheduled to list on the ASX **1.30pm** AEDT, following a \$5.066M IPO at 20c per share.

28.33M quoted shares.

BRX holds the 643sq km Zn-Cu-Pb-Ag Belara project, Mudgee region, NSW and the 49sq km Au-Ni Bullabulling project near Coolgardie, WA.

Former Barmenco CEO Neil Warburton non-executive chair.

### Haranga Resources (\* HAR)

Mineral explorer completed a successful ASX listing yesterday, following a \$6.5M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 25c and traded at 23c – 27.5c before settling at 26c.

~2.576M shares were traded across 224 transactions.

~41.81M quoted shares. 17.5M quoted options.

Holds the Issia gold project, Côte d'Ivoire and the Saraya uranium project, Senegal.

HAR also proposes to secure permits to explore four project areas in Burkina Faso.

### Cosmo Metals (\* CMO) / Great Boulder Resources (GBR)

Battery metal-focused exploration company and GBR spinoff CMO is scheduled to list on the ASX 12.30pm AEDT **Monday**, following a \$5.1M IPO at 20c per share.

25.51M quoted shares.

CMO holds the WA Yamarna Cu-Ni-Co project formerly held by GBR.

GBR holds 49.50%.

## Energy

### Rey Resources (REY)

Not proceeding with stages two and three of the proposed acquisition of up to 75% in Southernpec Australia.

REY has achieved a 20% holding.



later today or tonight include: Asahi Holdings, Caterpillar, Chevron, Colgate-Palmolive, Electrolux, Phillips 66, POSCO, SSAB and Volvo.

In overnight corporate news, **Apple** has reported post-US trade, delivering better-than-anticipated headline figures.

Earlier, battery manufacturer **LG Energy Solution** debuted on South Korea's Kospi index, settling 65.8% higher for the day and trading 100% higher intra-session. LG Energy had raised ~\$US10.6B in its IPO and on day one achieved a Kospi market cap second only to Samsung Electronics.

### Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
<b>Gold (NY)</b> (Feb)	<b>1793.1</b>	oz	-36.60	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>Silver (NY)</b> (Mar)	<b>22.68</b>		-1.13	<b>-5.0</b>
<b>Gold (LON)</b> (26 Jan)	<b>1836</b>	oz		
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>1020</b>	oz	-8	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>WTI Crude</b> (NYMEX Mar)	<b>86.61</b>	bbbl	-0.74	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Brent Crude</b> (ICE EUR Mar)	<b>89.34</b>	bbbl	-0.62	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Iron Ore</b> (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	<b>129.96</b>	t	0.56	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Copper</b> (LME 3mth Evening) (26 Jan)	<b>9925</b>	t		
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>22736</b>	t		
<b>Aluminium</b>	<b>3096</b>	t		
<b>Lead</b>	<b>2326</b>	t		
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>3614</b>	t		
<b>Tin</b>	<b>42303</b>	t		

### Commodities Commentary

**Oil** – prices swung during overnight trade, pushed and pulled by the uncertainty surrounding Russia's Ukraine intentions and the impacts of any international sanctions, the US Federal Reserve's confirmation Wednesday of multiple rate rises soon and a further \$US appreciation.

In addition, OPEC+ is due to meet again next week (2 February) to discuss output levels.

A weekly US petroleum rig count is due tonight.

**Gold** – \$US strength, in relation to US Federal Reserve intentions, appeared the major influence on overnight trade, in particular while US equities futures and initial US equities trade were positive.

Comex futures notably settled below \$US1800/oz.

**Base metals** – \$US strength damaged early LME trade sentiment.

**Copper** received some support from LME-registered warehouse levels at 65,750t, a two-month low.

In addition, Anglo American reported a 4% fall in December quarter copper production.

Legislation to increase mining royalties reportedly advanced in Chile after some more favourable amendments for miners.

**China's** industrial profits, reported yesterday, climbed 34.3% during 2021, following a 38% 2020 increase and expectations of 35% growth for this past year.

This weekend, ahead of the commencement of the Lunar New Year/Spring Festival holiday period, China is scheduled to report official January PMIs.

Some early end-of-month and pre-Lunar New Year positioning

### Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Agrimim Ltd	AMN	28 Jan
Comet Resources	CRL	31 Jan
IODM Ltd	IOD	31 Jan
Rumble Resources	RTR	31 Jan
Superior Resources	SPQ	31 Jan
Veris Ltd	VRS	31 Jan
Westar Resources	WSR	31 Jan
Zenith Minerals	ZNC	31 Jan

### Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Cassius Mining	CMD	27 Jan
Cradle Resources	CXX	13 Jan
Emerald Resources	EMR	12 Jan
Hannans Ltd	HNR	21 Jun
IRIS Metals	IR1	10 Jan
Structural Monitoring Systems	SMN	27 Jan

### Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
<b>GCI</b>	Today	0.77	0	4.50
<b>PCI</b>	Today	0.35	0	3.61
<b>QRI</b>	Today	0.63	0	5.90
<b>TCF</b>	Today	3	0	4.62
CVC	Mon	4	100	2.36
MOT	Mon	0.98	0	6.47
MXT	Mon	0.74	0	4.23
PGG	Mon	0.68	0	4.61
NBI	Tue	0.8	0	5.78
DJW	Wed	6.75	100	3.49
ASW	Thu	0.5	100	3.33

### Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
<b>Today</b>	<b>CBR</b>	Dec Q (webinar 9.30am)
	<b>NCM</b>	Dec Q
	<b>PBH</b>	Dec Q
	<b>RMD</b>	Dec Q
<b>Mon</b>	GOR	Dec Q (w/cast tele 11.30am)
	LIT	AGM
	MMM	Dec Q (tele 6pm)



could be evident tonight, with **China's markets closed all next week** and markets in select other Asian nations similarly closed over various days.

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
<b>AUD – USD</b>	0.7032	-0.0048	<b>-0.68</b>
<b>EUR – USD</b>	1.1143	-0.0079	<b>-0.70</b>

### Australian Data Today

ABS	Producer prices	Dec Q
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### US Data Tonight

Personal income and spending	Dec
Employment cost index	Dec Q
Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)	Jan

### Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

<b>South Korea</b>	Industrial production	Dec
South Korea	Retail sales	Dec Q
<b>Germany</b>	GDP (initial)	Dec Q
Germany	Import & export prices	Dec
<b>Euro zone</b>	Loans to households & businesses	Dec
Euro zone	Economic confidence	Jan

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	PLS	Dec Q (w/cast tele midday)
<b>Thu</b>	JHG	Dec Q; '21 (w/cast tele midnight)

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