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Market Opener

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Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEST)	6525	-22	-0.3
NZX 50	11051	-149	-1.3
DJIA Futures	29360	75	0.3
S&P 500 Futures	3667	13	0.4
NASDAQ Futures	11258	30	0.3

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market commences Friday trade on the last day of the September quarter with the \$A above US65.00c, and influential domestic and regional economic data due late morning, ahead of material international data releases tonight, as four Australian States and Territories head into Monday public holiday weekends.

US equities markets swung lower overnight.

Locally today, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) releases August financial aggregates, including **private sector credit**, at **11.30am** AEST.

Post-ASX trade, the RBA is due to publish August international reserves and foreign currency liquidity.

In addition today, national cabinet meets with medical care funding and summer weather expectations reportedly on the agenda.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **NCK**. *Please see pp2-3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, **China** is expected to release official (NBS) September **PMIs** at **11.30am** AEST.

Caixin is scheduled to publish its September manufacturing PMI for China at 11.45am AEST.

Japan is due to report August industrial production just prior to the ASX open.

South Korea also reports industrial production pre-trade, and on the weekend, August imports and exports.

Meanwhile, **China**'s **markets** will be **closed** from tonight **for a week**-long string of National Day holidays.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** swung lower after settling higher for two consecutive sessions.

US gold futures also turned to close lower.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) continued slightly lower, remaining above \$US98.40/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper**, **nickel** and **aluminium** were pushed decisively higher in concert.

The **\$A** appreciated to ~US65.00c after trading at ~US64.45c - ~US64.55c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

Dow Jones	29226	-458	-1.5
INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%

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

From Monday, ASX trade consequently commences local time in:

Western Australia at 7am; Queensland at 9am; and the Northern Territory at 8.30am.

ASX Monday – normal trade & settlements

Public holidays – ACT, New South Wales, Queensland & South Australia

* Automotive cooling & heating listing - 10.30am AEST - AHL *

Today's Stock Watch

Qualitas Ltd (QAL)

An institutional investor has opted to invest \$A440M in the QAL Construction Debt Fund II, lifting QAL FUM to \$A5.33B. FUM net growth since 30 June has reached 2 5% and since 18 August 8 8%.

Adrad Holdings (* AHL)

Automotive radiator, air conditioning and other parts manufacturer scheduled to list on the ASX **10.30am** AEST, following a \$22M IPO at \$1.50 per share.

~80.65M shares.

Glenn Davis non-executive chair. AHL cofounder Gary Washington executive director. Former Codan (ASX: CDA) MD and CEO Donald McGurk non-executive director.

Adcore Holdings holds 61.15% of AHL.

Resources

Winsome Resources (WR1)

Heralding Adina lithium project Jamar discovery rock chip sampling results. Assays and plans lodged this morning.

Sandfire Resources (SFR)

MD and CEO Karl Simich is stepping down from his SFR roles. SFR has appointed recent Mineral Resources (ASX: MIN) GM iron ore Jason Grace as acting CEO, to be supported by SFR CFO and company secretary Matthew Fitzgerald.

Upgraded FY23 production guidance also lodged this morning.

Mount Gibson Iron (MGX)

30 June resources and reserves update lodged pre-trade.

Energy

Stanmore Resources (SMR)

Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approval in hand for Mitsui to acquire the balance 20% of BHP Mitsui Coal, now known as Stanmore SMC.



S&P 500	3640	-79	-2.1
NASDAQ	10738	-314	-2.8
FTSE 100	6882	-124	-1.8
DAX 30	11976	-208	-1.7
Shanghai Comp	3041	-4	-0.1

Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets fell on opening overnight.

New inflation and GDP releases, commentary regarding the impacts of inflation control and currency and debt market disquiet damaged sentiment throughout respective trading sessions.

Growth concerns in particular hit major stocks including Tesla, Meta Platforms, Apple, Nvidia and other chip suppliers.

Meanwhile in geopolitical developments, Russia confirmed it would move ahead with declaring four regions in Ukraine, in which annexation referenda were conducted this week, as Russian.

In overnight data releases, **Germany** released an initial September CPI estimate, representing 1.9% inflation for the month following 0.3% for August and expectations of a 0.9% new September increase.

Against September 2021, inflation was up 10.9%.

In the **euro zone**, the September economic confidence was estimated at 93.7 from 97.3.

The consumer confidence reading for September, as calculated by the European Commission, was finalised at -28.8 from -25 for August, representing the least since records began in 1985.

Earlier yesterday, $\bf UK$ August domestic vehicle production was reported 34% higher than for August 2021, against predictions for a 7.1% lift.

Also yesterday, a two-year government bond in Japan resulted in a -0.046% yield from -0.083%.

In the ${\bf US}$, the third and final June quarter GDP reading pointed to a technical recession, the confirmed 0.6% decline following a 1.6% March quarter fall.

Weekly new unemployment claims tallied 193,000 from 209,000 the previous week and against expectations of a further 216,000 claims.

Tonight in the US, August personal income and spending, the September Chicago PMI and the final September consumer confidence estimate, as calculated by the University of Michigan, are due.

Elsewhere, the euro zone reveals the bloc's August CPI and the UK releases a final June quarter GDP reading.

In overnight corporate news, **Nike** margins appeared to concern, together with broader growth pessimism.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec) Silver (NY) (Dec)	1668.6	OZ	-1.40	-0.1
	18.71	OZ	-0.17	-0.9
Platinum WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	864	oz	17	2.0
	81.23	bbl	-0.92	-1.1

Pre-Open Announcements

Atomos Ltd (AMS)

Independent non-executive AMS directors Stephen Stanley and Lauren Williams have resigned, citing board effectiveness concerns.

Resources

Genmin Ltd (GEN)

Anticipating releasing Gabon Baniaka iron ore project PFS outcomes the last week in October.

The release is later than expected due to consultant delays.

Energy

Renergen Ltd (* RLT)

September quarter report lodged this morning, highlighting LNG production and the completion of two additional gas production wells.

BPH Energy (BPH)

~\$1.79M realised from the recent 1.3c-per-share rights issue. BPH has traded at 1.6c – 1.9c this week.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Ragnar Metals	RAG	30 Sep
Danakali Ltd	DNK	3 Oct
Infinity Lithium	INF	3 Oct
Fiji Kava	FIJ	3 Oct
QEM Ltd	QEM	3 Oct
Red 5	RED	3 Oct
Widgie Nickel	WIN	3 Oct

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Cann Global	CGB	23 Sep
Doriemus Plc	DOR	8 Sep
Seafarms Group	SFG	30 Sep
Terramin Australia	TZN	14 Sep
Toro Energy	TOE	28 Sep
Yandal Resources	YRL	29 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
EP1	Today	2.7	100	0.00
GVF	Today	3.3	100	5.64
NCK	Today	35	100	6.07
PGG	Today	1.04	0	6.42
SST	Today	17.57	0	3.43



Brent Crude (ICE EUR Nov)	88.49	bbl	-0.83	-0.9
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	98.42	t	-0.1	-0.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7560	t	125	1.7
Nickel	22335	t	546	2.5
Aluminium	2197	t	74	3.5
Lead	1877	t	41	2.2
Zinc	2935	t	78	2.7
Tin	20543	t	-205	-1.0

Commodities Commentary

Oil - overnight trade considerations included a media report quoting OPEC 'sources' regarding a possible output cut from next week's OPEC+ meetings and broad international economic growth

Brent crude traded as high as \$US90.12/bbl intra-session.

Meanwhile, the deadly hurricane Ian, which crossed the Florida coast earlier yesterday (AEST) and was heading towards South and North Carolina, was reported to have initially prompted 158,000bbl/d of production to have been shut in.

In addition, China demand was in focus, ahead of a week-long national holiday period commencing overnight tonight as Covidcontainment policies remain in place.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

Gold – industry analysts attributed overnight gains to no new push higher for the \$US and further safe-haven interest, but as with earlier trade, prices ultimately fell.

A US GDP update and CPI reading out of Germany respectively underscored recession and inflation containment concerns.

Base metals - reports the LME could ban nickel and aluminium from Russia, new economic data releases, general global economic growth anxiety and new data anticipated for China today pushed and pulled overnight base metals trade.

End-of-quarter and China pre-holiday positioning is expected to continue tonight.

China's official September PMI readings, expected today, together with a September manufacturing PMI for China from Caixin, are also likely to influence some of tonight's trade.

China's markets will be **closed** from tomorrow through Saturday next week due to National Day holidays.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6507	0.0042	0.65
EUR – USD	0.9824	0.0160	1.66

Australian Data Today

RBA	Financial aggregates (incl private sector credit)	Aug
RBA	International reserves; foreign currency liquidity	Aug

US Data Tonight

Personal income & spending	Aug
Chicago PMI	Sep

IPC	Mon	6.25	100	4.11
LCE	Mon	1.4	100	2.72
MOT	Mon	1.25	0	6.82
MXT	Mon	1.05	0	4.93
WAR	Mon	2	100	1.02
NBI	Tue	0.71	0	7.17
SGM	Tue	50	50	5.22
WAX	Tue	5	100	7.01
WMI	Tue	5	100	5.94
CAM	Wed	1.28	100	6.19
NCC	Wed	3.75	50	9.09
RIC	Wed	4	100	2.61
X64	Wed	5	0	3.33
ANG	Thu	0.3	100	0.61
ARB	Thu	32	100	2.73
BIS	Thu	9	100	6.14
N1H	Thu	0.23	0	0.00
WCG	Thu	0.5	20	0.00
COS	Fri	1	100	3.25
MFF	Fri	4	100	2.86

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEST)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	LBY	AGM
	RLT	Sep Q
Tue	AFI	AGM
	AMH	AGM



Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (final)

Sep

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

China	NBS PMIs	Sep
China	Caixin manufacturing PMI	Sep
Japan	Industrial production	Aug
Japan	Retail sales	Aug
Japan	Consumer confidence (3pm AEST)	Sep
South Korea	Industrial production	Aug
UK	GDP (final)	Jun Q
UK	BoE consumer credit	Aug
Germany	Retail sales	Aug
Germany	Import prices	Aug
Germany	Unemployment	Sep
Euro zone	CPI (preliminary)	Sep
Euro zone	Unemployment	Aug

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