

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	6774	-27	-0.4
NZX 50	11161	-19	-0.2
DJIA Futures	30323	13	0.0
S&P 500 Futures	3796	2	0.1
NASDAQ Futures	11633	9	0.1

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens today's trade with material domestic economic data due late morning and some already in hand pre-trade.

US equities markets turned to settle slightly lower overnight.

Locally today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes **August** international trade statistics at **11.30am** AEDT.

Pre-trade, the AiG has released a **46.5** September construction sector **PMI**, against forecasts for 45.8 and following 47.9 for August.

ARB is among stocks trading **ex-dividend** today. *Please see pp2-3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.*

Regionally today, no major economic reports are due for release.

China's markets remain **closed** for this week's National Day holidays.

Japan's markets will be **closed Monday** due to a public holiday.

In overnight commodities trade, **oil** continued higher but at a more measured pace.

US **gold** futures turned lower, but remained above \$US1720/oz.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) settled just US5c/t higher for the session.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** and **aluminium** were reported to have fallen ~1.0%, but **nickel** to have gained by a similar magnitude.

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** steadied at US64.90c after trading at ~US64.70c - ~US64.90c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	30274	-42	-0.1
S&P 500	3783	-8	-0.2
NASDAQ	11149	-28	-0.3
FTSE 100	7053	-34	-0.5
DAX 30	12517	-153	-1.2
Shanghai Comp	3024	Public	Holiday

* Care & support sector **SaaS** listing – **11am** AEDT – **BGE** *

Today's Stock Watch
Appen Ltd (APX)

Teleconference scheduled to commence **10am** AEDT.

Ongoing challenging trading conditions.

Expecting \$US375M - \$US395M FY22 revenue.

Anticipating \$US13M - \$US18M (pre-FX) EBITDA.

PointsBet Holdings (PBH)

Subsidiary Premier Turf Club has secured a horse racing betting partnership with The Stronach Group.

Details lodged this morning.

United Malt Group (UMG)

MD and CEO Mark Palmquist plans to retire his UMG roles during FY23.

Mr Palmquist will remain as MD and CEO until a successor is appointed.

UMG expects to release full year results 15 November.

Bridge SaaS (* BGE)

Care and support sector-focused Software-as-Service specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **11am** AEDT, following a \$4.5M IPO at 20c per share.

~29M quoted shares.

Resources
Lake Resources (LKE)

Conditional framework agreement secured with WMC Energy, covering a potential 10%, \$1.20-per-share investment in LKE by WCE, and the supply to WMC of up to 25,000mtpa of Kachi project lithium for an initial 10 years.

LKE has traded at 84.5c - \$1.095 over the past five sessions.

Fenix Resources (FEX)

Mid-west WA Iron Ridge iron ore project sales have reached 2Mt (dry) with a mean ~\$A56/t net operating margin.

Mount Ridley Mines (MRD)

Heralding Mt Ridley rare earth project drilling results and the extent of mineralisation. Assays lodged pre-trade.

Energy
Norwest Energy (NWE)

Heralding a 'significant new gas lead' determined by Ringneck 2D seismic interpretation with the WA Perth Basin, north east of the West Erregulla gas field.



Overseas Markets Commentary

Major European, UK and US equities markets declined on opening overnight, subsequent vacillating sentiment ultimately pushing most key indices from session lows.

Resilience indicated in key US data releases and an OPEC+ decision to lower daily crude output bolstered expectations of further substantial interest rate increases and views of ongoing inflationary pressure from fuel costs.

In addition, a US Federal Reserve district president again promoted the need to push rates higher and to maintain them at elevated levels for some time.

Earlier yesterday, South Korea reported a 5.6% annualised inflation rate for September. The CPI had risen 0.3% for the month after pulling back by 0.1% during August.

Also yesterday, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand pushed its cash interest rate 0.5% higher, to 3.5%, the highest since April 2015.

In the UK, the PM promoted the growth principles behind last month's mini-budget during her first speech to a Tory annual convention as leader.

Among a swag of overnight data releases, the **euro zone's** September services PMI was finalised at 48.8 from August's 49.8.

In **Germany**, August trade figures included a €0.6B trade surplus against expectations of €7.3B. The July trade surplus had been recorded at €4.9B.

Seasonally adjusted, the trade surplus tallied €1.2B from July's €3.4B.

Also seasonally adjusted, exports rose 1.6% following a 1.6% July drop.

Imports were reported 3.4% higher for the month, after a 0.1% July increase.

Economists had anticipated both exports and imports to have risen 1.1%.

The September services PMI for Germany was finalised at a remaining contractionary 45.0 from the initial 45.4 estimate and against 47.7 for August.

The **UK's** September new domestic vehicle sales were reported 4.6% higher than for September 2021, soundly exceeding expectations for a 0.8% increase.

The 50.0 UK final September services PMI reading represented a 0.9-point decline for the month, but a 0.8-point improvement on the initial contraction-mode 49.2 estimate.

In the **US**, the 56.7 ISM services sector PMI for September represented a 0.2-point fall for the month, but forecasters had anticipated a larger decline to 56.4.

The employment component index notably rose to 53.0 from 50.2.

A private sector September employment report included 208,000 new jobs for the month, defying expectations of 135,000 following August's 185,000.

The data supported a Goldman Sachs decision to revise its US September quarter GDP growth forecast 1.0% higher to 1.9%.

Meanwhile, US August trade figures included a \$US67.4B trade deficit. Forecasters had anticipated a \$US68B shortfall. The July

Pre-Open Announcements

Immutep Ltd (* IMM)

Planning to announce initial INSIGHT-003 trial data at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer annual meeting next month.

Resources

Ardea Resources (ARL)

Nickel conference presentation lodged post-trade yesterday. ARL is presenting today.

Discovery Alaska (DAF)

DAF has appointed Alan Thomas as a non-executive director, in association with the resignation of long-time non-executive director Graham Walker.

Mr Walker joined the DAF board in 2014.

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Eagle Mountain Mining	EM2	6 Oct
De Grey Mining	DEG	7 Oct
Echo IQ	EIQ	7 Oct
Emu NL	EMU	7 Oct
Forrestania Resources	FRS	7 Oct
HSC Technology	HSC	7 Oct
Larvotto Resources	LRV	7 Oct

Suspensions *(selected)*

Company	Code	Since
Cann Global	CGB	23 Sep
Kinetiko Energy	KKO	4 Oct
Seafarms Group	SFG	30 Sep
Toro Energy	TOE	28 Sep
Yandal Resources	YRL	29 Sep

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
ANG	Today	0.3	100	0.57
ARB	Today	32	100	2.61
BIS	Today	9	100	5.79
N1H	Today	0.23	0	0.00
QRI	Today	0.9	0	5.54
WCG	Today	0.5	20	0.00
COS	Tomorrow	1	100	1.59
ERF	Tomorrow	36	0	5.89
MFF	Tomorrow	4	100	2.86



deficit was revised to \$US70.5B.

Weekly mortgage applications tumbled 14.2% after falling by 3.7% the previous week.

Mean average 30-year mortgage rates rose to 6.75% from 6.52%.

Among overnight bond auctions, a 10-year UK gilts offer delivered a 4.123% yield from 3.088%.

A 15-year bond offer in Germany resulted in a 2.12% yield from 1.74%.

Tonight in the US, weekly new unemployment claims and a job cuts report are due.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Dec)	1720.8	oz	-9.70	-0.6
Silver (NY) (Dec)	20.54	oz	-0.56	-2.7
Platinum	917	oz	-15	-1.6
WTI Crude (NYMEX Nov)	87.76	bbl	1.24	1.4
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Dec)	93.37	bbl	1.57	1.7
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	95.26	t	0.05	0.1
Copper (LME 3mth Evening)	7705 (40Oct)	t		
Nickel	22077	t		
Aluminium	2354	t		
Lead	1936	t		
Zinc	3042	t		
Tin	20170	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – OPEC+ energy ministers announced an overall 2MMbbl/d output cut overnight, citing demand uncertainty, helping push Brent crude as high as \$US93.96/bbl intra-session and WTI as high as \$US88.42/bbl.

The proposed reduction, estimated at 2% of international supply, would essentially amount to 1MMbbl/d – 1.1MMbbl/d compared with recent production levels, Saudi Arabia’s energy minister offered.

Meanwhile, Russia’s deputy PM was also reported at OPEC+’s Vienna meetings, agreeing for Russia to remain part of the OPEC+ group for a further year, until the end of 2023.

Following the scheduled 4 December meeting, OPEC+ energy minister meetings are set to occur every six months rather than each month.

A weekly US petroleum inventories report, released overnight, included a 1.356MMbbl draw on US crude stocks and 4.728MMbbl fall for stored petrol. Distillate inventories also fell, by ~3.4MMbbl.

Net crude imports fell by 407,000bbl and petrol production rose by 389,000bbl.

Overnight Tuesday post-US trade, the American Petroleum Institute (API) had published a weekly report which had included an estimated 1.77MMbbl decline in US crude stocks last week.

Gold – US data which pointed to ongoing substantial interest rate rises, pushed the \$US index higher overnight and hence detracted from gold interest.

US monthly employment statistics are expected to swing some sentiment overnight tomorrow.

REH	Tue	15	100	1.27
TRA	Tue	4.36	85	6.31
FGG	Wed	3.5	100	5.22
GOW	Wed	4	100	2.11
HZN	Wed	1.65	0	0.00
RLL	Wed	2	100	0.00
WGB	Wed	5.5	100	5.65
CGO	Thu (13 Oct)	1	100	3.90
D20	Thu	3.3	100	3.89
TI1	Thu	0.28	0	0.00
HVN	Fri	17.5	100	8.33
LSX	Fri	1.5	0	0.00

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	APX	Trading update (tele 10am)



Base metals – a \$US index turn higher appeared a major influence on general overnight LME trade, but smelter closures supported zinc and lead prices.

Among the producers, Glencore revealed it was placing a zinc smelter in Germany on care and maintenance from 1 November.

Caixin's China September services PMI is anticipated over the weekend.

China's markets remain closed today and tomorrow due to this week's National Day holidays.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.6491	0.0005	0.07
EUR – USD	0.9889	-0.0078	-0.78

Australian Data Today

AiG	PCI	Sep
ABS	Trade balance	Aug

US Data Tonight

Challenger job cuts	Sep
Initial jobless claims	1 Oct

Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	Construction PMI	Sep
Germany	Factory orders	Aug
Germany	Construction PMI	Sep
Euro zone	Retail sales	Aug
Euro zone	Construction PMI	Sep

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