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Stocks to open flat following a mixed session on Wall Street Friday

- Global markets on Friday.** Markets were virtually unchanged on Friday evening, with the big three US indices closing in a range of flat-to-down 0.5% as a weaker-than-expected Non-Farm Payrolls report weighed on sentiment. Elsewhere, the Russell 2000 lost 0.8% and stocks across Europe were mixed – with the FTSE higher by 0.2% and German and French indices both ending lower for the day.
- US jobs reports.** Friday's NFP release came in well under expectations at the headline 'job gains' level – with 194k jobs added for the month of September against expectations for 500k (and ~half of last month's upwardly-revised 366k). While offsetting this negativity was a reduction in the unemployment rate to 4.8% (lower than 5.1% expected). Finally, average hourly earnings spiked by 0.6% MoM (0.4% forecast) which saw yields rise on inflationary concerns.
- In company news,** the **energy** complex had another good night as **WTI crude** crossed \$80/bbl for the first time since 2014 (ultimately settling at \$79.35/bbl) – with **Exxon, Chevron** and **ConocoPhillips** all higher by between 2% - 5%. Elsewhere, re-opening plays had a soft evening with **cruises, airlines** and **casino** stocks down, while big **tech** names were mixed.
- In other markets,** the **USD** fell slightly against a basket of currencies (off 0.1%), which played into the hands of **commodity** prices, with **oil, gold, silver, tin** all higher and **uranium** flat for the evening. Then as mentioned above, yields rose at both the short and longer end, with the 10-year moving back above 1.6% (up 4bps for the day).
- ASX futures flat.** Following the mixed session in global markets on Friday, it appears local stocks will open ~unchanged when trading commences this morning – with futures currently off by just 2 points.
- This week in economics.** Key events this week will include: UK employment data and GDP, US inflation figures, the September jobs report for Australia and US retail sales.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,617.3	7,551.2	0.9%
ASX 200	7,320.1	7,256.7	0.9%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,544.9	2,520.8	1.0%

US Markets

Dow Jones	34,746.3	34,754.9	0.0%
S&P500	4,391.3	4,399.8	-0.2%
Nasdaq	14,579.5	14,654.0	-0.5%
Russell 2000	2,233.1	2,250.1	-0.8%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,592.2	3,568.2	0.7%
Nikkei	28,048.9	27,678.2	1.3%
Hang Seng	24,837.9	24,701.7	0.6%
FTSE 100	7,095.6	7,078.0	0.2%
DAX 30	15,206.1	15,250.9	-0.3%
CAC 40	6,560.0	6,600.2	-0.6%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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No major economic news today

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Elementos	0.028	0.024	16.7%
Little Green Pharma	0.680	0.660	3.0%
Alderaan Resources	0.043	0.042	2.4%
Family Zone Cyber Security	0.735	0.720	2.1%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	79.35	78.30	1.3%
Gold	1,757.5	1,754.9	0.1%
Gold (Aus)	2,404.9	2,399.3	0.2%
Silver	22.67	22.59	0.4%
Uranium (Spot)	37.75	37.75	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	36,193	35,258	2.7%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DXY Index	94.10	94.21	-0.1%
AUD/USD	0.7308	0.7314	-0.1%
AUD/GBP	0.5366	0.5372	-0.1%
AUD/EUR	0.6315	0.6329	-0.2%
AUD/YEN	82.01	81.64	0.5%
AUD/NZD	1.0556	1.0553	0.0%
AUD/CAD	0.9118	0.9179	-0.7%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	18.77	19.54	-3.9%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	0.314	0.313	0.3%
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	1.613	1.577	2.3%