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Futures point higher following another strong US session on Friday

- Futures higher, China data on deck.** Following a strong Friday night session on Wall Street, it appears local stocks will open comfortably higher when trading commences this morning – with ASX futures currently up by 31 points, or ~0.4%. In economic news, China will release a host of data at 1pm local time, including: Q3 GDP, retail sales, unemployment figures, fixed asset investment, industrial production and FDI.
- This week in economics.** Over the balance of this week, key economic releases include: RBA minutes (Tue), UK, Canadian and Eurozone inflation figures (Wed), a speech from RBA Governor Lowe and PMIs both locally (Markit Services and Manufacturing) and internationally (Fri).
- Global markets on Friday night.** It was another strong session for international equities on Friday, with every major index across both Europe and the US finishing higher – in a range of 0.4% (FTSE) to 1.1% (Dow Jones). The session capped off a strong week for markets – particularly the Dow – which had its best week since June and now sits just ~1% below its all-time highs.
- Retail sales beat.** Friday's strength was driven by a strong retail sales print, with a 0.7% increase for the month of September coming in well ahead of analyst expectations for a 0.2% MoM decline. Elsewhere, strong earnings releases over the week (including from many of the country's largest banks) was also supporting sentiment.
- In other markets,** the **USD** was flat against a basket of currencies (and the AUD), **oil** prices continued to grind higher – with **WTI crude** now trading above \$82/bbl – **gold** and **silver** gave back some of their recent gains, both off by >1% as risk-on sentiment took hold, while **tin** was slightly higher and **uranium** slightly lower. Finally, the **VIX Index** declined another 3% on account of the week's equity market strength and **Treasury** yields higher at the long end (10-year up 6bps).

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,674.2	7,620.2	0.7%
ASX 200	7,362.0	7,311.7	0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,621.0	2,603.5	0.7%

US Markets

Dow Jones	35,294.8	34,912.6	1.1%
S&P500	4,471.4	4,438.3	0.7%
Nasdaq	14,897.3	14,823.4	0.5%
Russell 2000	2,265.7	2,274.2	-0.4%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,572.4	3,558.3	0.4%
Nikkei	29,068.6	28,550.9	1.8%
Hang Seng	25,331.0	24,962.6	1.5%
FTSE 100	7,234.0	7,207.7	0.4%
DAX 30	15,587.4	15,462.7	0.8%
CAC 40	6,727.5	6,685.2	0.6%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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NZ Inflation Rate	8:45	4.1%	3.3%
China Data	Various		
US Industrial Production (MoM)	00:15	0.2%	0.4%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Family Zone Cyber Security	0.705	0.660	6.8%
Alderan Resources	0.043	0.041	4.9%
Selfwealth	0.360	0.350	2.9%
Dubber Corporation	3.320	3.250	2.2%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	82.28	81.48	1.0%
Gold	1,767.5	1,796.1	-1.6%
Gold (Aus)	2,383.7	2,421.3	-1.6%
Silver	23.32	23.53	-0.9%
Uranium (Spot)	46.00	46.50	-1.1%
Tin (Futures)	37,288	37,055	0.6%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DXY Index	93.95	93.98	0.0%
AUD/USD	0.7415	0.7418	0.0%
AUD/GBP	0.5392	0.5425	-0.6%
AUD/EUR	0.6394	0.6395	0.0%
AUD/YEN	84.70	84.31	0.5%
AUD/NZD	1.0487	1.0539	-0.5%
AUD/CAD	0.9175	0.9175	0.0%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	16.30	16.86	-3.3%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	0.363	0.362	0.3%
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	1.575	1.514	4.0%