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Tech names lead Wall Street lower overnight, ASX futures off ~1%

- Global markets.** It was another volatile night in the US; with major tech names dragging markets lower on a mix of yield pressures and regulatory concerns (in the case of **Facebook**). For the day, all major US indices were lower by ~1% or more, despite opening largely flat – with the Nasdaq particularly hard hit, off 2% for the day. Meanwhile, in Europe stocks fared slightly better, down between 0.2% to 0.8% for the session.
- Tech leads the declines.** The rotation out of longer duration assets continued overnight, with the day's list of major decliners littered with big tech names, including **Amazon** (-3%), **Apple** (-2%), **Netflix** (-2%), **Nvidia** (-5%) and **Google** (-2%), while **Facebook** (-5%) was weakest of the lot as each of its flagship websites (FB, Instagram, WhatsApp) went offline and are still yet to come back on, while the company was separately accused of "betraying democracy" by an ex-employee turned whistleblower.
- In other markets,** the seemingly relentless rise in energy prices continued overnight – with **WTI crude** higher by another 2%, while **nat gas** futures gained 3%. Elsewhere, the **USD** was slightly lower against a basket of currencies, which supported **commodity** prices – with **gold**, **silver** and **tin** all higher for the day. And finally, **Treasury** yields were modestly up and the **VIX Index** added 9% on account of the day's equity market volatility.
- Futures point lower.** Following the poor lead from Wall Street, it appears local stocks will open sharply lower again this morning – with ASX futures currently off by 68 points, or ~0.9% at the time of writing.
- RBA on deck.** In economic news, it will be a busy day for local data – with the RBA's rate decision for October the key item at 2:30pm, while earlier in the day balance of trade figures, retail sales and Markit services PMIs will also be released. Internationally, global PMIs are due out from the US, Eurozone, UK and several individual European countries.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets			
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All Ordinaries	7,576.8	7,486.6	1.2%
ASX 200	7,278.5	7,185.5	1.3%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,520.9	2,523.7	-0.1%

US Markets			
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Dow Jones	34,002.9	34,326.5	-0.9%
S&P500	4,300.5	4,357.0	-1.3%
Nasdaq	14,255.5	14,566.7	-2.1%
Russell 2000	2,217.5	2,241.6	-1.1%

Asian & European Markets			
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Shanghai Composite	3,568.2	3,568.2	0.0%
Nikkei	28,444.9	28,771.1	-1.1%
Hang Seng	24,036.4	24,575.6	-2.2%
FTSE 100	7,011.0	7,027.1	-0.2%
DAX 30	15,036.6	15,156.4	-0.8%
CAC 40	6,477.7	6,517.7	-0.6%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Markit Services PMI	9:00		42.9
Balance of Trade	11:30	A\$10.3b	A\$12.1b
Retail Sales	12:30	-1.7%	-2.7%
RBA Rate Decision	14:30	0.1%	0.1%
Global PMIs	Various		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.265	0.245	8.2%
BetMakers Tech. Group	1.090	1.045	4.3%
Forbidden Foods	0.250	0.240	4.2%
Jervois Mining	0.500	0.495	1.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	77.59	75.88	2.3%
Gold	1,769.5	1,760.8	0.5%
Gold (Aus)	2,427.6	2,424.1	0.1%
Silver	22.68	22.54	0.6%
Uranium (Spot)	41.25	41.75	-1.2%
Tin (Futures)	34,515	33,855	1.9%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DXY Index	93.81	94.07	-0.3%
AUD/USD	0.7289	0.7264	0.3%
AUD/GBP	0.5357	0.5363	-0.1%
AUD/EUR	0.6273	0.6264	0.1%
AUD/YEN	80.86	80.61	0.3%
AUD/NZD	1.0467	1.0470	0.0%
AUD/CAD	0.9177	0.9185	-0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	22.96	21.15	8.6%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	0.274	0.270	1.5%
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	1.482	1.463	1.3%