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Futures higher (2.4%), although weekend turmoil puts this into question

- **Futures higher by 2.4%...** As of the time of writing, ASX futures are up 166 points, or 2.4%, mirroring the impressive results in international markets on Friday night. However, this move does not account for the weekend's developments in the ongoing Russia and Ukraine saga, which will likely see volatility remain high when trade begins this morning.
- **Sanctions increased.** The US and Allies announced the removal of numerous Russian banks from the SWIFT Global payments system over the weekend, which could see these banks unable to facilitate financial transactions between >11,000 institutions. Likewise, threats have also been made to prevent Russia's Central Bank from tapping into its ~\$630bn forex reserve – which will likely have repercussions on the Russian Ruble when trading commences again today.
- **Uranium prices rally.** It was a very strong Friday night session for uranium, with spot prices up an impressive 4.5%, while sector ETFs **URNM** +5.5% and **URA** +4.0% were also strong. Elsewhere, SPUT purchased 1.4m lbs U3O8 for the day – their largest day of purchasing since September 2021.
- **In other markets.** The **VIX** fell sharply, slipping 9% following the large swings in the markets last week. The yield curve flattened, as the **2-year** added 5bps and the **10-year** lost 4bps. Notably in the commodity markets, **WTI crude** lost 2%, closing at US\$91/barrel whilst **tin** continued edging higher, up another 0.8% for the day.
- **This week in economics.** It will be a busy week of economic news locally, with retail sales today, home lending figures and the RBA's March rate decision (tomorrow), Q4 GDP figures and an RBA chart deck (Wed) and PMIs and balance of trade figures (Thu). Internationally, this week's key events will be global PMIs, US employment figures, Biden's annual State of the Union and plenty of central bank speakers – including Powell and Lagarde.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,273.6	7,253.1	0.3%
ASX 200	6,997.8	6,990.6	0.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,465.3	2,399.0	2.8%

US Markets

Dow Jones	34,058.8	33,223.8	2.5%
S&P500	4,384.7	4,288.7	2.2%
Nasdaq	13,694.6	13,473.6	1.6%
Russell 2000	2,040.9	1,995.4	2.3%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,451.4	3,430.0	0.6%
Nikkei	26,476.5	25,970.8	1.9%
Hang Seng	22,767.2	22,901.6	-0.6%
FTSE 100	7,489.5	7,207.4	3.9%
DAX 30	14,567.2	14,052.1	3.7%
CAC 40	6,752.4	6,521.1	3.5%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Retail Sales	11:30	0.2%	-4.4%
ECB President Lagarde Speaks	2:50		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Forbidden Foods	0.150	0.135	11.1%
Lotus Resources	0.255	0.230	10.9%
Dubber Corporation	1.490	1.365	9.2%
BetMakers Tech. Group	0.575	0.550	4.5%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	91.59	93.18	-1.7%
Gold	1,889.3	1,902.3	-0.7%
Gold (Aus)	2,638.2	2,653.5	-0.6%
Silver	24.27	24.18	0.4%
Uranium (Spot)	46.50	44.50	4.5%
Tin (Futures)	44,800	44,425	0.8%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DXY Index	96.54	97.06	-0.5%
AUD/USD	0.7161	0.7169	-0.1%
AUD/GBP	0.5372	0.5356	0.3%
AUD/EUR	0.6427	0.6403	0.4%
AUD/YEN	82.52	82.83	-0.4%
AUD/NZD	1.0735	1.0701	0.3%
AUD/CAD	0.9156	0.9185	-0.3%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	27.59	30.32	-9.0%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	1.576	1.571	0.3%
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	1.969	1.973	-0.2%
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.393	0.402	-2.2%