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## Futures point higher following another strong session in the US on Fri

- Futures.** Following another reasonably strong Friday night session in the US, ASX futures are pointing to a stronger open when trading begins this morning – with futures ahead ~0.3% as of writing. In economic news, today will see local retail sales releases just before midday, with expectations for a MoM increase of 1.8% (vs 1.6% last month).
- This week in economics.** A busy but not crazy week of economic and political news awaits, with some notable events including: the RBA's latest interest rate decision (Tue), Canada's Balance of Trade (Tue), the US Non-Manufacturing PMI (Wed), FOMC Minutes (Thu) and a host of Fed Speakers scattered throughout the week.
- Friday night in global markets.** Friday saw a positive end to last week, as the majority of major indices saw modest gains. In the US, the Russell 2000 was the front runner, adding +1.0%, whilst the Dow Jones, S&P500 and Nasdaq all followed gaining 0.3-0.4%. The Nikkei (-0.6%) was the only major indice that slipped, despite adding ~6.5% in March. Europe also saw quiet gains, all adding between 0.2-0.4%.
- Yield curve inverts.** Following weeks of flattening, the US 2-10-Year curve finally inverted on Friday night (and reasonably aggressively so, currently showing a spread of -8bps) – this was the first time since August 2019 (when the inversion only lasted 3 days). For the session, both the 2-Year and 10-Year closed higher, adding 12bps and 5bps respectively.
- In other markets.** Tin had a successful end to the week, adding ~\$2000/t or +4.3% to its price. Uranium also added to its price, adding a more modest +1.1%. The WTI crude rollercoaster continued, having slipped -0.9%, and closing at ~\$98.5/bbl. In the currency space, the DXY saw minor gains of +0.3%, as the AUD/USD was effectively unchanged. Finally, the VIX moved further below its long term average, falling -4.5%.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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### Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,785.9	7,789.6	0.0%
ASX 200	7,493.8	7,499.6	-0.1%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,745.4	2,733.2	0.4%

### US Markets

Dow Jones	34,818.3	34,678.4	0.4%
S&P500	4,545.9	4,530.4	0.3%
Nasdaq	14,261.5	14,220.5	0.3%
Russell 2000	2,091.1	2,070.1	1.0%

### Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,282.7	3,252.2	0.9%
Nikkei	27,666.0	27,821.4	-0.6%
Hang Seng	22,039.6	21,996.8	0.2%
FTSE 100	7,537.9	7,515.7	0.3%
DAX 30	14,446.5	14,414.8	0.2%
CAC 40	6,684.3	6,659.9	0.4%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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Retail Sales (MoM)	11:30	1.8%	1.6%
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Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Forbidden Foods	0.165	0.145	13.8%
Alderan Resources	0.023	0.022	4.5%
Family Zone Cyber Security	0.470	0.460	2.2%
Jervois Mining	0.820	0.815	0.6%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	98.42	99.27	-0.9%
Gold	1,922.5	1,925.1	-0.1%
Gold (Aus)	2,566.1	2,567.4	-0.1%
Silver	24.59	24.63	-0.2%
Uranium (Spot)	58.63	58.00	1.1%
Tin (Futures)	44,767	42,910	4.3%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DXY Index	98.64	98.34	0.3%
AUD/USD	0.7492	0.7498	-0.1%
AUD/GBP	0.5718	0.5701	0.3%
AUD/EUR	0.6784	0.6760	0.4%
AUD/YEN	91.93	91.27	0.7%
AUD/NZD	1.0835	1.0800	0.3%
AUD/CAD	0.9380	0.9368	0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	Δ
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VIX Index	19.63	20.56	-4.5%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	2.465	2.343	12 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	2.385	2.339	5 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.080	-0.004	-8 bp