

Stocks higher again overnight, ahead of tonight's Fed decision

- Global markets.** All major US indices saw modest gains overnight – for the second consecutive session – with the small cap Russell 2000 performing best, adding +0.8%, the Dow and Nasdaq both gaining +0.2% and the S&P +0.5%. The positive sentiment was also seen in Europe, with the DAX, CAC and FTSE all rising by <1%. Asian markets were mostly closed for the observance of public holidays.
- In sector news,** the overnight gains were relatively broad-based, with 9 of the S&P's 11 sectors ending in the green. **Energy** had the best day, adding 2.9%, with **Materials, Real Estate** and **Financials** all up over 1%. The only two sectors that lost ground were **Consumer Discretionary** and **Staples**, which both falling by ~0.2-0.3%.
- In other markets,** the AUD/USD rose 0.7% following the RBA's surprise 25bp hike yesterday, after having slipped ~7% over the past month (the AUD was also stronger against other major currencies). Elsewhere, it was a lowkey day for **commodities**, besides **WTI Crude** which added 1% and **Natural Gas**, which surged 5% to reach its highest level since 2008. Elsewhere, the **VIX Index** was down 9.6%, falling back below a level of 30. And finally, it was a quiet day for bonds, as the 2-Year added 5bps and the 10-Year remained unchanged ahead of tonight's Fed decision.
- Futures point higher.** Following the solid lead from Wall Street overnight, it appears local stocks will open higher when trading commences this morning – with ASX futures currently up by 43 points or 0.6% at the time of writing.
- In economics,** it will be a busy day with the Fed's latest interest rate decision (due 4am tomorrow) the major event – where expectations are for a 50bp hike. Elsewhere, global services PMIs are due from a host of regions including Spain, Italy, France, Germany, the Eurozone more-broadly and the USA. And finally, an RBA chart pack is due and the RBNZ will host a press conference at 11:30am.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,587.6	7,623.6	-0.5%
ASX 200	7,316.2	7,347.0	-0.4%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,532.3	2,552.1	-0.8%

US Markets

Dow Jones	33,128.8	33,061.5	0.2%
S&P500	4,175.5	4,155.4	0.5%
Nasdaq	12,563.8	12,536.0	0.2%
Russell 2000	1,898.9	1,882.9	0.8%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,047.1	3,047.1	0.0%
Nikkei	26,818.5	26,818.5	0.0%
Hang Seng	21,101.9	21,089.4	0.1%
FTSE 100	7,561.3	7,544.6	0.2%
DAX 30	14,039.5	13,939.1	0.7%
CAC 40	6,476.2	6,425.6	0.8%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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NZ Unemployment Rate	8:45	3.2%	3.2%
S&PG Services PMI	9:00		55.6
RBNZ Press Conference	11:30		
RBA Chart Pack	11:30		
Global Services PMIs	Various		
Fed Rate Decision	4:00		
Fed Press Conference	4:30		

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Dubber Corporation	1.070	0.985	8.6%
Lotus Resources	0.325	0.315	3.2%
Selfwealth	0.220	0.215	2.3%
Jervois Mining	0.890	0.875	1.7%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	103.60	102.41	1.2%
Gold	1,869.0	1,864.0	0.3%
Gold (Aus)	2,682.3	2,644.0	1.4%
Silver	22.61	22.62	0.0%
Uranium (Spot)	53.88	53.88	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	40,375	40,375	0.0%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DX Index	103.46	103.60	-0.1%
AUD/USD	0.7101	0.7050	0.7%
AUD/GBP	0.5681	0.5642	0.7%
AUD/EUR	0.6747	0.6707	0.6%
AUD/YEN	92.38	91.76	0.7%
AUD/NZD	1.1029	1.0960	0.6%
AUD/CAD	0.9114	0.9076	0.4%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	29.25	32.34	-9.6%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	2.784	2.731	5 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	2.979	2.977	0 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.195	0.246	-5 bp