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ASX to open lower, US jobs strong on Fri, big week of earnings ahead

- **Futures point lower.** Following a mixed lead from Wall Street on Friday night, it appears local stocks will open lower when trading commences this morning – with ASX futures currently off by 7 points at the time of writing. There will be no major economic news today.
- **This week in economics.** The main event on this weeks' economic calendar will be the US CPI print on Wednesday night (local time); with expectations being for a core reading of 6.1% (up slightly on 5.9% last month), while headline is forecast to fall to 8.7% (from 9.1%). Elsewhere, this week will also see the release of Westpac consumer confidence, Chinese inflation figures, US PPI and UK GDP.
- **Local earnings.** Results season is set to pick-up this week, with **Aurizon** and **Suncorp** reporting today, while over the balance of the week, others to release their half-or-full-year results include: **REA Group, NAB, Megaport, News Corp, Charter Hall Long WALE** and **Computershare**.
- **Global markets on Friday.** It was a mixed session for equity markets on Friday night; with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq each falling (by 0.2% and 0.5% respectively), while the Dow managed to eek out a 0.2% gain and the small-cap Russell 2000 actually put on a respectable 0.8%. Over in Europe, it was a similar story – with all markets closing lower in a tight range of 0.1%-0.6%.
- **In other markets,** the **USD** rallied sharply on account of an extremely strong US non-farm payrolls print – this in-turn weighed on most major **commodities** with the price of **oil** unchanged at US\$88/bbl, **gold** off ~1%, **silver** off 2% and **uranium** flat. Elsewhere, the **VIX Index** fell another 1% and is now sitting at a level of just 21, while **US Treasury** yields were essentially unchanged and the yield curve remains heavily inverted – to the tune of 37bps.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,250.3	7,207.5	0.6%
ASX 200	7,015.6	6,974.9	0.6%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,284.6	2,255.2	1.3%

US Markets

Dow Jones	32,803.5	32,726.8	0.2%
S&P500	4,145.2	4,151.9	-0.2%
Nasdaq	12,657.6	12,720.6	-0.5%
Russell 2000	1,921.8	1,906.5	0.8%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,227.0	3,189.0	1.2%
Nikkei	28,175.9	27,932.2	0.9%
Hang Seng	20,201.9	20,174.0	0.1%
FTSE 100	7,439.7	7,448.1	-0.1%
DAX 30	13,573.9	13,662.7	-0.6%
CAC 40	6,472.4	6,513.4	-0.6%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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No major economic news today

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Forbidden Foods	0.115	0.095	21.1%
Dubber Corporation	0.680	0.660	3.0%
Selfwealth	0.200	0.195	2.6%
Jervois Mining	0.425	0.415	2.4%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	88.44	88.12	0.4%
Gold	1,774.4	1,790.3	-0.9%
Gold (Aus)	2,569.3	2,571.2	-0.1%
Silver	19.83	20.18	-1.7%
Uranium (Spot)	47.75	47.75	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	24,700	23,975	3.0%

Currency	Close	Prior	% Δ
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DX Index	106.66	105.76	0.9%
AUD/USD	0.6906	0.6963	-0.8%
AUD/GBP	0.5726	0.5727	0.0%
AUD/EUR	0.6790	0.6797	-0.1%
AUD/YEN	93.34	92.67	0.7%
AUD/NZD	1.1069	1.1057	0.1%
AUD/CAD	0.8937	0.8960	-0.3%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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VIX Index	21.15	21.44	-1.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.046	3.054	-1 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	2.676	2.697	-2 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.370	-0.357	-1 bp

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