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Futures +0.9% following very strong Friday night for equities.

- **Global markets.** It was a strong end to the week for global equities, with US stocks extending gains. All four of the major indices added over 1% on Friday, was the Nasdaq the front runner, gaining +2.0% for the day, followed by the S&P500 (+1.6%), Russell 2000 (+1.4%) and the Dow Jones (+1.2%). All jet indices finished green for the week, with the Dow Jones ending a 4-week losing streak.
- **In sector news,** all 11 sectors were green on Friday, **Information Tech, Communication Services** and **Consumer Discretionary** all added +2.1% each, while **Consumer Staples** was ~flat, adding +0.1%.
- **In other markets,** it was a solid day for commodities, as **WTI Crude** added +2.2% despite an early drop on a reported disagreement between Saudi and the UAE. **Gold** and **silver** were also up +1.2% and +1.8% respectively. In the currency market, the USD depreciated against a basket of goods, causing the **DX** to fall -0.4%, now sitting at 104.5. Finally, the **VIX** significantly eased off, falling -5.5% and closing at 18.5.
- **Yields.** Yields eased off across the board on Friday, as the 2-Year fell -3bps and the 10-year crossed below 4%, falling -11bps. This further inverted the 2-10-year spread, which ended at -90bp spread for the first time this cycle.
- **Futures.** Following the strong performance of US equities on Friday, the ASX is set to rise at the open, with ASX Futures up +63 points or +0.9% as of writing.
- **Economics.** It will be a busy week for economics, with the **RBA rate decision** due tomorrow, followed by a speech from Governor Lowe on Wednesday. Overseas, testimony from Jerome Powell, Euro and UK GDP figures, **US Non-Farm Payroll** data, China Inflation data and US and Canada unemployment figures amongst others will occur over the course of the week.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	7,484.0	7,460.0	0.3%
ASX 200	7,283.6	7,255.4	0.4%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,137.6	2,146.5	-0.4%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	33,391.0	33,003.6	1.2%
S&P500	4,045.6	3,981.4	1.6%
Nasdaq	11,689.0	11,463.0	2.0%
Russell 2000	1,928.3	1,902.7	1.3%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	3,328.4	3,310.7	0.5%
Nikkei	27,927.5	27,498.9	1.6%
Hang Seng	20,567.5	20,429.5	0.7%
FTSE 100	7,947.1	7,944.0	0.0%
DAX 30	15,578.4	15,327.6	1.6%
CAC 40	7,348.1	7,284.2	0.9%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	2,441.8	2,390.7	2.1%
Consumer Discretionary	1,135.5	1,111.9	2.1%
Communication Services	178.0	174.4	2.1%

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

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Hydralyte	0.080	0.070	14.3%
Lotus Resources	0.225	0.220	2.3%
Elementos	0.273	0.270	0.9%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	79.68	77.98	2.2%
Gold	1,859	1,836	1.2%
Gold (Aus)	2,750	2,729	0.8%
Silver	21.27	20.90	1.8%
Uranium (Spot)	50.50	50.50	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	24,750	24,645	0.4%
Copper	4.07	4.07	-0.1%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
DX Index	104.5	105.0	-0.4%
AUD/USD	0.6761	0.6730	0.5%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.861	4.893	-3 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.958	4.069	-11 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.903	-0.824	-8 bp
VIX Index	18.49	19.57	-5.5%