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Futures lower as Tesla/AT&T lose 10% overnight, global PMIs on deck

- Global markets. It was a volatile overnight session for US equities – driven by a mix of debt ceiling concerns, poor earnings from several bellweathers and hawkish Fed speak. For the session all major US indices were lower, for the S&P 500 (-0.6%) and Nasdaq (-0.8%) it was their worst session in nearly a month. In Europe stocks were also mostly lower, led by the DAX which lost 0.6% for the day.
- In company news, shares of Tesla fell ~10% in its worst session since January as the car maker reported weaker-than-expected margins on Wednesday aftermarket. Elsewhere, AT&T was also off 10% following results as revenues missed expectations.
- Economics. It was a reasonably busy night for data most of which painted a poor picture of the US macro backdrop weekly jobless claims came in above expectations, weak home sales data was released and a continued fall in the Conference Board's Leading Index (which printed -1.2% MoM vs -0.6% expected). Elsewhere, a host of Fed speakers delivered hawkish messages, including Waller, Mester, Logan, Bowman and Goolsbee.
- In other markets, the USD was broadly flat, oil and other commodities were mostly weak, gold was an exception, rising 0.5% as yields tumbled across the curve. Over the session the 2-year lost 10bps and 10-year 6bp. Finally, the VIX Index was modestly higher, to end at 17.17, on the day's slightly heightened equity market volatility.
- Futures lower. Given the poor lead from Wall Street, it appears local stocks will open lower when trading commences this morning – with ASX futures currently down by 38 points, or ~0.6% at the time of writing.
- Today's agenda will include Japanese inflation data at 9:30am this morning and is otherwise consumed by PMI prints across the globe, including here in Australia, the US, Eurozone, France, Germany and the UK.