

19 September 2023

**ASX to fall. Wall Street edges higher, stock futures little changed**

- **Global markets.** Stock futures were flat in overnight trading Monday as Wall Street readied for the start of the Federal Reserve's two-day September policy meeting.

Futures tied to the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 16 points, or 0.04%, while S&P 500 futures and Nasdaq 100 futures inched up 0.06% and 0.08%, respectively.

The major averages are coming off a largely flat session, with the S&P 500 inching up 0.07%. The Nasdaq Composite eked out a 0.01% gain, while the 30-stock Dow edged up 0.02%, or 6.06 points.

The Fed is not expected to raise rates this month, with traders pricing in a 99% probability that the central bank skips a hike, according to CME Group's FedWatch tool, a gauge of pricing in fed funds futures. Traders are bracing for a nearly 34% chance of a hike in November as of late Monday.

Six of the 11 major S&P sectors finished Monday's session positive, led by energy, with a 0.7% gain. Consumer discretionary was the worst-performing sector, falling about 1%.

- **In economic news.** Local: RBA board meeting minutes at 11.30am

NAB: "We expect the Minutes to reflect that minimal reassessment from the state of play in August. If the Minutes continue to reflect that a hike was considered, it will support the Banks current tightening bias."

Overseas data: Eurozone August CPI final at 7pm; US August housing starts and building permits at 10.30pm

- **In other markets.** The local currency edged higher, while the Bloomberg dollar spot index edged lower. The yield on the US 10-year note was 3 basis points lower to 4.30 per cent at 4.59pm in New York.

- **Futures.** ASX futures were down 21 points or 0.3% to 7214 near 7am AEST.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,428.1	7,482.6	-0.7%
ASX 200	7,230.4	7,279.0	-0.7%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,001.0	2,020.9	-1.0%

US Markets

Dow Jones	34,624.3	34,618.3	0.0%
S&P500	4,453.5	4,450.3	0.1%
Nasdaq	15,225.4	15,202.4	0.2%
Russell 2000	1,834.3	1,847.0	-0.7%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,125.9	3,117.7	0.3%
Nikkei	33,533.0	33,533.0	0.0%
Hang Seng	17,930.6	18,182.9	-1.4%
FTSE 100	7,653.0	7,711.4	-0.8%
DAX 30	15,727.1	15,893.5	-1.0%
CAC 40	7,276.2	7,378.8	-1.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,000.7	2,986.6	0.5%
Communication Services	230.3	229.7	0.3%
Consumer Discretionary	1,339.7	1,353.3	-1.0%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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AU - RBA Meeting Minutes	11:30		
Eurozone - Core Inflation Rate YoY	19:00	5.3%	5.5%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.275	0.280	-1.8%
Elementos	0.135	0.135	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.370	0.370	0.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	92.22	91.17	1.2%
Gold	1,934	1,923	0.6%
Gold (Aus)	3,004	2,990	0.5%
Silver	23.27	23.03	1.0%
Uranium (Spot)	68.00	68.00	0.0%
Tin (Futures)	25,703	25,703	0.0%
Copper	2.78	3.80	-26.8%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,206.0	7,243.0	-0.5%
DX Index	105.1	105.3	-0.2%
AUD/USD	0.6437	0.6427	0.2%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	5.056	5.037	2 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.301	4.334	-3 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.755	-0.703	-5 bp
VIX Index	14.01	13.80	1.5%