Market Daily Update

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Interest Rates (%)		
Australia		**Δ bp**
90-day Bill	4.95	0
3-year Bond	4.75	-2
10-year Bond	5.09	-2
US		
2-year	4.82	0
10-year	5.08	-4
Other 10-year		
Japan	2.86	-2
Germany	3.37	-1
UK	5.29	-8

FX		
AUD/USD	0.6719	-0.2%
AUD/JPY	107.10	-0.3%
AUD/EUR	0.6124	0.0%
AUD/GBP	0.5112	0.2%
AUD/NZD	1.2239	-0.1%
AUD/CNY	4.4808	-0.3%
EUR/USD	1.0971	-0.2%
USD/JPY	159.42	-0.1%
USD/CNY	6.6683	0.0%

RBA Policy	
O/N Cash Rate Target	4.85
Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.85
Probability of a 25bps Hike in Dec	2.7%
RBA Bond Holdings (30 Oct)	A$213.6b

Commodities US$		
WTI Crude Oil	82.80	-$2.85
Brent Crude Oil	91.95	-$1.19
Mogas95*	94.82	-$3.19
CRB Index	371.60	-8.79
Gold	3740.00	-$91.64
Silver	45.54	-$1.67
Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	88.10	$0.70
Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	94.92	-$0.06
Copper	12471.00	-$755.50

Equities		
ASX200	8713	-152
Dow Jones	50198	-561
S&P500	7324	-17
Stoxx600	644	-7
CSI300	3984	7

*Mogas95 is the Singapore benchmark petrol price closely linked to Australian domestic fuel prices.
**Iron ore is the second SGX futures contract.

US stocks continued to fall last night, dragged down by further sell-off in semiconductor stocks and more hawkish Fedspeak.

However, the pace of decline slowed markedly, with the S&P 500 falling by just 0.2% as information technology stocks other than semiconductor stocks picked up overnight. The tech-heavy Nasdaq closed 0.4% higher. Despite the upside surprise to its quarterly results, Nvidia stocks fell further last night and Moody's revising its credit outlook from positive to stable after the market close.

FOMC minutes confirmed that 'almost all' members of the Committee judged that – given elevated inflation and employment close to its maximum level – fed funds rate increases would 'likely be appropriate', with two members preferring a rate hike at the November meeting.

In a separate interview yesterday, Fed Governor Christopher Waller said that the FOMC needed to 'shock people', seeing an outsized 50bps fed funds rate hike in December as necessary to contain inflation, which is currently 'headed in the wrong direction'. He said that this would be an alternative to delivering 25bps hikes in both December and January.

Other Fed officials speaking overnight were a bit more reserved, but still called for rate hikes. Fed Governor Michael Barr said that further tightening was 'appropriate', but did not voice any opinion regarding its pace. San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly insisted that rate hikes are 'thoughtful' and 'measured'.

The market continues to fully price in a 25bps fed funds hike in December, with two more increases expected next year.

Despite the hawkish communication from the Fed, US long-term Treasury yields fell last night. This was due to a fall in oil prices yesterday due to reports pointing to a rise in US inventories last week.

The Australian dollar has depreciated further, with the AUD/USD approaching its 2026 lows. Commonwealth bond yields declined across the yield curve. The ASX 200 closed 0.7% lower yesterday, before opening even lower this morning.

Data-wise, the Australian wage price index increased a seasonally adjusted 1.1% in Q3 2026. This was slightly more than the 1.0% expected by market participants and the most since Q4 2023. The strong increase reflected the 4.75% annual national minimum wage review increase by the Fair Work Commission and pay rises for state government front-line workers covered by enterprise agreements.

The ABS also released the state accounts for 2025-26 yesterday, showing positive gross state product growth rates across all Australian states and territories. Among states, the strongest increase of 3.1% was recorded for Queensland, while Victoria saw the weakest gain of 1.7%. Western Australian gross state product rose by 2.4%, with state final demand up by 3.6%.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** Wage Price Index (QoQ, Q3) – Expected 1.0%, Previous 0.8%.

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** Employment (monthly change, Oct) – Expected 25.0k, Previous -39.3k.
- **AU:** Unemployment Rate (Oct) – Expected 4.7%, Previous 4.7%.