Market Daily Update

27 OCTOBER 2026

Interest Rates (%)		
Australia		**Δ bp**
90-day Bill	4.85	0
3-year Bond	4.86	-1
10-year Bond	5.17	-2
US		
2-year	4.71	2
10-year	4.99	0
Other 10-year		
Japan	2.81	-2
Germany	3.37	2
UK	5.34	-1

FX		
AUD/USD	0.7019	-0.1%
AUD/JPY	110.57	0.1%
AUD/EUR	0.6281	0.2%
AUD/GBP	0.5260	0.1%
AUD/NZD	1.2333	-0.1%
AUD/CNY	4.6837	-0.2%
EUR/USD	1.1175	-0.4%
USD/JPY	157.51	0.2%
USD/CNY	6.6700	0.0%

RBA Policy	
O/N Cash Rate Target	4.60
Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.60
Probability of a 25bps Hike in Nov	62.2%
RBA Bond Holdings (30 Sep)	A$214.7b

Commodities US$		
WTI Crude Oil	101.27	-$0.55
Brent Crude Oil	115.13	-$0.16
Mogas95*	132.04	$2.86
CRB Index	414.94	-3.66
Gold	4015.68	$29.64
Silver	54.00	$0.01
Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	89.65	-$0.55
Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	95.77	-$0.07
Copper	14327.50	$5.00

Equities		
ASX200	8781	28
Dow Jones	52362	146
S&P500	7677	53
Stoxx600	641	5
CSI300	4104	-2

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

US equities closed higher for the first time in three days, with the S&P 500 recording its best day since 2 October. Information technology led the gains, supported by a rebound in AI-related shares, with sentiment also boosted by news that AI developer Anthropic had filed paperwork for an initial public offering.

US Treasury yields edged higher at the short end of the curve. In other bond market news, US investment-grade issuance has reportedly reached a record US$1.76 trillion so far in 2026, surpassing the previous annual high of US$1.75 trillion in 2020. This includes more than US$300 billion in AI-related funding.

Brent crude futures climbed above US$117 a barrel before easing amid reports of renewed diplomatic efforts to end the US-Iran war, although concerns about further escalation remain elevated.

European shares rose, supported by lower French government bond yields after Moody's affirmed France's sovereign credit rating late Friday, while retaining a negative outlook.

In the Asia-Pacific region, selling in AI-related and other technology shares pushed markets lower in South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. China's CSI 300 was virtually unchanged, while Hong Kong shares closed higher.

At home, the ASX 200 recovered from early losses yesterday to open the week with a 0.2% gain as strength in mining stocks offset weakness in financials. Despite the positive US lead, the market opened lower this morning, with financials again weighing on the index in early trade. Australian bond yields eased yesterday and are relatively steady this morning. The AUD/USD peaked at US$0.7040 yesterday before easing as the US dollar strengthened.

Iron ore futures dipped below US$90 a tonne in early trade today but remain within the relatively narrow range seen through most of October. The London Metal Exchange rose 0.2% yesterday, as a 0.8% fall in nickel prices was offset by gains in other metals. Copper prices were almost unchanged.

The Chicago Fed National Activity Index, a weighted average of 85 activity indicators, rose in September, with positive contributions from production and sales-related indicators offsetting negative contributions from the labour market, consumption and housing. The three-month moving average of 0.03 suggests economic growth is slightly above its historical average.

The weekly ANZ-Roy Morgan consumer confidence index rose 0.2pts to 67.9 in the week ending 25 October driven by improved financial and economic confidence. However, the level remains depressed. Expectations for inflation two-years ahead rose 0.1ppts to a seven-week high of 6.3%.

Economic Data Review

- AU: ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence (w/e 25 Oct) – Actual 67.9, Previous 67.7.
- **US**: Chicago Fed National Activity Index (Sep) – Actual 0.07, Expected -0.10, Previous -0.08 (revised).

Economic Data Preview

- **US**: Durable Goods Orders (MoM, Sep) – Expected 1.9%, Previous -0.1%.
- **US**: Conference Board Consumer Confidence (Oct) – Expected 81, Previous 81.9.