Market Daily Update

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Interest Rates			FX			Commodities		
Australia		**∆ bp**	AUD/USD	0.7127	-0.1%	WTI Crude Oil	104.86	$2.19
90-day Bill	4.68	1	AUD/JPY	110.62	0.3%	Brent Crude Oil	107.79	$0.83
3-year Bond	4.99	0	AUD/EUR	0.6177	0.0%	Mogas95*	135.18	$1.12
10-year Bond	5.36	0	AUD/GBP	0.5290	0.1%	CRB Index	429.12	5.25
			AUD/NZD	1.2395	0.4%	Gold	4283.74	-$3.13
			AUD/CNY	4.7861	-0.2%	Silver	63.70	$0.76
US			EUR/USD	1.1538	-0.1%	Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	95.40	-$0.25
2-year	4.65	-1	USD/JPY	155.22	0.4%	Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	97.46	-$0.04
10-year	4.99	0	USD/CNY	6.7117	0.0%	Copper	14083.50	$82.50
			RBA Policy			**Equities**		
			O/N Cash Rate Target		4.35	ASX200	8703	-6
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate		4.35	Dow Jones	52093	-328
Japan	3.04	3	Probability of a 25bps Hike in Sep		78.0%	S&P500	7586	-34
Germany	3.54	2	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Aug)		A$227.4b	Stoxx600	634	-2
UK	5.39	2				CSI300	4450	-30

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

Global stock markets were a sea of red yesterday, as oil prices resumed climbing and tonight's FOMC decision added to investor anxiety. In addition to a widely expected fed funds rate hike, the FOMC will also deliver its updated projections, including the 'dot plot' interest rate forecasts, with an upward revision highly likely.

The S&P 500 lost 0.4% yesterday, following similar declines in Europe and even stronger falls across the Asia-Pacific region. US Treasury yields were little changed overnight, but the US dollar appreciated.

Oil prices resumed climbing overnight, with Brent and WTI futures reaching fresh four-month highs. Brent futures are now heading towards US$110 per barrel. The rebound in oil prices overnight reflected three factors.

First, Saudi Arabia has notified several European refiners that some September oil deliveries have been cancelled or postponed. Second, operations at three Libyan oil sites were suspended due to a pipeline closure. Third, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy denied claims by US President Donald Trump about a deal between Ukraine and Russia to cease attacks on energy facilities, with attacks on Russian facilities continuing yesterday.

The Australian dollar depreciated a little further against the stronger greenback, but AUD/USD remains visibly above the US$0.70 mark. The AUD appreciated against the Japanese yen and British pound. Commonwealth bond yields were broadly steady yesterday.

The ASX 200 dropped by 0.9% yesterday, though gains and losses were almost evenly split across sectors. Materials led the losses amid lower commodity prices, while healthcare recorded the largest increase. The Australian share market opened slightly higher this morning.

Chinese economic activity data for August were again largely underwhelming. Retail sales growth slowed to just 0.4% YoY, while urban fixed asset investment recorded its sharpest fall since 2020, down 7.2% YoY YtD, with property investment posting its largest fall on record (-19.9% YoY YtD).

Chinese industrial production remained a bright spot in August, with growth accelerating to 5.2%, above market expectations, mainly due to a slower decline in mining. Production of electric vehicles also continued to grow at a solid pace, while steel output declined by 3.6% over the year to August.

Economic Data Review

- **CN:** Retail Sales (YoY, Aug) – Actual 0.4%, Expected 0.8%, Previous 0.6%.
- **CN:** Industrial Production (YoY, Aug) – Actual 5.2%, Expected 4.8%, Previous 4.5%.
- **CN:** Urban Fixed Income Asset Investment (YoY YtD, Aug) – Actual -7.2%, Expected -7.1%, Previous -6.7%.

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** Westpac Leading Index (MoM, Aug) – Previous 0.0%.
- **UK:** CPI (YoY, Aug) – Expected 3.1%, Previous 2.9%.
- **US:** Retail Sales (MoM, Aug) – Expected 0.8%, Previous -0.6%.
- **US:** FOMC Decision (Fed Funds Rate Target Range) – Expected 3.75-4.00%, Previous 3.50-3.75%.