Market Daily Update

10 MARCH 2026

Interest Rates		
Australia		**Δ bp**
90-day Bill	4.07	-1
3-year Bond	4.45	-12
10-year Bond	4.84	-12
US		
2-year	3.55	-5
10-year	4.10	-8
Other 10-year		
Japan	2.16	-5
Germany	2.86	0
UK	4.65	2

FX		
AUD/USD	0.7074	1.6%
AUD/JPY	111.55	1.1%
AUD/EUR	0.6084	0.7%
AUD/GBP	0.5265	0.6%
AUD/NZD	1.1924	0.2%
AUD/CNY	4.8639	0.4%
EUR/USD	1.1627	0.9%
USD/JPY	157.69	-0.5%
USD/CNY	6.9070	0.0%

RBA Policy	
O/N Cash Rate Target	3.85
Interbank O/N Cash Rate	3.85
Probability of a 25bps Hike in Mar	17.7%
RBA Bond Holdings (27 Feb)	A$250.0b

Commodities		
WTI Crude Oil	88.76	-$18.75
Brent Crude Oil	92.55	-$15.48
Mogas95*	113.51	-$13.08
CRB Index	356.89	4.77
Gold	5133.52	$88.85
Silver	87.05	$5.93
Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	103.70	$1.45
Iron Ore (25-26 Average)	102.94	$0.01
Copper	12954.00	$92.00

Equities		
ASX200	8721	207
Dow Jones	47741	239
S&P500	6796	56
Stoxx600	595	-4
CSI300	4615	-45

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

US equities bounced last night, while Brent futures dropped below US$100 a barrel, as the Group of Seven hinted at possible oil supply support and US President Donald Trump hinted that 'the war is very complete'. US Treasury yields dropped quite sharply, while the US dollar slipped. The gold price climbed amid heightened uncertainty.

The Group of Seven (G7) finance ministers met yesterday, after which they said that they were ready to prop up the global oil supply, dwindling due to the Strait of Hormuz blockade and attacks on Middle East oil facilities. One of the possible solutions discussed by the ministers was a release of strategic reserves held by the member states. Reuters estimates that the G7 holds around 900 million barrels of oil, equivalent to nine days of global oil consumption.

US President Donald Trump said that the war in the Middle East will end 'pretty quickly', with operations in Iran being 'ahead of' their timeline. However, he added that the US has not 'won enough' in the war and that he is 'not happy' with the new Iranian supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei. The attacks on Iran continued overnight, with drone counterattacks from Iran on US Middle Eastern allies.

The improvement in sentiment during the US session followed heavy losses in Europe and the Asia-Pacific yesterday. The ASX 200 dropped by 2.9% yesterday, the most since April 2025, when 'reciprocal' tariffs were first introduced. The drop was quite broad-based, with energy being the only sector that saw a gain amid a surge in oil prices over the weekend. The Aussie share market opened sharply higher this morning.

The Australian dollar appreciated against all major currencies, while Commonwealth bond yields dropped more than their US equivalents.

Data-wise, New York Fed inflation expectations ebbed to 3.0% for the one-year horizon in February, while holding steady at the same level for longer horizons. The survey predated the escalation of the Middle Eastern conflict in March.

Across the Pacific, Chinese consumer price inflation bounced to 1.3% in February, supported by a recovery in food price growth and a rapid acceleration in services amid higher demand due to the Lunar New Year celebrations. Producer price deflation slowed to 0.9%, the narrowest pace of decline since mid-2024.

In Australia, Westpac consumer confidence picked up by 1.2% in March, but remained low at just 91.6 points. No further details are known at the time of writing. The ANZ Roy Morgan equivalent dropped by 3.7% last week, with consumer inflation expectations surging to a three-year high of 6.1%.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** Westpac Consumer Sentiment (MoM, Mar) – Actual 1.2%, Previous -2.6%.
- **CH:** CPI (YoY, Feb) – Actual 1.3%, Expected 0.9%, Previous 0.2%.
- **CH:** PPI (YoY, Feb) – Actual -0.9%, Expected -1.1%, Previous -1.4%.
- **US:** New York Fed One-year Inflation Expectations (Feb) – Actual 3.0%, Previous 3.1%.

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** NAB Business Survey (Feb) – Previous 7 (Conditions) and 3 (Confidence).
- **AU:** Total Value of Dwellings (Feb) – Previous 2.7%.
- **CH:** Trade Balance (Jan-Feb) – Expected US$188b.
- **US:** NFIB Small Business Optimism (Feb) – Previous 99.3.