Market Daily Update

24 AUGUST 2026

Interest Rates			FX			Commodities		
Australia		∆ bp	AUD/USD	0.7171	0.7%	WTI Crude Oil	86.06	-$0.07
90-day Bill	4.49	0	AUD/JPY	113.87	0.5%	Brent Crude Oil	93.36	$0.25
3-year Bond	4.55	-1	AUD/EUR	0.6137	0.7%	Mogas95*	114.26	$0.70
10-year Bond	5.03	-1	AUD/GBP	0.5253	0.6%	CRB Index	406.24	2.83
			AUD/NZD	1.1997	0.3%	Gold	4605.27	$90.85
			AUD/CNY	4.8245	0.9%	Silver	69.01	$0.99
US			EUR/USD	1.1684	0.0%	Iron Ore (61% Fe)**	96.70	$0.85
2-year	4.22	4	USD/JPY	158.78	-0.2%	Iron Ore (26-27 Average)	97.14	-$0.02
10-year	4.72	2	USD/CNY	6.7212	-0.1%	Copper	14215.50	$179.00
			RBA Policy			**Equities**		
			O/N Cash Rate Target	4.35		ASX200	9087	23
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.35		Dow Jones	53277	518
Japan	2.90	1	Probability of a 25bps Hike in Sep	12.0%		S&P500	7674	33
Germany	3.26	0	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Jul)	A$227.4b		Stoxx600	654	4
UK	5.06	-1				CSI300	4619	26

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

Wall Street ended a volatile week higher, supported by data showing a strong rise in US business activity. However, the rebound was not enough to prevent the S&P 500 from recording its first weekly decline in nearly a month. The sell-off in US Treasuries continued, pushing yields higher, with the 10-year yield posting its highest close since July. The US dollar index was steady near three-month lows after falling sharply earlier in the week.

The gains in the US followed a positive session in Europe, where the Stoxx 600 rose for the first time in eight days. Asia-Pacific markets mainly closed higher after a difficult week. Australian shares fell for the seventh time in eight days to be among the few regional markets that closed in the red. However, the ASX 200 has opened higher this morning.

Australian government bond yields followed with US Treasury yields higher on Friday, before falling back this morning, while improved risk sentiment lifted the Australian dollar against all major currencies.

The US-Iran standoff and US threats of secondary sanctions on countries trading with Iran continued to support petroleum prices. Copper rose to a fresh all-time high on strong demand, iron ore futures remained in a narrow range, and gold closed at a three-month high.

The US flash PMI rose 1.5pts to 56.0 in August, its highest level since April 2022, as a surge in services activity more than offset slower manufacturing growth. The softer manufacturing result was partly attributed to supply delays. The employment index reached a seven-month high, while price pressures eased but remained elevated, with respondents citing energy prices, supply chain issues and tariffs as key cost drivers.

Elsewhere, Japan's flash PMI showed business activity expanding at its fastest pace in six months, while inflation eased but remained elevated. The euro area PMI pointed to slightly faster expansion, led by manufacturing, with price pressures easing but still above normal levels.

Trade tensions have returned to the headlines. The Trump administration imposed a 50% tariff on an estimated US$20 billion of imports from Canada after trade talks collapsed on Friday. Canada has suspended negotiations and will retaliate with tariffs on US$20 billion worth of US goods from 8 September.

Domestic highlights this week include the RBA Board minutes on Tuesday, July CPI and Q2 construction work done on Wednesday, and July household spending and Q2 private sector capex on Thursday.

Offshore highlights include US personal income and outlays for July, including the Fed's preferred PCE inflation measure, and the Fed's annual Jackson Hole economic policy symposium later in the week.

Economic Data Review

- **JP:** S&P Global Composite PMI (Aug, flash) – 53.4, Previous 52.7.
- **JP:** CPI (YoY, Jul) – Actual 1.9%, Expected 1.9%, Previous 1.6%.
- **EZ:** S&P Global Composite PMI (Aug, flash) – Actual 52.1, Expected 51.7, Previous 52.0.
- **UK:** S&P Global Composite PMI (Aug, flash) – Actual 52.5, Expected 51.6, Previous 52.2.
- **US:** S&P Global Composite PMI (Aug, flash) – Actual 56.0, Expected 54.0, Previous 54.5.

Economic Data Preview

- **US:** Chicago Fed National Activity Index (Jul) – Expected, -0.05, Previous -0.02.