Market Daily Update

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Interest Rates			FX			Commodities US$		
Australia		**Δ bp**	AUD/USD	0.6488	-0.2%	WTI Crude Oil	59.75	-$0.91
90-day Bill	3.64	-1	AUD/JPY	101.93	0.9%	Brent Crude Oil	63.51	-$1.38
3-year Bond	3.77	6	AUD/EUR	0.5627	0.2%	Mogas95*	77.70	-$2.42
10-year Bond	4.47	5	AUD/GBP	0.4971	0.5%	CRB Index	299.24	-4.12
			AUD/NZD	1.1559	0.5%	Gold	4106.35	$31.30
			AUD/CNY	4.5996	-0.7%	Silver	51.77	$0.99
US			EUR/USD	1.1530	-0.5%	Iron Ore (62% Fe)**	104.30	$0.35
2-year	3.61	4	USD/JPY	157.11	1.1%	Iron Ore (25-26 Average)	103.03	$0.01
10-year	4.15	4	USD/CNY	7.1140	0.1%	Copper	10752.50	$33.00
			RBA Policy			**Equities**		
			O/N Cash Rate Target	3.60		ASX200	8536	62
Other 10-year			Interbank O/N Cash Rate	3.60		Dow Jones	46139	47
Japan	1.80	4	Probability of a 25bps Cut in Dec	8.5%		S&P500	6642	25
Germany	2.71	0	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Oct)	A$272.1b		Stoxx600	562	0
UK	4.60	5				CSI300	4588	20

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

US stocks saw modest gains last night, mainly thanks to gains early in the session, which followed losses during the previous four trading days. The gains were led by information technology, but several sectors still closed in the red. The widely expected Nvidia report came out after the market close, with the revenue forecast surprising to the upside, allowing for US futures to rise further.

The ASX 200 opened sharply higher this morning after declining by 0.3% yesterday to its lowest level since early June. Commonwealth bond yields followed their US equivalents higher. The Australian dollar appreciated against all the major currencies except the stronger US dollar.

Minutes from the last FOMC meeting further strengthened the case against monetary policy easing at the next meeting in December, with ‘many’ participants suggesting that it would be ‘appropriate’ to keep the fed funds rate unchanged for the rest of the year as opposed to ‘several’ seeing a case for a rate cut. Moreover, it turned out that the US labour market data for October will not be released before the December meeting, resulting in the FOMC making the decision half-blindfolded, which weakened the case for any move.

Following the above information, the probability of a December rate cut fell to around 30% from around 45% before the release. US Treasury yields picked up a little, while the US dollar appreciated.

Data-wise, according to a report delayed by the US Government shutdown, the US trade deficit narrowed to US$59.6b in September, as exports picked up by 0.1% and imports fell by 5.1%. This followed the re-introduction of ‘reciprocal’ tariffs for many countries in early August.

The UK CPI rose by 0.4% in October, in line with market expectations, while the annual rate of consumer price inflation declined by 0.2ppts to a four-month low of 3.8%. Annual core inflation declined to 3.4%, the lowest since March, while services price inflation reached 4.5%, the slowest so far this year.

In Australia, the wage price index rose by 0.8% QoQ and 3.4% YoY in Q3, in line with market expectations and same as a quarter before. The steady increase came as a faster rise in public sector wages, particularly on a state government level, was offset by a slowdown in private sector wages. By industry, retail trade and hospitality saw the strongest quarterly gains, most likely due to the annual minimum and award wage review, but the strongest contribution to quarterly wages growth came from health care and social assistance.

Yesterday also saw the release of the Westpac leading index, which picked up by 0.1% in October. The six-month annualised growth rate, which signals the pace of economic activity growth relative to trend three to nine months ahead, picked up by 0.4%, somewhat faster than the 0.1% reported for September.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** Wage Price Index (QoQ, Q3) – Actual 0.8%, Expected 0.8%, Previous 0.8%.
- **AU:** Westpac Leading Index (MoM, Oct) – Actual 0.1%, Previous 0.0%.
- **US:** Trade Balance (Sep) – Actual -US$59.6b, Expected -US$60.4b, Previous -US$78.2b (revised).

Economic Data Preview

- **US:** Non-farm Payrolls (monthly change, Sep) – Expected 51k, Previous 22k.
- **US:** Unemployment Rate (Sep) – Expected 4.3%, Previous 4.3%.