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Weekly Market Report

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BRENT CRUDE W/W	US 10YR YIELD	ASX 200 W/W	AUD/USD
+9.1%	4.58% +11bps	−0.4%	69.41 −0.2%

COMMENTARY

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A tougher week for financial markets as the peace talks between the US and Iran looked to be on the brink of collapse as both countries resumed military action, while tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) also slowed to a standstill.

Energy prices responded to the new outbreak of hostilities with Brent oil up 9.1% w/w and now seemingly set to push back towards US$85–90/bbl. With inflationary pressures remaining elevated, further instability across energy markets will only add to central bank pressures to increase cash rates in the 2H26. With the recent Fed minutes highlighting that the FOMC remains open to further rate tightening, a worsening outlook for a resolution in the Middle East will only add to that pressure. For the US Administration, the ability to find an off-ramp is becoming increasingly more challenging. If Trump loses the ability to negotiate with Iran, the potential for a widening of the conflict cannot be ruled out and will add to market nervousness in the near term.

This week sees the release of US Consumer Price Index (CPI)/Producer Price Index (PPI) data alongside retail sales, building/housing starts and University of Michigan consumer surveys. While CPI is set to decline (−0.4% pcp), Core CPI is forecast to remain at 2.9% y/y, while PPI is forecast to increase by 0.3% to 5.2% y/y. All up, the numbers will not take the heat off the US Fed, despite a softening labour market outlook.

Domestically, the release of both consumer and business confidence data will be the focus. Previous reports highlighted the sharp drop in consumer sentiment to a multi-decade low — an important barometer for household discretionary spend through the 2H26 given that further rate rises by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) remain in play amid persistent inflationary pressures. In China, the release of 2Q26 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to show a slowing economy (4.5% y/y, −0.5% pcp). With the malaise in the property market continuing and showing few signs of a rebound, domestic consumption is set to remain flat.

Asset class returns

ASSET CLASS	BENCHMARK	1 WK	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	1 YR P.A.
Aust Eq (lge)	S&P/ASX 200 (Accum)	−0.4%	0.1%	−0.9%	1.5%	5.9%
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Aust Industrials	S&P/ASX 200 Industrials (Accum)	0.7%	3.3%	0.6%	−0.1%	−3.5%
Aust Resources	S&P/ASX 200 Resources (Accum)	−2.8%	−7.3%	−4.4%	6.3%	43.3%
Global Eq (unh)	MSCI AC World (unh) Accum	−0.3%	2.8%	10.2%	4.5%	15.6%
Global Eq (hdg)	MSCI AC World (hdg) Accum	−0.2%	1.8%	9.5%	9.6%	25.1%
Global Eq (sml unh)	MSCI World SMID Cap Index	−1.0%	0.0%	5.2%	7.8%	19.5%
Global Eq (EM unh)	MSCI Emerging Markets (unh) Accum	−1.9%	0.3%	12.7%	11.7%	32.6%
AREITs	S&P/ASX 200 AREIT (Accum)	−1.3%	−2.1%	7.4%	−6.0%	−3.8%
GREITs	EPRA NAREIT (ex-Aust) hdg (Accum)	−0.3%	0.7%	4.1%	8.9%	16.4%
Global Infra (A$ hdg)	S&P Gbl Infrastructure A$ (Hdg) TR	−0.3%	1.4%	1.4%	10.6%	18.2%
Global Infra (A$ unhdg)	S&P Gbl Infrastructure A$ TR	−0.3%	2.2%	1.7%	5.8%	10.7%
Aust Fixed Income	BBerg Aus Bond Composite Index (0+yrs)	−0.1%	0.3%	2.3%	1.5%	1.9%
Global Fixed Income	BarCap Global Agg Index (AUD hdg)	−0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	3.0%
Aust Cash	BBerg Aust Bond Bank Bill Index	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	2.0%	3.9%

Bond markets

	2YR %	3YR %	5YR %	10YR %
Australia	4.48^{+4}	4.46^{+7}	4.51^{+8}	4.87^{+8}
United States	4.23^{+12}	4.27^{+13}	4.33^{+13}	4.58^{+11}
United Kingdom	4.22^{+10}	4.30^{+10}	4.41^{+10}	4.87^{+8}
Japan	1.43^{+4}	1.65^{0}	1.97^{+3}	2.74^{-9}
Europe	2.65^{+10}	2.66^{+11}	2.76^{+10}	3.07^{+12}

Superscript = weekly change in bps

Commodities

	1 WK	1 MTH	3 MTHS
Barclay Cmdty Index (TR US$)	1.0%	−1.7%	−4.3%
Gold (US$/oz)	−2.0%	−3.3%	−13.9%
Crude Oil — Brent (US$/bbl)	9.1%	−8.8%	−10.1%
Copper	0.5%	−1.7%	3.2%
Iron Ore — Qingdao 62% fines	1.2%	−1.9%	−3.2%

S&P/ASX sectors

SECTOR	1 WK	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	1 YR
Energy	4.0%	−6.5%	−11.6%	16.9%	13.0%
Materials	−3.8%	−6.9%	−2.0%	2.4%	38.7%
Industrials	−1.4%	−1.4%	4.0%	−2.2%	0.7%
Consumer Disc	0.6%	3.8%	13.6%	−1.3%	−5.0%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	1.1%	2.9%	11.7%	8.5%
Healthcare	−2.3%	11.7%	−3.3%	−21.2%	−36.1%
Financials	2.3%	5.5%	−4.4%	4.2%	1.8%
AREITs	−1.2%	−3.1%	6.3%	−7.5%	−6.8%
IT	−1.1%	−2.1%	14.6%	−16.5%	−37.1%
Comm Services	−0.2%	−3.8%	−7.2%	−7.7%	−13.2%
Utilities	−0.2%	−7.9%	−12.0%	−0.3%	−3.7%
Banks	2.8%	5.8%	−9.9%	0.9%	0.9%

Currencies

PAIR	RATE	1 WK	1 MTH	3 MTHS
AUD/USD	69.41	−0.2%	−1.5%	−2.2%
AUD/GBP	51.87	−0.1%	−1.3%	−1.3%
AUD/EUR	60.89	0.1%	0.0%	0.9%
AUD/JPY	112.43	−0.3%	−0.4%	−0.6%
GBP/USD	1.3382	−0.1%	−0.2%	−0.9%
EUR/USD	114.00	−0.4%	−1.5%	−3.1%
USD/JPY	161.97	−0.1%	1.1%	1.6%
Aust TWI	65.10	0.0%	−0.8%	−0.5%

Source: Bloomberg, Infinity Asset Management