

Morning Report 17 March 2021

US share markets The Dow Jones index closed down by 127.5 points or 0.4%. The S&P 500 index was lower by 0.2%. But the Nasdaq index gained almost 12 points or 0.1%.

Australian share markets S&P/ASX200 edged 0.8% higher yesterday. SPI200 futures are up 26 points suggesting a positive opening to the day's trade. The S&P/ASX200 benchmark index closed higher by 54.1 points, or 0.8 percent, to 6827.1 on Tuesday. The index closed above 6800 points for the first time in more than a week.

European share market were softer as their vaccine rollout faced uncertainties regarding the use of the AstraZenica vaccine. The FTSE100 fell 0.2% as did the French CAC40 while the German Dax index was down 0.3%.

Global oil prices Brent crude fell by US49 cents or 0.7% to US\$68.39 a barrel. And the US Nymex price lost US59 cents or 0.9% to US\$64.80 a barrel.

Base metals On Tuesday, base metal prices dropped sharply ahead of central bank meetings, owing to concerns about inflation. Copper dropped the most (-2.2%), followed by zinc (-1.7%) and lead (-1.2%). (-1.5 percent). Tin, on the other hand, was up 0.7 percent.

Major currencies The Euro fell from highs near US\$1.1951 to lows near US\$1.1882 and was near US\$1.1905 at the US close. The Aussie dollar fell from highs near US77.56 cents to lows near US77.12 cents and was near US77.45 cents at the US close.

Global Indices	Latest Prices		
	Level	chg	% chg
US Dow Jones	32825.95	-127.51	-0.4
US S&P500	3962.71	-6.23	-0.2
US Nasdaq	13471.57	11.859	
UK FTSE	6803.61	53.91	0.8
German Dax	14557.58	96.16	0.7
Toronto Composite	18874.01	-80.74	-0.4
ASX24 Futures (night)	6803	-30	-0.4
ASX200 (yesterday)	6827.10		
Shanghai (yesterday)	3446.73	26.7878	0.8
Japan Nikkei (y'day)	29921.09	154.12	0.5
US Volatility (Vix)	19.91		

Commodities			
Oil Brent (\$US/b)	68.39	-0.49	-0.71
Oil Nymex (\$US/b)	64.80	-0.59	-0.9
Spot Gold (\$US/oz)	1731.20		
Gold futures (\$US/oz)	1730.90	-1.70	0.1
Spot Iron Ore (\$US/t)	166.30	2.65	1.6
Iron Ore futures (\$US/t)	167.24		
Thermal coal (\$US/t)	90.50	0.00	0.1
Coking coal (CNY/t)	1566		
Aluminium (\$US/t)	2178.00	-14.75	-0.7
Copper (\$US/t)	8964.50	-199.75	-2.2
Nickel (\$US/t)	16105.00	-63.76	-0.4
Zinc (\$US/t)	2790.50	-48.25	-1.7
Tin (\$US/t)	26405.00	193.00	0.7

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Forex		
	Current	Aust 4pm
AUD/USD	0.7746	0.7751
EUR/USD	1.1905	1.1937
USD/JPY	108.99	109.17
GBP/USD	1.3894	1.3869
AUD TWI 4pm	64.5	

Fixed Interest		
US 10 year (%)	1.6197	0.01
US 2 year (%)	0.151	0.00
Aust 10 year (%)	1.726	0.02
Aust 3 year (%)	0.11	0.01

TOP GAINERS & TOP LOSERS

Top Gainers			
Name	Last Price	%Change	Vol.
URW	5.64	0.22	4.06
CKF	10.41	0.28	2.76
BVS	2.71	0.07	2.65
ZIP	8.91	0.16	1.83
WTC	27.89	0.59	2.16

Top Gainers			
Name	Last Price	%Change	Vol.
CTD	20.93	-1.31	-5.89
PRN	1.058	-0.048	-4.30
NWH	2.10	-0.09	-3.90
ING	3.45	-0.12	-3.36
S32	2.695	-0.095	-3.41

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