

Headlines

OVERSEAS MARKETS

Major currencies were stronger against the US dollar.

Wall Street finished at record highs in Thursday's session, lifted by energy stocks. The S&P energy sector was up 2% as oil prices hit a near four-year high, boosted by lower crude inventories and a fall in US production. Delta Air Lines finished 4.8% higher after reporting an optimistic quarterly profit and predicting a double benefit from the tax cuts. Xerox rose 5.1% on speculation of a takeover from Fujifilm. Investors are now turning their attention to the start of the reporting season, where strong quarterly earnings and savings from the tax cuts are expected.

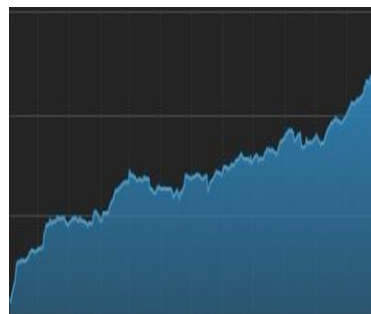
The S&P 500 added 0.7%, and the Dow and Nasdaq gained 0.81%.

Disappointing company updates, a stronger Euro, and a sell-off in the bond market saw European shares finish lower. The market fell after the ECB's December meeting minutes showed that the ECB would re-visit its policy message early in 2018. Adding to the decline was the stronger Euro, up 1% against the USD. In the UK, Marks & Spencer and Tesco reported disappointing Christmas season updates. Pandora fell close to 11% after reporting that its 2017 revenue came in below expectations and announced it expected profit margins to fall over the next few years.

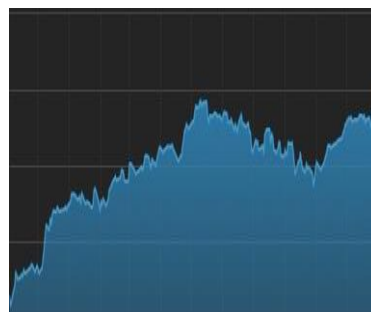
The STOXX 600 fell 0.34%, the Dax dropped 0.59, while the FTSE 100 added 0.19%.

Data on US inflation and retail sales, and Chinese trade is released.

DOW JONES ONE-YEAR CHART



STOXX 600 ONE-YEAR CHART



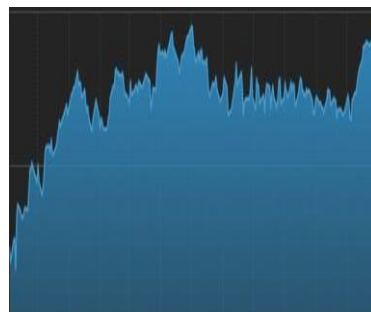
AUSTRALIAN MARKET

The Australian dollar ended US trade near US\$ 0.7888.

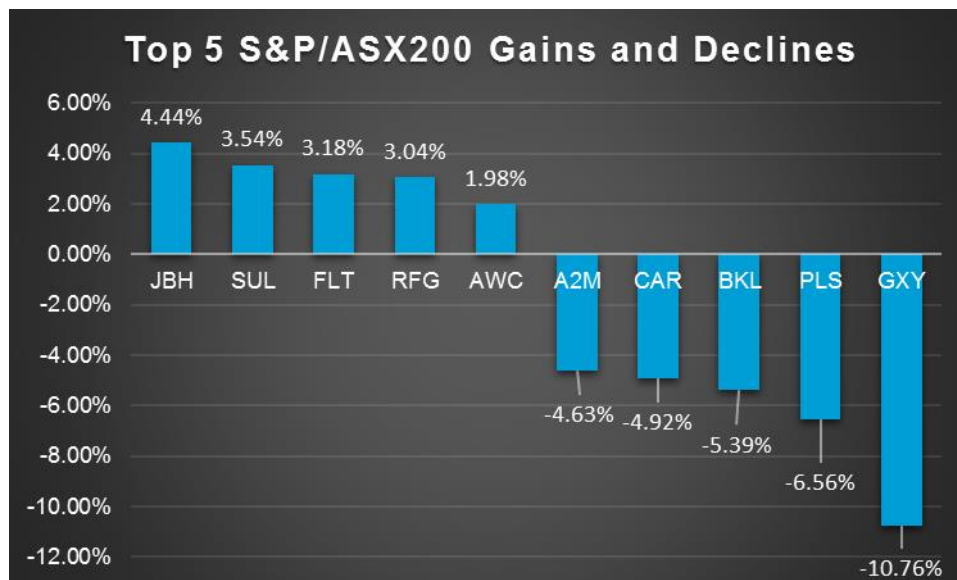
Australian shares fell in yesterday's session, weighed down by banks. The big lenders were between 0.2–0.8% lower. NAB was the only bank to buck the trend, up 0.1%. There was also a notable decline among the lithium miners with Galaxy Resources, Mineral Resources, Orocobre, and Pilbara down between 3.3–10.8%. Also out yesterday was the retail sales data for November; retail sales jumped 1.2%, up from October's 0.5% rise, beating economists' expectations. Some of the retailers that made advances after the data release include Retail Food Group, Harvey Norman, and Super Retail Group.

The ASX 200 and All Ords each fell 0.48%.

ASX 200 ONE-YEAR CHART



TOP ASX 200 MOVERS (PREVIOUS TRADING DAY)



MARKET DATA

Indices	Close	Change	FX	Close	Change	Commodities	Price (\$US)	Change	AU Bonds	Rates
ASX 200	6068	-0.48%	\$A/\$US	0.7891	0.16%	Gold	\$1,320.49	0.44%	1 Year	1.92
SPI Futures	6030	0.28%	\$A/\$NZ	1.087	-0.16%	Silver	\$16.99	0.31%	2 Year	2.03
Nikkei 225	23710	-0.33%	\$A/€	0.6557	-0.08%	Platinum	\$983.80	1.32%	3 Year	2.14
Hang Seng	31120	0.15%	\$A/£	0.5829	0.37%	Brent Crude	\$69.14	-0.10%	4 Year	2.25
Dow	25575	0.81%	\$A/¥	87.76	0.46%	Natural Gas	\$3.11	6.74%	5 Year	2.36
FTSE 100	7763	0.19%	€/\$US	1.203	0.69%	Copper	\$3.21	-0.67%	10 Year	2.73
VIX	10	0.81%	\$US/£	0.7386	-0.24%	Iron Ore	\$77.72	0.41%	15 Year	2.97

WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

Fri	12/01	Mon	15/01	Tues	16/01	Wed	17/01	Thurs	18/01
	USD Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC)		AUD TD Securities Inflation (YoY) (DEC)		EUR German Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC F)		EUR Euro-Zone Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC F)		AUD Unemployment Rate (DEC)
	USD Retail Sales Advance (MoM) (DEC)		EUR Euro-Zone Trade Balance s.a. (NOV)		GBP Consumer Price Index (YoY) (DEC)		USD NAHB Housing Market Index (JAN)		CNY Gross Domestic Product (YoY) (4Q)

TODAY'S CORPORATE ACTIONS

SECURITY

ACTIONS

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