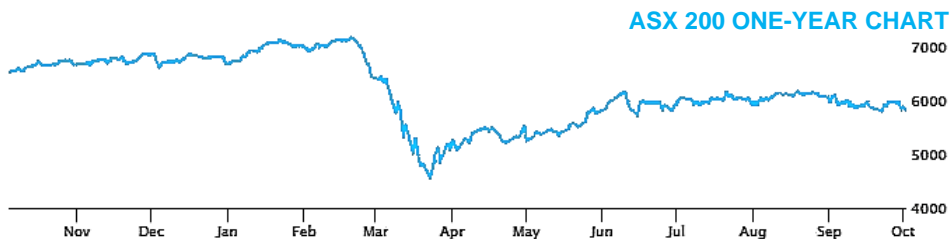


HEADLINES

AUSTRALIAN MARKET

The local share market was higher on Thursday on rising expectations of a rate cut in November. RBA Governor Philip Lowe said that the board was considering options to support jobs and businesses and indicated that monetary easing would be more effective once restrictions were lifted. The **S&P/ASX 200** gained 31.1 points or 0.5% to close at a seven-month high of 6,210.30. **Energy shares** (2.5%) led the gains as **Origin** and **Santos** climbed at least 4% each. In the **mining sector** (1.2%), major miners **BHP** (2.1%), **Fortescue** (1.4%), and **Rio Tinto** (1%) firmed. **Whitehaven Coal** jumped 11.6% to finish at the top of the benchmark index following the release of its September quarter update where it reported that coal sales had risen 13% from the same period a year earlier, while production rose 4%. The miner also refined its FY21 guidance unit cost range to \$US69–72 a tonne, down from \$US69–74 a tonne. **Financial stocks** (0.6%) also helped lift the market; **Commonwealth Bank** led the advance among the **major lenders** which rose 0.3–0.9%. **Macquarie** added 1.1%. On the downside, biotech **CSL** (-0.4%) was among the major weights on the market, along with the **technology sector** (-1.5%). **Afterpay Touch** lagged 1.1%, while rival **Zip Co** (-7.5%) fell further following Wednesday's quarterly update. **Bravura** (-3.7%) and **Nearmap** (-6%) were the other notable decliners. Elsewhere, **Eagers Automotive** climbed a little over 6% after it reported that its profit was up more than 45% for the nine months to the end of September compared to the previous corresponding period on the back of a strong rebound in vehicle sales. **IDP Education** (-6.1%) tumbled after announcing that Education Australia is undertaking a consultation process with its 38 university shareholders which could see a further sell down of its holding in the education organisation, while **Pro Medicus** (7.7%) rose on news that its wholly owned German subsidiary, Visage Imaging had signed a 7-year \$10 million contract with one of Europe's largest university hospitals LMU Klinikum. On the data front, the unemployment rate ticked up by 0.1% to 6.9% in September (forecast: 7%) as employment fell by 29,500 (forecast: -40,000). The participation rate eased from 64.9% to 64.8%.



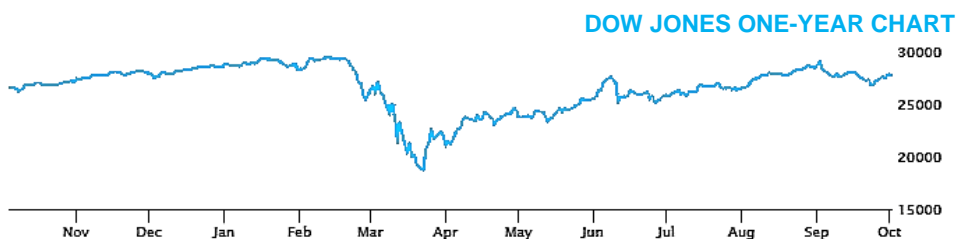
EUROPEAN MARKETS

European shares had its worst session in more than three weeks as Covid-19 cases continue to climb and on fading hopes of further US stimulus before the presidential election. The **STOXX 600** fell 2.08% to 362.91 with **autos** (-2.3%), **insurance** (-2.8%), and **energy** (-3.1%) stocks leading the declines as all sectors pulled back. Germany's **DAX** lost 2.49% to 12,703.75. In the UK, the **FTSE 100** dropped 1.73% to 5,832.52 as the government imposed tighter restrictions in London. **Bank stocks** (-1.5%) also struggled amid a decline in bond yields and as it shrugged off news that France's **Crédit Agricole** (-3.2%) and Italy's **Banco BPM** had signed a confidentiality agreement in a first step towards formal talks of a possible merger. Meanwhile, **travel stocks** (-1.5%) were weighed down by hospitality group **Accor** (-5.3%). **Ryanair** (-4.3%) were lower after the airline revealed it would slash its planned winter capacity by a third. Elsewhere, Swiss drugmaker **Roche** ended 3.5% lower as it confirmed its full-year outlook after record revenue in its diagnostics division offset declining drug sales. Mall operator **URW** was one of the bright spots, gaining 14.1%, as a major shareholder group opposed its strategy and rights issuance, while Spanish pharmaceutical company **Grifols** (8.4%) rose after its rival Vertex scrapped a key clinical trial of a new deficiency disorder treatment.



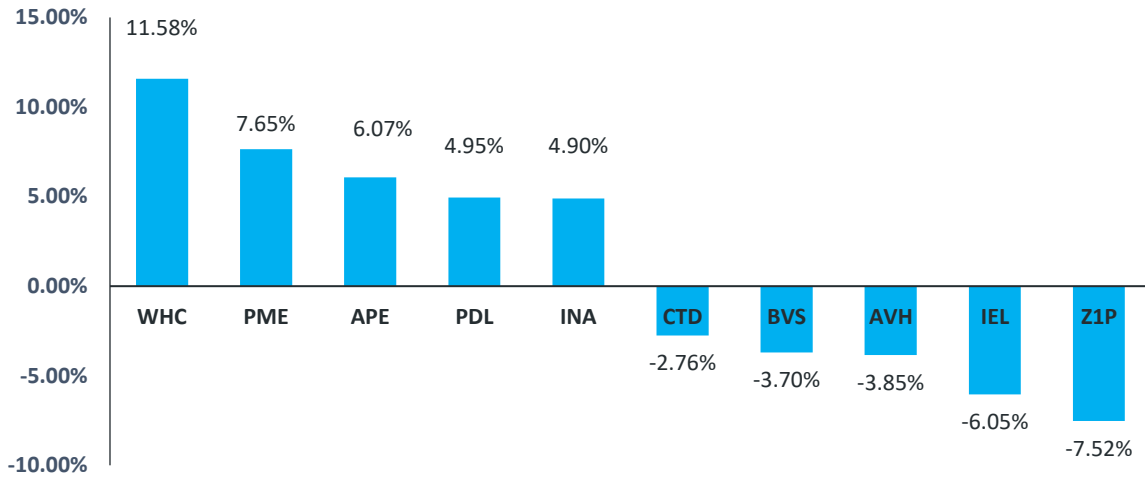
US MARKETS

Wall Street retreated again on Thursday as stimulus hopes waned and amid a rise in weekly jobless claims. The **S&P 500** fell 0.15% to 3,483.34 with the **financials** and **energy** indexes up 0.8% and 1.2% respectively, while the **healthcare index** was the worst sector performer, down 0.7%. The **Dow** slipped 0.07% to 28,494.20, while the **Nasdaq** dropped 0.47% to 11,713.87. In the way of earnings, **Morgan Stanley** rose 1.3% after beating third-quarter profit estimates on the back of strong trading. **Charles Schwab** (5.2%) also benefitted from higher trading volumes which helped the e-broker beat expectations on the top and bottom lines of its third quarter results. Meanwhile, **United Airlines** ended 3.8% lower after it reported a wider-than-expected loss and revenue in-line with forecasts, and said it was positioning itself to weather a long downturn in air travel. **Walgreens Boots Alliance** jumped 4.8% on a better-than-expected profit for the fourth quarter thanks to higher sales at its US pharmacies. The drugstore chain is forecasting single-digit profit growth in 2021. Elsewhere, **Vertex Pharmaceuticals** slumped 20.7% after the drugmaker discontinued its trial of a protein deficiency disorder treatment. On to data published on Thursday, initial claims for state unemployment benefits increased 53,000 to a seasonally adjusted 898,000 for the



week ended October 10 (forecast: 825,000). Export prices rose 0.6% in September (forecast: 0.4%), while import prices rose 0.3% as expected. Year-on-year, export and import prices are down 1.8% and 1.1% respectively. The NY Empire State Manufacturing Index rose from slowed from 17 to 10.5 in October (forecast: 15), while the Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index rose from 15 to 32.2 (forecast: 14).

TOP 5 S&P/ASX200 MOVERS (PREVIOUS SESSION)



MARKET DATA

| INDICES | CLOSE | CHANGE | FX | CLOSE | CHANGE | COMMODITIES | PRICE (US\$) | CHANGE | BONDS | RATES |
|-------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------------------|--------------|--------|------------|-------|
| ASX 200 | 6,210.30 | 0.50% | AUD/USD | 0.7088 | -0.11% | GOLD (OZ) | \$1,908.11 | 0.38% | AU 2 YEAR | 0.13 |
| ASX FUTURES | 6,186.00 | -0.21% | AUD/NZD | 1.0742 | -0.06% | SILVER (OZ) | \$24.28 | -0.02% | AU 5 YEAR | 0.28 |
| DOW JONES | 28,494.20 | -0.07% | AUD/EUR | 0.6054 | -0.72% | PLATINUM (OZ) | \$863.63 | 0.77% | AU 10 YEAR | 0.73 |
| S&P 500 | 3,483.34 | -0.15% | AUD/GBP | 0.5494 | -0.24% | BRENT CRUDE (BBL) | \$43.02 | -0.69% | AU 15 YEAR | 1.02 |
| FTSE 100 | 5,832.52 | -1.73% | AUD/JPY | 74.6830 | -0.88% | WTI CRUDE (BBL) | 40.83 | -0.32% | US 2 YEAR | 0.14 |
| NIKKEI 225 | 23,507.23 | -0.51% | EUR/USD | 1.1705 | -0.36% | NATURAL GAS (MMBtu) | \$2.78 | 5.46% | US 5 YEAR | 0.31 |
| HANG SENG | 24,158.54 | -2.06% | GBP/USD | 1.2899 | -0.87% | COPPER (LB) | \$3.08 | 1.20% | US 10 YEAR | 0.73 |
| VIX | 3483.34 | 2.16% | USD/JPY | 105.3880 | 0.29% | IRON ORE (MT) | \$118.70 | -0.70% | US 30 YEAR | 1.51 |

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WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

| FRI | 16 TH OCT | MON | 19 TH OCT | TUES | 20 TH OCT | WED | 21 ST OCT | THURS | 22 ND OCT |
|-----|--|-----|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| | Retail Sales MoM (SEP) | | GDP Growth Rate YoY (Q3) | | House Price Index YoY (SEP) | | Westpac Leading Index MoM (SEP) | | Initial Jobless Claims (17/OCT) |
| | Michigan Consumer Sentiment Prel (OCT) | | FDI (YTD) YoY (SEP) | | Building Permits MoM (SEP) | | MBA Mortgage Applications (16/OCT) | | CB Leading Index MoM (SEP) |

TODAY'S CORPORATE ACTIONS

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| ABB | NEW LISTING: [ABB] AUSSIEBAND FPO |
| ARM | CHANGE OF DESC: AURORA MIN DEF SET NEW: AURORA MIN FPO |
| GCYDA | CHANGE OF DESC: GASCOYNE FPO NEW: GASCOYNE DEF SET |
| GCYDA | QUOTED: Reconstructed |
| TGA | QUOTED: Ex Dividend |

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