Market Connection

Headlines

OVERSEAS MARKETS

Worries over increased regulation for large tech companies weighed heavily on Wall Street. Facebook led the losses among the tech stocks, down almost 7%, after US and European lawmakers called on its CEO to clarify how political data firm Cambridge Analytica gained access to data on 50 million Facebook users without their consent. The S&P tech sector and the Nasdaq were dragged lower by the decline in Facebook. Other major tech names Apple, Microsoft, and Alphabet were down between 1.5–3%. Elsewhere on the market, industrials fell 0.8% on trade war concerns which is expected to overshadow the G20 meeting in Argentina.

The S&P 500 fell 1.42%, the Dow lost 1.35%, and the Nasdaq dropped 1.84%.

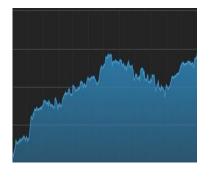
European shares finished in negative territory with earnings and M&A news stirring stock movements. Software company Micro Focus sank 46% after cutting its annual revenue forecast and the resignation of its CEO. Over in Germany, chemical and consumer goods company Henkel fell after disclosing a slow first quarter due to delivery problems in North America. In merger news, British REIT company Hammerson soared 24%, finishing top of the STOXX, after revealing it had rejected a takeover offer from French REIT Klépierre.

The STOXX 600 fell 1.07%, the Dax dropped 1.39%, and the FTSE 100 lost 1.69%.

DOW JONES ONE-YEAR CHART



STOXX 600 ONE-YEAR CHART

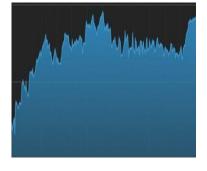


AUSTRALIAN MARKET

Mining and energy stocks pulled the benchmark to a 0.2% gain in an otherwise volatile session. Crude oil rose almost 2% on the weekend, lifting energy stocks Santos, Origin, and Woodside between 1.5–2.8%. Miner BHP, which has exposure to both metals and oil, rose 0.2% while S32 gained almost 1%. Elsewhere on the market, CBA and NAB each lost 0.6% amid the ongoing royal commission into the financial sector. Bellamy's Australia was the top gainer on the benchmark on its first trading day as a member of the ASX 200, while Cochlear was lower as it traded without rights to its latest dividend payout.

ANZ Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence Index, the house price index, and the RBA March meeting minutes are released.

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	5959	0.17%	\$A/\$US	0.7709	-0.06%	Gold	\$1,313.37	0.09%	1 Year	1.86
SPI Futures	5925	-0.55%	\$A/\$NZ	1.066	-0.30%	Silver	\$16.28	-0.05%	2 Year	1.97
Dow	24611	-1.35%	\$A/€	0.6250	-0.45%	Platinum	\$953.00	1.06%	3 Year	2.08
FTSE 100	7043	-1.69%	\$A/£	0.5493	-0.65%	Brent Crude	\$66.01	-0.15%	4 Year	2.19
Nikkei 225	21481	-0.90%	\$A/¥	81.74	-0.07%	Natural Gas	\$2.65	-1.08%	5 Year	2.30
Hang Seng	31514	0.04%	€/\$US	1.233	0.40%	Copper	\$3.07	-1.07%	10 Year	2.70
VIX	19	20.38%	\$US/£	0.7131	-0.64%	Iron Ore	\$71.84	-1.14%	15 Year	2.91

WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

TUES	20/03	WED	21/03	THURS	22/03	FRI	23/03	MON	26/03
**	RBA March	**	Westpac	3K	RBNZ Official	•	National	7K	Trade Balance (FEB)
* *	Meeting	* *	Leading		Cash Rate		Consumer		
	Minutes		Index (MoM)		(MAR 22)		Price Index		
			(FEB)				(YoY) (FEB)		
	Consumer		USD FOMC	₩∵	Unemploymen		Durable Goods	200	German Retail Sales
	Price Index		Rate	* 4	t Rate (FEB)		Orders (FEB P)	200	(YoY) (FEB)
	(YoY) (FEB)		Decision						

TODAY'S CORPORATE ACTIONS

SECURITY	ACTIONS
BBL	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
BWF	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
CII	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
CWN	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
FNP	QUOTED: Ex Entitlement
KSC	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
NSCG	QUOTED: Ex Interest
PBP	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
PIC	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
TGO	CHANGE OF DESC: TRIMANTIUM DEF SET NEW: TRIMANTIUM FPO

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