

Headlines

OVERSEAS MARKETS

Industrial and energy shares pushed the Dow and S&P higher, but the Nasdaq faltered for a third straight session. Construction engineering company Quanta Services and aircraft manufacturing company United Technologies led the gains on the industrial index, each up over 3%. The energy index rose 1.1% as oil prices increased on an unexpected decline in US crude stockpiles. Chesapeake Energy surged 22% following the release of the company's quarterly results and outlook. The S&P 500 rose 0.1%, the Dow gained 0.66%, while the Nasdaq fell 0.11%.

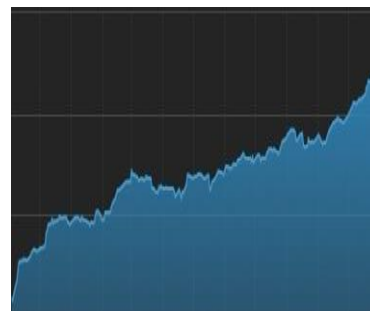
European shares were lower on renewed speculation about faster US rate hikes. Barclays was one of the best performers, up over 4%, after pledging to restore its full dividend. French insurer AXA and Belgian financial services provider KBC were higher after positive earning updates. Danish biotech firm Genmab surged 19% after reassuring investors on its drug sales. In terms of data releases, the German business confidence index fell more than expected for February, while in the UK, economic growth was revised downwards. The STOXX 600 fell 0.2%, the Dax lost 0.07%, and the FTSE 100 dropped 0.4%.

AUSTRALIAN MARKET

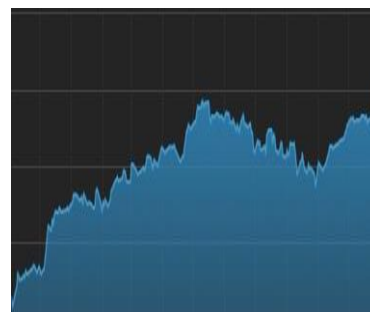
Australian shares were modestly higher amid a flurry of earnings updates. Miners and banks provided some of the lift to the benchmark with BHP advancing 1.3%, and the big banks trading between 0.2–0.5% higher. In earnings news, Nine Entertainment finished top of the index, surging 16.2% after overturning last year's losses to a first-half net profit of \$ 174 million. Qantas added almost 6% after announcing a share buyback as its underlying profit exceeded forecasts. Flight Centre and Webjet shares also climbed following a surge in earnings. Blackmores was the biggest decliner after warning of a softer second-half on supply issues and a weaker Australian market.

The ASX 200 rose 0.12% and the All Ords added 0.17%.

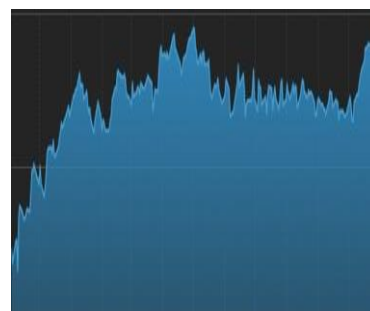
DOW JONES ONE-YEAR CHART



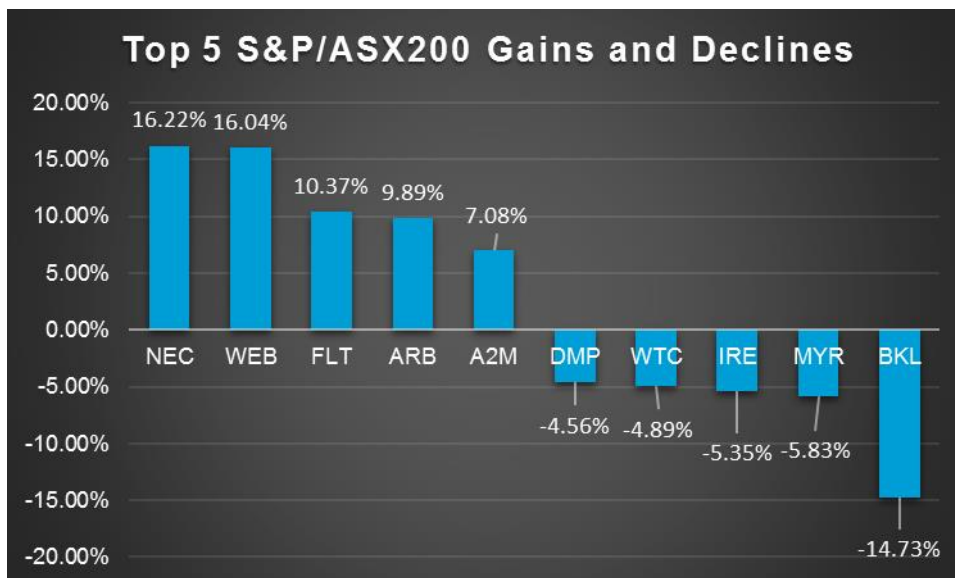
STOXX 600 ONE-YEAR CHART



ASX 200 ONE-YEAR CHART



TOP ASX 200 MOVERS (PREVIOUS TRADING DAY)



TRADING HALT: APA

MARKET DATA

Indices	Close	Change	FX	Close	Change	Commodities	Price (\$US)	Change	AU Bonds	Rates
ASX 200	5951	0.12%	\$A/\$US	0.7844	0.58%	Gold	\$1,330.01	0.54%	1 Year	1.87
SPI Futures	5951	0.63%	\$A/\$NZ	1.068	0.10%	Silver	\$16.65	0.74%	2 Year	2.00
Nikkei 225	5951	-1.07%	\$A/€	0.6361	0.16%	Platinum	\$997.00	1.01%	3 Year	2.13
Hang Seng	30966	-1.48%	\$A/£	0.5622	0.25%	Brent Crude	\$66.33	1.24%	4 Year	2.26
Dow	24962	0.66%	\$A/¥	83.69	-0.40%	Natural Gas	\$2.62	-1.50%	5 Year	2.39
FTSE 100	7252	-0.40%	€/\$US	1.233	0.40%	Copper	\$3.23	0.67%	10 Year	2.87
VIX	20	-2.45%	\$US/£	0.7165	-0.33%	Iron Ore	\$77.06	-0.16%	15 Year	3.08

WEEKLY ECONOMIC CALENDAR

FRI	23/02	MON	26/02	TUES	27/02	WED	28/02	THURS	29/02
	National Consumer Price Index (YoY) (JAN)		German Retail Sales (YoY) (JAN)		Advance Goods Trade Balance (JAN)		Euro-Zone Consumer Price Index Core (YoY) (FEB A)		PCE Core (YoY) (JAN)
	Euro-Zone Consumer Price Index (YoY) (JAN F)		New Home Sales (JAN)		Durable Goods Orders (JAN P)		Gross Domestic Product Price Index (4Q S)		ISM Employment, Manufacturing (FEB)

TODAY'S CORPORATE ACTIONS

SECURITY	ACTIONS
AO1O	CHANGE OF DESC: ASSETOWL OPTSEP18D NEW: ASSETOWL OPT SEP18
AO1OA	CHANGE OF DESC: ASSETOWL OPTJUN19D NEW: ASSETOWL OPT JUN19
DHG	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
EVN	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
HLO	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
IFL	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
INA	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
OML	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
PDN	CHANGE OF DESC: PALADIN DEF SET NEW: PALADIN FPO
PMC	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
WHC	QUOTED: Ex Dividend
WPLR	CHANGE OF DESC: WOODSIDE RTSFORUSD NEW: WOODSIDE RTS FORUS

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