

	Price	5 Day % Change	3 Month % Change	1yr % Change
S&P/ASX300	83,605	1.32%	0.03%	-0.91%
MSCI World Ex-Aus. (Unhedged)	13,994	1.74%	7.99%	-4.78%
MSCI World Ex-Aus. (Hedged)	2,340	-0.91%	6.47%	-6.01%
Bloomberg AusBond 0+ Composite	9,549	0.21%	0.17%	-11.15%
BloombergBarclays Global Agg. (Hedged)	1,002	-0.85%	-0.84%	-9.61%
S&P/ASX300 Property	59,495	0.31%	0.20%	-6.82%
FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate (Hedged)	2,877	-2.14%	2.17%	-7.68%
S&P Global Infrastructure (Hedged)	6,246	0.78%	2.10%	14.31%
Bloomberg All Hedge Fund Index	1,952	N/A	-0.90%	0.08%
VIX	20.6	5.48%	-30.00%	10.99%
Bloomberg Commodity Index (USD)	122.32	-0.72%	-6.30%	34.18%
Iron Ore Index (62% Fe Aus. Off. China, USD)	103.00	-8.44%	-17.93%	-27.97%
LME Copper Spot (USD)	8,051.00	-0.17%	-13.31%	-8.26%
Coal 1st Future (Newcastle Export, USD)	416.25	2.11%	1.01%	143.56%
Brent Crude 1st Future (USD)	96.72	-1.46%	-13.67%	45.55%
LNG 1st Future (Japan/Korea)	57.02	25.62%	161.68%	275.63%
Gold in AUD	2,541	0.40%	-2.75%	2.01%
AUDUSD	0.6875	-3.45%	-2.47%	-3.81%
AUDEUR	0.6849	-1.36%	2.77%	10.63%
AUDNZD	1.1126	0.79%	0.73%	6.02%
AUDGBP	0.5813	-0.96%	2.74%	9.86%
AUDJPY	94.1680	-0.96%	4.34%	16.69%

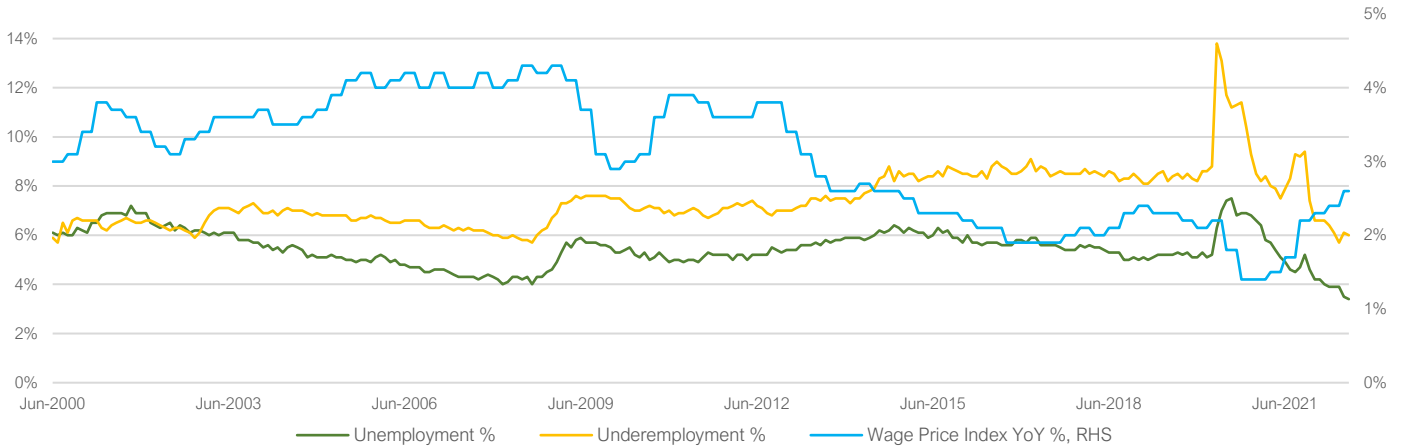
Source: Bloomberg, S&P Dow Jones, MSCI, FTSE Russell, 20th August 2022

Wall Street dipped, and the US dollar strengthened on Friday ahead of this week's annual central bank symposium in Jackson Hole. Australian shares nevertheless advanced, following a substantial contribution from BHP.

Australian unemployment dipped to a new record of 3.4%. However, despite the pleasing headline, lower-than-expected participation and wage figures meant that the overall employment figures were a little weaker than anticipated.

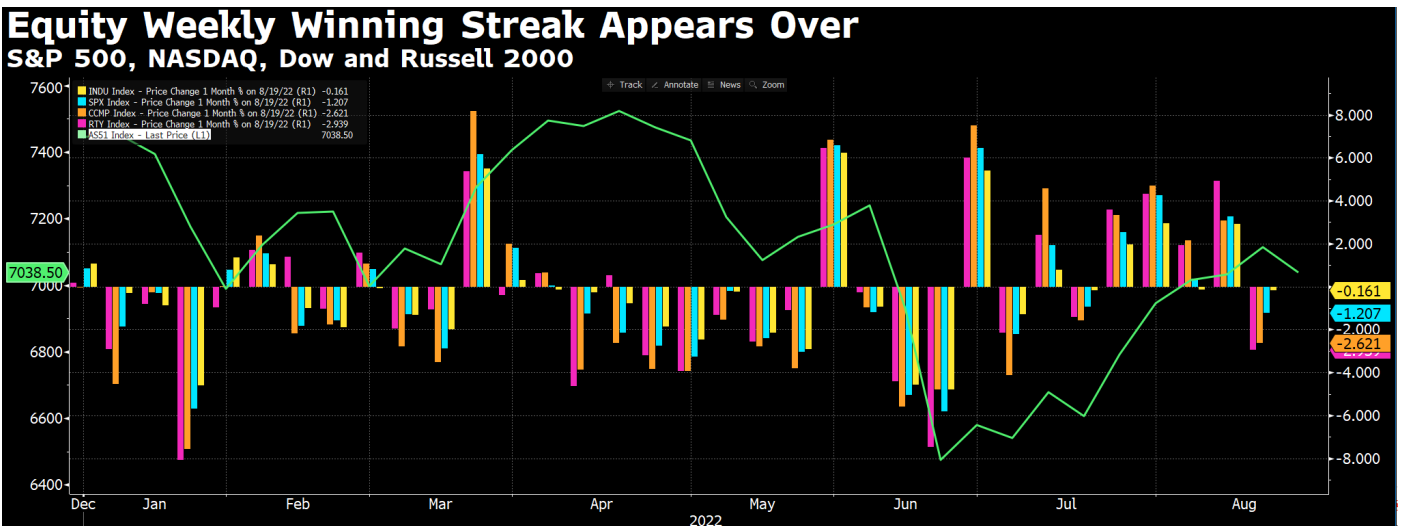
Australian company earnings reports continue this week. The latest flash PMI surveys will be released on Tuesday, and the Federal Reserve's Jerome Powell will deliver his speech on Friday.

Australian Labour Market Indicators



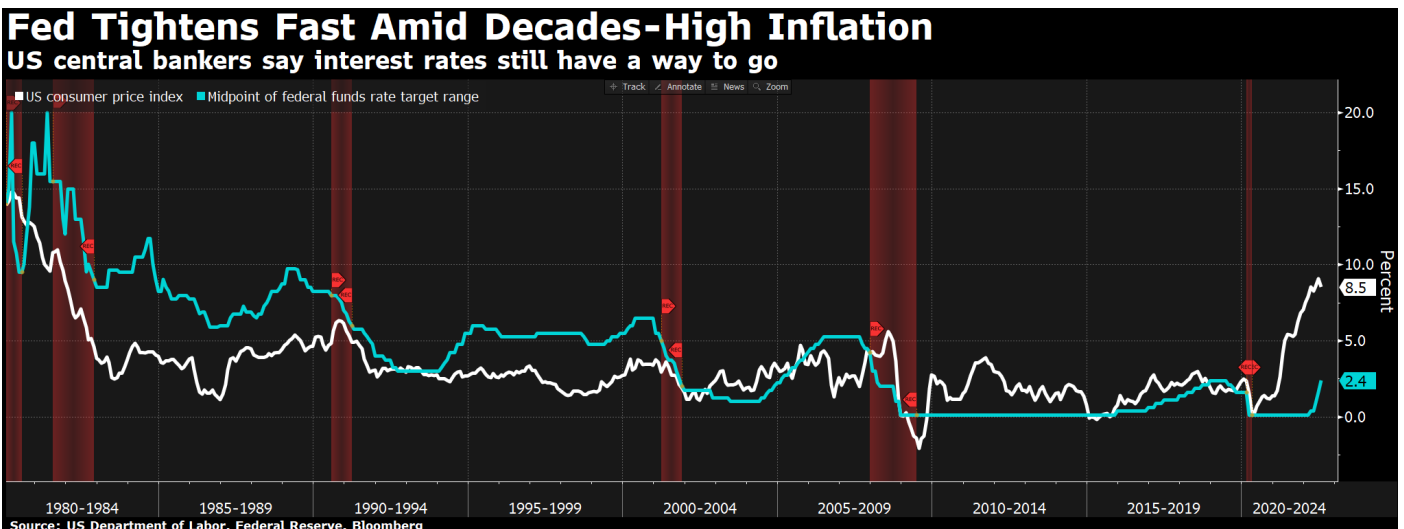
Source: Bloomberg, ABS, 20th August 2022

Index performance was mixed last week.



Source: Bloomberg

There appeared to be some profit-taking on Wall Street on Friday, ahead of this week's central bank gathering in Jackson Hole. Global shares finished lower, but the unhedged global index achieved positive performance as the Australian dollar weakened and the greenback strengthened.



Source: US Department of Labor, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

Earnings results lifted Australian equities. BHP was responsible for 59% of the rise in the index following a +27% surge in annual profits on high iron ore and coal prices. The dividend was raised to US\$1.75m, up from US\$1.50 in February but below the US\$2.00 paid a year ago. CSL (-7.9%) and Transurban (-99%) saw softer adjusted earnings per share while Treasury Wine Estates' rose by +2.9%. All provided guidance for higher growth in FY23.

Australian property trusts also advanced following strong results from Goodman Group. The company easily beat guidance as a rise in rents outpaced construction costs, and the company benefitted from relatively low debt. Earnings per share rose +24%, and guidance was issued for +11% earnings growth next year. (Refer to the attachment for a summary of companies that reported during the week).

Expected RBA interest rates fell in the wake of Australian employment data. Wages rose by +0.7% over the second quarter and +2.6% over the year ending June, up from +2.4% year-on-year in March. Unemployment dipped to a new monthly low of just 3.4%. However, the economy shed -40.9k jobs in July as labour force participation unexpectedly fell. The ABS attributed the fall to "*the July reference period [coinciding] with the winter school holidays, worker absences associated with COVID and other illnesses, and further flooding events in New South Wales*". The market is now pricing a +0.4% increase in the cash rate next month to 2.25%, with the expected December rate at 3.15%.

Chinese economic data fell short of forecasts on Monday. Industrial production rose by +3.8% yoy, down from +3.9% in June and well below the +4.3% consensus estimate. Retail sales also undershot a forecast rise of +4.9%, coming in at just +2.7 over the year. The PBOC cut the 1yr medium-term lending rate by -0.05% to 2.75%, with further support for the economy likely to follow. China is widely tipped to fall short of this year's official +5.5% GDP growth target by some margin.

UK inflation surged to yet another forty-year record, rising by +10.1% over the year ending July. Unemployment held at 3.8%. The Bank of England is expected to hike by another +0.5% in mid-September to increase the base rate to 2.25%.

The minutes of the last Federal Reserve meeting showed that several members of the FOMC appreciated that American economic growth might be slowing faster than in previous tightening cycles. However, the committee also discussed the need to remain steadfast in its commitment to curb inflation, signalling further rate hikes. Chair Jerome Powell will speak on Friday at the Kansas City Fed's Jackson Hole Symposium. In previous years, this event has often been used to signal changes to the direction of monetary policy. Investors will be paying close attention to the speech in which Chair Powell is expected to confirm that the US rates have reached estimates of the neutral rate and that future moves will be more dependent on the incoming data, at the same time remaining tough on inflation.

This week's data calendar will be relatively light, with the latest flash PMIs and Jackson Hole being the main focus. But it will be a busy week for Australian equity analysts, with 151 S&P/ASX 300 companies releasing results.

Significant Upcoming Data:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Australia		S&P Global Flash PMIs			
US	Chicago Natl Activity Index	S&P Global Flash PMIs; Richmond Fed. Manuf. Index; New Home Sales	Durable Goods; Pending Home Sales; MBA Mortgage Apps.	Kansas City Fed. Manuf. Activity; Q2 GDP 2 nd Est.; Weekly Jobless Claims	Jerome Powell Jackson Hole Address; PCE Inflation; UMich Cons.Sent.; Wholesale Inventories; Advance Goods Trade;
Europe	Swiss M3 Money Supply; Irish PPI; Dutch House Prices	S&P Global Flash PMIs; Finnish Unemp.; Danish. Cons. Conf.;	EZ Cons. Conf.; Norwegian Credit Indic.; Finnish PPI	IFO Survey; German Q2 GDP (F); French Bus.& Manuf. Conf.; Spanish PPI;	EZ M3 Money Supply; Swedish PPI; Norwegian & Danish Ret. Sales; French & German GfK Cons. Conf.; Italian Econ., Manuf. & Cons. Conf.; UK Nationwide House Prices; Spanish Mortgage Lending
Japan	Tokyo Condos for Sale	Jibun Global Flash PMIs; Tokyo/Nationwide Dept. Store Sales	Machine Tool Orders	Services PPI	Tokyo CPI
China	1yr / 5yr Prime Loan Rates				[Industrial Profits]

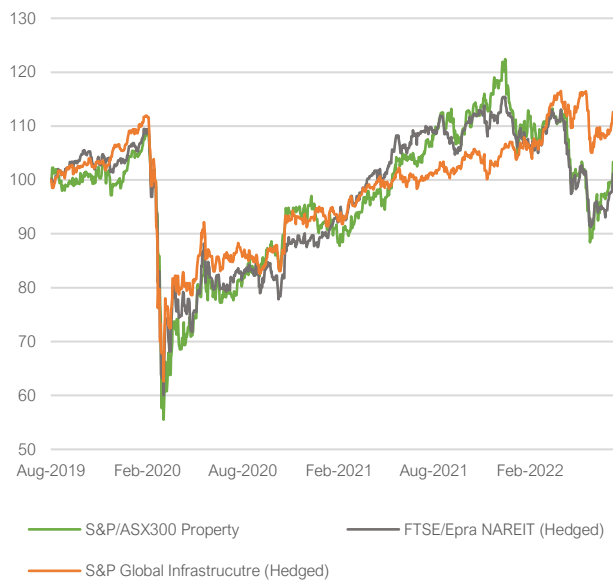
Domestic stock reporting season

Monday. 22-Aug-22	Tuesday. 23-Aug-22	Wednesday. 24-Aug-22	Thursday. 25-Aug-22	Friday. 26-Aug-22
COE, NSR, EVT OML, AD8, ADH CNU, ALD, EML LLC, NHF, RWC SGR, SXL, ABC GEM	EHE, SSM, ANN AMA, BLD, BRG CQR, EDV, IEL MND, RFF, SNZ AWC, HUB, SCG LOV	ILU, SLR, NWL HPI, AUB, AEF SHL, WTC, BVS APA, COL, DMP EBO, HMC, KLS MEZ, PTM, SWW TAH, VSL, WOR AMI, FCL, JIN	MAF, AIA, SRV ZIP, APX, WHC PDN, PNV, PLS CMW, SBM, IFL JDO, AIZ, CCX CGC, CHC, FLT NEC, PPT, QAN QUB, SKC, SKT VEA, WOW, WES	MYX, SIQ, RHC AFG, IFM, UNI

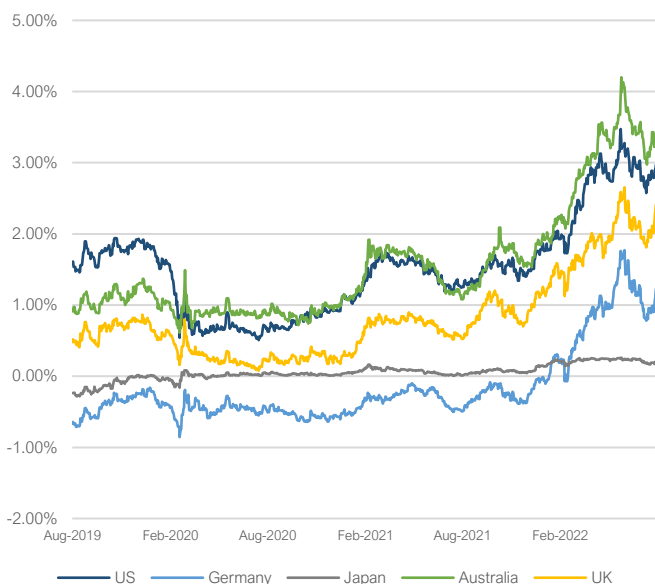
3Yr Equity Indices (Rebased to 100)



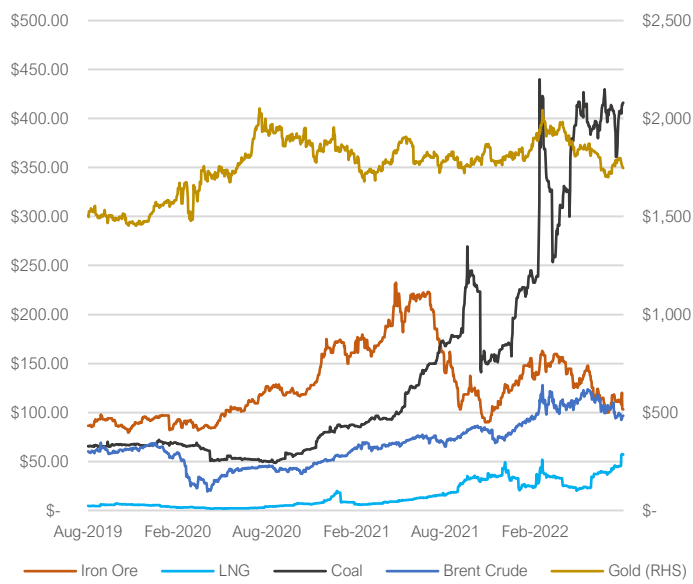
3Yr Prop. & Infrs. Indices (Rebased to 100)



10Yr Government Bond Yields (%)



Commodity Prices (US\$)



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