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Market closes the week in the red

- The ASX 200 index closed the final day of the week on a negative note, down 1.1%, or 81 points to 7394. Tech stocks were hardest hit, carrying on last night's push lower in the US tech sector. Commodity prices also gave back some of their recent gains, with oil, gold and iron ore heading backwards. The Australian Tech sector fell 3.9%, alongside the Materials sector, which shed 0.4%. The utility sector was the only sector in the green, adding 0.4%.
- For the week, the index snapped a three-week winning streak after closing down 0.8%. The Consumer Staples sector was in the red every trading day this week, losing over 5.5% due to supply chain-related issues. The Information Tech sector posted losses now for the third consecutive week, dropping another 4.6% this week.
- In company news, **Qantas (QAN)** – which fell by as much as 3% in early hours of trade before recovering – finished up 0.2% to \$5 after informing the market of an adjustment to their flight capacities. The airliner has responded to the recent spike in Omicron virus infections by reducing domestic and international flight capacities by a third. It now expects domestic and international flight capacity to be 70% and 20% of pre-Covid levels respectively.
- City Chic Collective (CCX)**, an Aussie-based retailer specialising in women's clothing, has released a trading update. The update outlines 49.8% growth in sales in 1HFY22, driven by a 62% uplift in revenue in the Americas region. Ongoing investment into inventory to shield the business against supply issues, as well as increases in store closures saw EBITDA flat over the year. Shares of CCX closed up 11.6% to \$4.99.
- Jeweller **Michael Hill (MHJ)** finished 1.1% higher today after announcing 2QFY22 results. The results note a 9.8% increase in sales due to sustained digital investment (+28% increase in digital sales), which MHJ says has resulted in "continued margin expansion" (+2% - 3%) and a "healthy balance sheet".
- Shares of global investment business **Pendal Group (PDL)** have sunk 15.8% to \$5 after announcing a net fund outflow of \$6.8bn. The outflow, in percentage terms, is a 2.5% decrease over the final quarter of last calendar year. This comes as the company was hit with redemptions by two British clients, which saw outflows of \$5.1bn. CEO Nick Good says that the "disappointing quarter [will be responded to by] a clear set of actions".
- 4.8bn shares were traded, worth \$7.9bn. 645 stocks finished higher, 822 ended lower, while 412 closed unchanged.
- In the US, retail sales, import/export prices, industrial production, consumer sentiment and business inventories data are all scheduled.

Latest Prices	4.30pm	AEDT	
	Level	Previous	% chg
All Ords	7,717.1	7,797.5	-1.0
ASX 200	7,393.9	7,474.4	-1.1
Shanghai	3,538.1	3,555.3	-0.5
Japan Nikkei	28,115.8	28,489.1	-1.3

US Dow Jones	36,113.6	36,290.3	-0.5
US Nasdaq	14,806.8	15,188.4	-2.5
UK FTSE	7,563.9	7,551.7	0.2
Dow Futures	36,010.0	35,989.0	0.1

	Last	Previous	% chg
Consumer Discretionary	3,333.8	3,391.6	-1.7
Consumer Staples	12,582.4	12,826.9	-1.9
Energy	8,575.5	8,670.1	-1.1
Financials	6,591.9	6,657.0	-1.0
Financial-x-A-REIT	7,352.1	7,424.8	-1.0
Health Care	42,459.8	43,090.3	-1.5
Industrials	6,474.2	6,519.5	-0.7
Information Tech	1,913.2	1,991.2	-3.9
Materials	17,922.9	17,999.3	-0.4
ASX200 A-REIT	1,648.9	1,663.6	-0.9
Telecommunications	1,586.1	1,598.8	-0.8
Utilities	7,073.4	7,045.2	0.4

	Last	Day Move	% chg
BHP	\$46.68	-\$0.17	-0.4
RIO	\$110.60	-\$1.10	-1.0
CBA	\$100.85	-\$1.27	-1.2
ANZ	\$28.39	-\$0.01	0.0
NAB	\$29.38	-\$0.19	-0.6
WBC	\$21.45	-\$0.28	-1.3
TLS	\$4.22	\$0.00	0.0
WOW	\$35.01	-\$1.03	-2.9
WES	\$54.00	-\$1.13	-2.0
WPL	\$24.82	-\$0.08	-0.3
CSL	\$276.00	-\$5.70	-2.0
COH	\$201.10	-\$4.16	-2.0
NCM	\$24.71	\$0.01	0.0

	Current	Aust 4pm	% chg
AUD/USD	0.7288	0.7285	0.03
AUD/EUR	0.6347	0.6356	-0.14
AUD/JPY	82.862	83.200	-0.41

11am Official Cash	0.10	0.10	0.00
Aust 90 day futures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oil Nymex (\$US/b) US Close	81.48	81.62	0.0
Gold futures(\$US/oz) US Close	1827.30	1821.40	-0.1

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