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Investor Signposts: Week beginning July 7, 2024

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Monday July 8	◆ Lending indicators (May)	<i>Home loan values could lift 3%</i>
Tuesday July 9	◆ Consumer confidence surveys (July)	<i>From ANZ-Roy Morgan & Westpac-Melbourne Inst.</i>
Tuesday July 9	◆ NAB business survey (June)	<i>Conditions eased further in May</i>
Wednesday July 10	◆ Speech by RBA Head of Economic Research	<i>John Simon at Australian Conference of Economists</i>
Wednesday July 10	◆ Monthly business turnover indicator (May)	<i>Turnover is up in 12 of 13 industries year-to-date</i>
Thursday July 11	◆ CBA household spending insights (June)	<i>Leading indicator of consumer spending</i>
Friday July 12	◆ Overseas arrivals & departures (May)	<i>Update on tourism and migration</i>

Overseas

Monday July 8	◆ US consumer inflation expectations (June)	<i>Tipped to ease from 3.2% to 3.0%</i>
Monday July 8	◆ US consumer credit (May)	<i>Credit growth could dip from US\$6.4b to US\$5.9b</i>
Tuesday July 9	◆ US Fed Chair Jerome Powell testimony	<i>Semi-annual monetary policy report to US Congress</i>
Tuesday July 9	◆ US NFIB small business optimism index (June)	<i>Expected to edge higher to 91 from 90.5</i>
Wednesday July 10	◆ Reserve Bank of NZ (RBNZ) interest rate decision	<i>No change in the official cash rate is expected</i>
Wednesday July 10	◆ China inflation (June)	<i>Consumer prices are up 0.3% on a year ago</i>
Wednesday July 10	◆ US wholesale trade sales & inventories (May)	<i>Stocks could lift 0.6%</i>
Thursday July 11	◆ US monthly budget statement (June)	<i>Higher borrowing costs fuel budget deficits</i>
Thursday July 11	◆ US consumer price indexes (CPI, June)	<i>Core inflation is tipped to lift 0.2%</i>
Friday July 12	◆ China international trade (June)	<i>Exports surged 7.6% year-on-year in May</i>
Friday July 12	◆ US producer price indexes (PPI, June)	<i>A flat core PPI is expected</i>
Friday July 12	◆ US consumer sentiment survey (July)	<i>From the University of Michigan</i>

US and China inflation data in the limelight as the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) meets

- In **Australia**, data on new housing finance commitments will be a focus domestically **on Monday**. Investor home lending is growing at a faster pace than owner-occupiers, with the share of investor approvals hitting 37% in April, the most since 2017. Home loan values could lift a further 3% in May. Consumer and business confidence surveys dominate investor interest **on Tuesday**. According to NAB, business conditions eased further in May below the long-run average as growth in sales and profits slowed, while cost pressures showed signs of re-accelerating.
- **On Tuesday** in the **US**, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell delivers the central bank's semi-annual monetary policy report in front of the US Senate Banking and Housing Committee on Capitol Hill. The update comes ahead of the release of **US** consumer prices data for the month of June **on Thursday**. A key measure of underlying US inflation stepped down for a second month in May. The core consumer price index (CPI) – which excludes food and energy costs – climbed 0.2% from April with the year-over-year measure easing to a 3.4% annual pace, the slowest in more than three years. But US central bank policymakers have stressed that they'd need to see several months of receding price pressures before they consider lowering interest rates. The core CPI could lift 0.2% in June.
- Elsewhere, the Reserve Bank of **New Zealand** (RBNZ) is expected to remain on hold when it meets **on Wednesday**. In **China**, the latest batch of inflation and international trade data will be keenly observed by investors.

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