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Investor Signposts: Week beginning September 14, 2025

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday September 16	◆ Reserve Bank (RBA) official Sarah Hunter speaks	<i>At the 2025 AFIA Conference – Sydney</i>
Wednesday September 17	◆ RBA official Brad Jones speaks	<i>At the Intersekt 2025 Conference – Melbourne</i>
Thursday September 18	◆ Labour force (August)	<i>Around 20,000 jobs may have been created</i>
Thursday September 18	◆ National, state and territory population (March)	<i>Annual population growth is 1.7%</i>

Overseas

Monday September 15	◆ China retail sales, production and investment (Aug.)	<i>Industrial production could lift 5.5% on a year ago</i>
Monday September 15	◆ US Empire State manufacturing index (September)	<i>The index is expected to decline to 4.3 from 11.9</i>
Tuesday September 16	◆ US retail sales (August)	<i>Tipped to increase 0.2%</i>
Tuesday September 16	◆ US import & export prices (August)	<i>Import prices could edge 0.3% lower</i>
Tuesday September 16	◆ US industrial production (August)	<i>Flat outcome is expected</i>
Tuesday September 16	◆ US business inventories (July)	<i>Stocks may lift 0.2%</i>
Tuesday September 16	◆ US NAHB housing market index (September)	<i>Tipped to lift from 32 to 33</i>
Wednesday September 17	◆ US building permits & housing starts (August)	<i>Starts could fall 4.1% with permits up 0.6%</i>
Wednesday September 17	◆ US Federal Reserve (FOMC) interest rate decision	<i>A 25-basis point rate cut is expected</i>
Wednesday September 17	◆ Bank of Canada (BOC) interest rate decision	<i>A quarter point rate cut is expected</i>
Thursday September 18	◆ Bank of England (BOE) interest rate decision	<i>No change in the Bank rate is expected</i>
Thursday September 18	◆ US Conference Board leading index (August)	<i>Expected to dip 0.1%</i>
Thursday September 18	◆ US Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index (Sep.)	<i>Tipped to lift to +3.0 from -0.3</i>
Friday September 19	◆ Bank of Japan (BOJ) policy decision	<i>No change in rates is expected</i>

The US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision headlines a busy week for central banks

- In **Australia on Thursday**, Commonwealth Bank (CBA) Group economists expect the Aussie economy to add around 20,000 new jobs in August, with the jobless rate steady at 4.2% and the participation rate unchanged at 67.0%.
- In **China on Monday**, monthly activity data is scheduled for August, including home prices, retail sales, industrial production and fixed asset investment. The world's second-largest economy has shown signs of a slowdown in the second half of 2025 amid a broad-based deceleration in production, consumption and investment.
- On **Wednesday**, the US Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) is expected to reduce the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a target range of 4.00–4.25% following a sharp slowdown in US job growth in August.
- Also on **Wednesday**, the Bank of **Canada** (BOC) is also expected to cut its key policy rate by a quarter point to 2.50%. The BOC has left rates on hold since March, having eased by a cumulative 225 basis points since June 2024.
- The Bank of **England** (BOE) and Bank of **Japan** (BOJ), however, are both likely to maintain their benchmark policy rates at their monetary policy meetings on **Thursday** and **Friday**.
- In **Australian** company news, coal producer New Hope Group is scheduled to release earnings on **Tuesday**. Patriot Battery Metals hosts an AGM on **Tuesday**, while Infratil provides an investor update on **Thursday**. Also, around \$2.4 billion worth of dividends are expected to be paid to investors in the coming week. Shares of a2 Milk, Cochlear, Flight Centre, Guzman y Gomez, Inghams, Lovisa, Qantas and South32 all trade ex-dividend.
- On Wall Street, US-listed parcel and logistics company FedEx is expected to issue its earnings results on **Thursday**.

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