

February 6, 2026

Investor Signposts: Week beginning February 8, 2026

Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Monday February 9	◆ Monthly household spending indicator (December)	<i>Tipped to fall 0.3%</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ CBA wage and labour insights (January)	<i>A proxy for wage inflation and job growth</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ Monthly consumer confidence index (February)	<i>From Westpac and the Melbourne Institute</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ NAB business survey (January)	<i>Business activity picked up in December</i>
Wednesday February 11	◆ RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser speaks	<i>At the ACCI business leaders' lunch, Sydney</i>
Wednesday February 11	◆ Lending indicators (December quarter)	<i>The value of home loans could jump 6.0%</i>
Thursday February 12	◆ RBA Governor Michele Bullock testimony	<i>At the Senate Economics Legislation Committee</i>
Thursday February 12	◆ RBA Asst. Governor (Economic) Sarah Hunter speaks	<i>At the CEDA event, Perth</i>
Friday February 13	◆ CBA household spending insights (HSI, January)	<i>A leading indicator of consumer spending</i>

Overseas

Tuesday February 10	◆ US NFIB small business optimism index (January)	<i>Tipped to lift to 99.8 from 99.5</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ US import and export price indexes (December)	<i>Import prices edged 0.1% lower in November</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ US retail sales (December)	<i>Retail spending could increase 0.4%</i>
Tuesday February 10	◆ US employment cost index (ECI, December quarter)	<i>ECI is tipped to grow 0.8%</i>
Wednesday February 11	◆ China consumer and producer prices (January)	<i>Annual CPI rate could fall to 0.3% from 0.8%</i>
Wednesday February 11	◆ US nonfarm payrolls (January)	<i>Around 50,000 jobs could be created</i>
Thursday February 12	◆ US existing home sales (January)	<i>Sales could fall 3.2% to 4.21 million</i>
Friday February 13	◆ US consumer price index (CPI, January)	<i>Annual core CPI could dip to 2.5% from 2.6%</i>
Friday February 13	◆ China new home prices (January)	<i>Home prices have fallen since May 2023</i>

Aussie household spending and US jobs data in focus as the local profit reporting season cranks up

- In **Australia**, household spending data is released by the Bureau of Statistics (ABS) **on Monday** and by the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) **on Friday**. The ABS gauge could fall by 0.3% in the month of December.
- CBA economists expect the value of new home loans to increase by around 6.0% in the December quarter when released **on Wednesday**.
- **On Wednesday in the US**, the economy is expected to add around 50,000 jobs in January with the unemployment rate steady at 4.4%. The all-important consumer price index (CPI) is issued for January **on Friday**. Market economists expect both the headline and core CPI to lift 0.3% taking the annual growth rates down to 2.5% each.
- The **Australian** corporate profit reporting season continues with results scheduled for CAR Group (**Monday**); James Hardie Industries, Region Group and Amotiv (**Tuesday**); Commonwealth Bank, Evolution Mining, Dexis Industria REIT, CSL, Computershare, Bravura Solutions, Arena REIT, AGL Energy, SGH, Northern Star Resources and Centuria Industrial REIT (**Wednesday**); AMP, ANZ, ASX, Breville, Insurance Australia Group, Origin Energy, Orora, Paladin Energy, Pro Medicus, South32, Tamboran Resources, Temple & Webster and Oneview Healthcare (**Thursday**); and BWP Property, Cochlear, GQG Partners, Nick Scali, Coast Entertainment and Westpac (**Friday**).
- On Wall Street, the fourth quarter earnings season continues: Coca-Cola, Spotify, Ford Motor and Gilead Sciences (**Tuesday**); Kraft Heinz, Cisco, McDonald's and Shopify (**Wednesday**); Airbnb, Applied Materials, Arista Networks, Palo Alto Networks, Pinterest, Rivian Automotive and Vertex Pharmaceuticals (**Thursday**); and Moderna (**Friday**).

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