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## Investor Signposts: Week beginning March 9, 2026

### Upcoming economic and financial market events

#### Australia

Tuesday March 10	◆ Westpac consumer confidence (March)	-1.1% expected
Tuesday March 10	◆ NAB business conditions (February)	Fell two points to 7 in Jan

#### Overseas

Tuesday March 10	◆ US existing home sales (February)	3.88 million tipped
Wednesday March 11	◆ US inflation rate (February)	0.3% MoM or 2.4% YoY estimated
Thursday March 12	◆ US housing starts (January)	1.37 million forecast
Thursday March 12	◆ US building permits (January)	1.43m expected, down on prior month
Friday March 13	◆ US 4Q GDP growth	1.7% QoQ growth tipped
Friday March 13	◆ US personal income and spending (January)	0.3% MoM spending growth expected
Friday March 13	◆ US durable goods orders (January)	1.7% predicted
Friday March 13	◆ University of Michigan consumer sentiment (March)	57.0 forecast
Friday March 13	◆ US JOLTS job openings (January)	Job openings dipped in Dec to 6.5m

### Investors watch Middle East flashpoint ahead of major US economic reports

- In **Australia** on Tuesday, Westpac will release its consumer confidence index, providing insights into how consumers are feeling ahead of potential interest rate rises. Also on Tuesday, NAB will report on business confidence and conditions. Business conditions fell in January – we will see if that trend continues in February.
- There are a host of ASX listed companies that will trade ex-dividend: Ramsay Health Care (**Monday**); Coles, CSL, News Corp, Qantas (**Tuesday**); Cleanaway Waste, Brambles, Breville (**Wednesday**); Perpetual, Pepper Money, Viva Energy, McMillan Shakespeare, Regis Healthcare, Super Retail, Endeavour Group, AUB, Australian Clinical Labs (**Thursday**); CAR Group, Guzman y Gomez, WiseTech (**Friday**).
- In the **US**, there is economic data aplenty. On Tuesday, existing home sales figures are scheduled, with 3.88 million forecast for February. In previous months, existing sales have shown signs of improvement, with December marking a three-year high, due to improving affordability driven by declining mortgage rates and slowing price growth. Important inflation data is released on Wednesday. Consensus expects a 2.4% year-on-year rate for February, though the figure will obviously precede any impact from the Middle East conflict. The US Bureau of Economic Analysis will report on fourth quarter GDP growth on Friday. Economists forecast a 1.4% quarter-on-quarter improvement. Investors will be looking at whether there is ongoing strength in the US economy. Other releases on Friday include personal income and spending for January, durable goods orders – forecast at 1.7% – for January, and the University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey. The latter showed a slight increase in February though remains well below levels reached one year ago.
- US earnings season is winding down. The main result of interest is Oracle's on Tuesday. Investors will be looking for progress on the company's aggressive push to compete with major cloud providers in the AI space. Oracle is planning to spend US\$50 billion on AI infrastructure this year. Other results include: Constellation Software, Caseys, Hewlett Packard, Vail Resorts, Bezeq Corp (**Monday**); Franco-Nevada, BioNTech (**Tuesday**); Stitch Fix, Bumble, Harmony Gold, Campbell's (**Wednesday**); Lennar, Wheaton Precious Metals, Adobe, Dollar General, Ulta Beauty, Dick's Sporting Goods, Rubrik, Full Truck Alliance, Futu Holdings, Ke Holdings (**Thursday**); Jabil Circuit (**Friday**).

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