Investor Signposts

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Upcoming economic and financial market events

Australia

Tuesday November 17	RBA meeting minutes (Nov)	*RBA raised rates by 25bps to 4.85%*
Tuesday November 17	RBA Governor Michele Bullock panel participation	*Participating at the ASIC Annual Forum*
Wednesday November 18	Westpac Leading indicators index (Oct)	*Index fell 0.1% in Sept*
Wednesday November 18	ABS Wage price index (Sept Qtr)	*Wages rose 3.2%p.a. in June qtr*
Thursday November 19	ABS Unemployment data (Oct)	*Unemployment rate was 4.7% in Sept*

Overseas

Monday November 16	China Retail sales/employ/industrial prodn (Oct)	*Expected to rise 0.8% yoy*
Tuesday November 17	US Retail sales (Oct)	*Tipped to be flat for the month*
Tuesday November 17	US Industrial production (Oct)	*+0.1% mom forecast*
Tuesday November 17	US NAHB Housing market index (Nov)	*Prior reading of +29 in Oct*
Wednesday November 18	US FOMC meeting minutes (Oct)	*US Fed left rates unchanged at Oct meeting*
Wednesday November 18	US EIA weekly crude oil inventories	*US inventories rose 4.65m barrels last week*
Thursday November 19	US weekly initial jobless claims	*First time claims for unemployment benefits*
Thursday November 19	US Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index (Nov)	*Oct reading was 20.9*
Friday November 20	US Michigan consumer sentiment final (Nov)	*Nov prelim reading rose to 51pts*
Friday November 20	China Loan Prime Rate 1/5 year (Nov)	*Rates steady in Oct: 1-yr 3% & 5-yr 3.5%*

Aussie jobs and wages in focus as Nvidia reports earnings

- Australian jobs and wages data will take centre stage, alongside minutes from the RBA's November meeting. The Reserve Bank's decision to lift the cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.85% makes all three particularly important for the interest rate outlook. The minutes will provide further insight into the thinking behind the rate hike, while a stronger jobs report or wage growth could reinforce concerns around inflation and expectations that rates may need to remain higher for longer.
- China will be a major focus, with October retail sales, industrial production and employment data providing important insights into the world's second-largest economy. The releases will be particularly relevant for Australian resource stocks and commodity markets given China's importance to Australian exports.
- In the US, attention turns to the Federal Reserve's October meeting minutes. The minutes take on added significance after October inflation rose more than forecast. Markets are now effectively pricing in a 25-basis-point rate hike at the Fed's December meeting, while speculation around a larger 50-basis-point move has also emerged. Investors will be looking to the minutes for clues on policymakers' concerns around persistent inflation and how much further interest rates may need to rise.
- US earnings season starts to wind down, although a number of notable companies are still due to report, including Nvidia, Home Depot, Walt Disney, JD.com **(Tuesday);** Palo Alto Networks, Lowes, Target **(Wednesday);** Walmart, The Gap, Warner Music Group and Intuit Inc **(Thursday).**
- Local corporate activity remains busy, with full-year results due from Elders, FleetPartners **(Monday);** TechnologyOne **(Tuesday);** and Nufarm (**Thursday).** Half-year results are scheduled from Catapult Sports **(Tuesday);** Webjet and Infratil (**Wednesday).** Elsewhere, New Hope provides a first-quarter update **(Monday),** while Woolworths holds an Investor Day **(Wednesday).** AGM season also remains active, with BlueScope Steel **(Monday);** Regis Healthcare, Mirvac, Cromwell Property, IPH, Paladin Energy **(Tuesday);** Ridley, Medibank, Mineral Resources, IGO, SEEK, Northern Star Resources **(Wednesday);** ResMed, Zip, Goodman Group, Worley, Sonic Healthcare, New Hope, HUB24 **(Thursday);** Sims, Arena REIT, Virgin Australia, NEXTDC and Megaport (**Friday**). ***James Tao, Equity Market Commentator***

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