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## Investor Signposts: Week beginning October 19, 2026

### Upcoming economic and financial market events

#### Australia

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| Monday October 19    | ◆ RBA Assistant Governor Christopher Kent speaks | <i>Fireside chat at CBA Global Markets conf.</i> |
| Tuesday October 20   | ◆ RBA Head of Payments Ellis Connolly speaks     | <i>Fireside chat at AFIA conference, Sydney</i>  |
| Wednesday October 21 | ◆ RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser speaks       | <i>Appearing at Citi conference, Sydney</i>      |
| Friday October 23    | ◆ Composite PMI Flash (Oct)                      | <i>Prior 51.3</i>                                |

#### Overseas

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| Monday October 19    | ◆ China GDP/retail sales/employment/industrial prodn | <i>Retail sales tipped to rise 0.5% in Sept</i>    |
| Monday October 19    | ◆ US NAHB Housing Market Index (Oct)                 | <i>Forecast reading of 31</i>                      |
| Tuesday October 20   | ◆ China Loan Prime Rate decision (Oct)               | <i>1yr rate at 3%, 5yr rate at 3.5% in Sept</i>    |
| Tuesday October 20   | ◆ US preliminary building permits (Sept)             | <i>1.4m expected</i>                               |
| Tuesday October 20   | ◆ US Housing starts (Sept)                           | <i>1.3m tipped</i>                                 |
| Wednesday October 21 | ◆ US EIA weekly crude oil inventories                | <i>US inventories fell 856k barrels last week</i>  |
| Thursday October 22  | ◆ US weekly initial jobless claims                   | <i>First time claims for unemployment benefits</i> |
| Thursday October 22  | ◆ US Leading Index (Sept)                            | <i>Prior -0.1%</i>                                 |
| Friday October 23    | ◆ US Composite PMI Flash (Oct)                       | <i>Previous 58.4</i>                               |
| Friday October 23    | ◆ Michigan Consumer sentiment final (Oct)            | <i>Sept final reading was 48.1</i>                 |

### US earnings, AGMs and China data in the spotlight

- The local economic calendar is relatively light, with investors set to hear from several RBA officials. Markets will watch the preliminary Composite PMI survey for an early read on business activity across the Australian economy.
- Investors will also focus on a key batch of Chinese economic data, including GDP, retail sales, industrial production and employment figures which will provide important signals on the outlook of China's economy and by proxy, global economic growth. The central bank will also hand down an interest rate decision on Tuesday.
- US earnings season got off to a mixed start, with major banks delivering varied results. While shares in Goldman Sachs rose after the investment bank exceeded expectations, results from JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo missed estimates, contributing to a mixed market reaction.
- US earnings season ramps up with results scheduled from GE, Netflix, 3M, Chubb, GM, United Airlines, Halliburton, Hasbro (**Tuesday**); Meta, Tesla, Texas Instruments, SAP, IBM, AT&T, Moody's (**Wednesday**); Procter & Gamble, Newmont, Lockheed Martin, Spotify, Blackstone, Barclays, Comcast, Honeywell, Union Pacific, Nasdaq Inc, American Airlines (**Thursday**); American Express and ExxonMobil (**Friday**).
- The local AGM season gathers pace with shareholders set to hear from Stockland (**Monday**); Judo Capital, Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, L1 Capital, Codan, MyState, PWR Holdings, Cuscal (**Tuesday**); Fletcher Building, Vulcan Steel, Bega Cheese, Service Stream, Transurban, Sigma Healthcare (**Wednesday**); Auckland Airport, Magellan Financial Group, Insurance Australia Group, Brambles, BHP, ASX, APA Group, Cleanaway Waste Management, Aurizon Holdings (**Thursday**); Reliance Worldwide, EVT, Aussie Broadband and Temple & Webster (**Friday**).
- Quarterly updates will also attract investor attention, with reports due from Amplitude Energy, South32 (**Monday**); BHP, Challenger, HUB24, Yancoal (**Tuesday**); Northern Star, Beach Energy, Woodside Energy, Transurban (**Wednesday**); Fortescue, Santos, Karoon Energy (**Thursday**); Mineral Resources, Whitehaven Coal, Zip Co and Alkane Resources (**Friday**). *James Tao, CommSec Equity Market Commentator*

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