

Interest Rates (%)			FX			Commodities US\$		
Australia		Δ bp	AUD/USD	0.6582	-0.2%	WTI Crude Oil	71.43	\$0.87
90-day Bill	4.41	-1	AUD/JPY	100.24	0.0%	Brent Crude Oil	75.08	\$0.91
3-year Bond	4.09	5	AUD/EUR	0.6054	-0.1%	Mogas95*	83.96	\$2.14
10-year Bond	4.57	2	AUD/GBP	0.5082	-0.1%	CRB Index	282.75	3.31
			AUD/NZD	1.1024	0.1%	Gold	2736.40	-\$3.17
			AUD/CNY	4.6803	0.1%	Silver	32.41	-\$0.17
US			EUR/USD	1.0875	0.0%	Iron Ore (62% Fe)**	104.20	\$1.80
2-year	4.16	-5	USD/JPY	152.28	0.1%	Iron Ore (24-25 Average)	101.14	\$0.05
10-year	4.29	-10	USD/CNY	7.1009	-0.4%	Copper	9696.50	\$126.00
			RBA Policy			Equities		
Other 10-year			O/N Cash Rate Target	4.35		ASX200	8121	-20
Japan	0.94	-1	Interbank O/N Cash Rate	4.34		Dow Jones	41795	-258
Germany	2.40	-1	Probability of a 25bps Cut in Nov	4.8%		S&P500	5713	-16
UK	4.46	1	RBA Bond Holdings (31 Oct)	A\$311.7b		Stoxx600	509	-2
						CSI300	3945	55

*Mogas95 is the Singapore benchmark petrol price closely linked to Australian domestic fuel prices.

**Iron ore is the second SGX futures contract.

US equities retreated and US Treasury yields dropped amid uncertainty about the US Presidential election results. Polymarket's state-level prediction market currently implies a narrow win for Donald Trump over Kamala Harris, although by a narrow margin (287-251 electoral votes), with highly uncertain results in the so-called swing states. The declines on Wall Street followed mixed results in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

The Australian dollar depreciated slightly against all the major currencies except for the Japanese yen. Commonwealth bond yields picked up ahead of the RBA rate decision due later today, with no changes expected. The ASX 200 closed 0.6% higher yesterday, with declines only in materials and energy, before opening lower this morning.

In commodity markets, oil prices rose by around 1%, taking Brent futures back to US\$75 a barrel. This came after the OPEC+ decision to delay its tapering of oil production cuts, meaning that current production limits will continue until the end of December. Iron ore futures lifted by 1.8% on hopes for new stimulus measures at the National People's Congress Standing Committee meeting that started yesterday. The gold price ebbed by 0.1%, to remain 1.8% off its record high from last Wednesday.

In Australia, the Melbourne Institute inflation gauge suggested a 0.3% rise in consumer prices in October, which took inflation 0.4ppts higher to 3.0%. The report also pointed to a 0.5ppts rise in annual trimmed mean inflation to 2.7%. The Melbourne Institute inflation gauge is modelled on the official CPI basket, but the sample size is much smaller, and it is not targeted by the RBA.

ANZ Indeed job ads rose by 0.3% in October, following an upwardly revised gain of 2.3% in the previous month. Jobs ads are down 15.8% through the year and 27.0% off their peak from June 2022, but 16.1% above pre-COVID levels.

The ANZ Roy Morgan weekly consumer confidence index rose 0.1% last week, taking the four-week average to the highest level since early 2023, although it remains depressed. The four-week average of consumer inflation expectations declined to a three-year low of 4.6%.

Economic Data Review

- **AU:** Melbourne Institute Inflation Gauge (MoM, Oct) – Actual 0.3%, Previous 0.1%.
- **AU:** ANZ Indeed Job Ads (MoM, Oct) – Actual 0.3%, Previous 2.3% (revised).
- **AU:** ANZ Roy Morgan Consumer Sentiment (w/e 2 Nov) – Actual 0.1%, Previous -1.3%.

Economic Data Preview

- **AU:** RBA Board Decision (Cash Rate Target) – Expected 4.35%, Previous 4.35%.
- **AU:** RBA Statement on Monetary Policy.
- **AU:** Public Appearance by RBA Governor Michele Bullock.
- **CH:** Caixin PMI Services PMI (Oct) – Expected 50.5, Previous 50.3.
- **US:** ISM Services PMI (Oct) – Expected 53.8, Previous 54.9.
- **US:** Elections.