

For the week beginning 26th December 2022

		Last	Market median	Westpac forecast	Risk/Comment
Mon 26					
Aus	Boxing Day public holiday	-	-	-	Markets closed.
Tue 27					
Aus	Christmas Day public holiday	-	-	-	Additional holiday due to Christmas Day being on a weekend.
Jpn	Nov job to applicant ratio	1.35	-	-	Upward pressure on wages needed for BoJ.
Chn	Nov industrial profits %yr ytd	-3.0%	-	-	Under intense pressure now, but policy to support in time.
US	Nov wholesale inventories	0.5%	-	-	Uncertain outlook calls for limited inventory.
	Oct FHFA house prices	0.1%	-	-	Correction deepening amid broad-based price declines...
	Oct S&P/CS home price index	-1.24%	-	-	... as cumulative rate hikes continue to impact.
	Dec Dallas Fed index	-14.4	-	-	Conditions softening across the regions.
Wed 28					
Jpn	Nov industrial production	-3.2%	-	-	Risks around slowing global demand set to persist.
UK	Dec Nationwide house prices	-1.4%	-	-	House price declines well entrenched.
US	Nov pending home sales	-4.6%	-	-	Declines in sales volumes to continue into 2023.
	Dec Richmond Fed index	-9	-	-	Conditions softening across the regions.
Thu 29					
Kor	Nov industrial production	-3.5%	-	-	Under intense pressure moving into year-end.
US	Initial jobless claims	-	-	-	To remain at relatively low levels, at least for time being.
Fri 30					
Kor	Dec CPI %yr	5.0%	-	-	Headline off-peak, core cresting; BoK not finished yet.
Chn	Q3 current account balance US\$bn	144.0	-	-	Final estimate.
US	Dec Chicago PMI	37.2	-	-	Pointing to clear downside risks for business conditions.
Sat 31					
Chn	Dec manufacturing PMI	48.0	-	-	Policy will support manufacturing and services in time...
	Dec non-manufacturing PMI	46.7	-	-	... but virus and global demand risks remain.

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For the week beginning 2nd January 2023

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Mon 02					
Aus	New Year's Day public holiday	-	-	-	Additional holiday due to New Year's Day being on a weekend.
Chn	Dec Caixin manufacturing PMI	49.4	-	-	Virus and global demand risks at play.
Eur	Dec S&P Global manufacturing PMI	47.8	-	-	Final estimate.
Tue 03					
Aus	Dec CoreLogic home value index	-1.1%	-	-1.4%	Price falls accelerated again into year-end.
UK	Dec S&P Global manufacturing PMI	44.7	-	-	Final estimate.
US	Dec S&P Global manufacturing PMI	46.2	-	-	Final estimate.
	Nov construction spending	-0.3%	-	-	Softening demand weighing on construction spending.
Wed 04					
NZ	GlobalDairyTrade auction (WMP)	-	-	-	Tight supply, China's reopening to support prices.
Jpn	Dec Nikkei manufacturing PMI	48.8	-	-	Final estimate.
Chn	Dec Caixin services PMI	46.7	-	-	Virus risks weighing more heavily on services.
Eur	Dec S&P Global services PMI	49.1	-	-	Final estimate.
UK	Nov net mortgage lending £bn	4.0	-	-	Lending to moderate as correction deepens.
US	Dec ISM manufacturing	49.0	-	-	Headwinds beginning to impact larger manufacturers.
	Nov JOLTS job openings	10334k	-	-	Gradually falling from historic peak.
	FOMC December meeting minutes	-	-	-	More colour around the risks to the outlook and for policy.
Thu 05					
Chn	Dec trade balance US\$bn	69.3	-	-	Due this week; burgeoning support from Asia.
Eur	Nov PPI %yr	30.8%	-	-	Sharply decelerating from August's peak.
UK	Dec S&P Global services PMI	50.0	-	-	Final estimate.
US	Nov trade balance US\$bn	-78.2	-	-	Foreign demand for US goods continuing to soften.
	Initial jobless claims	-	-	-	To remain at relatively low levels for time being.
	Dec S&P Global services PMI	44.4	-	-	Final estimate.
Fri 06					
Jpn	Dec Nikkei services PMI	51.7	-	-	Final estimate.
Eur	Dec CPI %yr	10.1%	-	-	Close attention on structure and momentum of core CPI.
	Nov retail sales	-1.8%	-	-	Household's clearly under pressure from inflation and rates.
	Dec consumer confidence	-22.2	-	-	Consumer confidence is consolidating...
	Dec economic confidence	93.7	-	-	... providing some support to overall economic sentiment.
US	Dec non-farm payrolls	263k	-	-	Payrolls growth continues to surprise to the upside...
	Dec unemployment rate	3.7%	-	-	... 100k/mth pace in payrolls and softer wages growth...
	Dec average hourly earnings %mth	0.6%	-	-	... is critical to timing peak fed funds and subsequent cuts.
	Dec ISM non-manufacturing	56.5	-	-	Larger service providers are weathering headwinds...
	Nov factory orders	1.0%	-	-	.. but headwinds for manufacturing remain immense.
	Fedspeak	-	-	-	Barkin.
Sat 07					
Chn	Dec foreign reserves US\$bn	3117.5	-	-	Authorities focussed on stability on trade-weighted basis.

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Mon 09					
Aus	Nov dwelling approvals	-6.0%	-	-4.0%	Rate-rise driven weakening becoming clearer.
Chn	Dec PPI %yr	-1.3%	-	-	Upstream price pressures continuing to decelerate...
	Dec CPI %yr	1.6%	-	-	... as consumer inflation remains little changed.
	Dec new loans, CNYbn	1210.0	-	-	Due this week. Credit gains to continue...
	Dec M2 money supply %yr	12.4%	-	-	... on authorities encouragement.
Eur	Jan Sentix investor confidence	-21	-	-	Beginning to improve from historically weak level.
	Nov unemployment rate	6.5%	-	-	Slack to emerge in 2023.
US	Fedspeak	-	-	-	Bostic.
Tue 10					
Jpn	Nov household spending %yr	1.2%	-	-	Real spending capacity under pressure from inflation.
Chn	Dec retail sales ytd %yr	-0.1%	-	-	Consumption is key to growth in 2023.
	Dec fixed asset investment ytd %yr	5.3%	-	-	Policy is providing lasting support for investment...
	Dec industrial production ytd %yr	3.8%	-	-	... but the global outlook remains a clear headwind.
US	Nov consumer credit \$bn	27.1	-	-	Households using credit to manage cost-of-living pressures.
	Dec NFIB small business optimism	91.9	-	-	Consolidating near pandemic-era lows.
Wed 11					
Aus	Nov retail sales	-0.2%	-	0.2%	Starting to falter as prices and rate rises impact.
	Nov monthly CPI indicator, %yr	6.9%	-	7.4%	Inflationary momentum eased through the last few months.
NZ	Dec ANZ commodity prices	-3.9%	-	-	Further falls in meat prices, dairy steady.
	Nov monthly employment indicator	0.0%	-	0.7%	Flat in Oct but regaining momentum since then.
Thu 12					
Aus	Nov trade balance \$bn	12.2	-	10.8	Surplus to narrow, exports hit by lower commodity prices.
NZ	Nov building permits	-10.7%	-	5.0%	Level still firm, signs of softening starting to emerge.
Jpn	Nov current account balance ¥bn	-64.1	-	-	Import values surging under weak Yen.
US	Dec CPI	0.1%	-	-	Structure and momentum of core CPI the clear focus.
	Initial jobless claims	-	-	-	To remain at relatively low levels for time being.
Fri 13					
Aus	Nov housing finance	-2.7%	-	-1.5%	Already down 22.7% since Jan. Turnover has stabilised a ...
	Nov owner occupier finance	-2.2%	-	-2.3%	... little since Aug but construction-related activity is still ...
	Nov investor finance	-2.9%	-	-1.0%	... weakening, suggesting investor loans should be steadier.
Kor	Bank of Korea policy decision	3.25%	-	-	Tightening cycle nearing peak as growth concerns build.
Chn	Q4 GDP %yr	3.9%	-	-	Downside risk centred on consumption.
Eur	Nov industrial production	-2.0%	-	-	Gloomy outlook for the months ahead.
	Nov trade balance €bn	-28.3	-	-	Deficit to remain wide for foreseeable future.
UK	Nov trade balance £mn	-1785	-	-	Imports declining amid numerous headwinds facing HH's.
US	Dec import price index	-0.6%	-	-	Import prices rapidly declining from high levels.
	Jan Uni. of Michigan sentiment	-	-	-	Consumers feeling the heat from inflation and rates.

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