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MORNING REPORT

Today's economic developments and market movements.

Key themes

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Data snapshot

FX Last 24 hrs	Current	Change	AUS Interest Rate Swaps	Last	Change
TWI	65.4	0.0%	30 day BBSY	3.85	0.01
AUD/USD	0.7096	-0.4%	90 day BBSY	4.01	0.01
AUD/JPY	108.51	-0.7%	180 day BBSY	4.28	0.01
AUD/GBP	0.5209	-0.4%	1 year swap	4.17	-0.01
AUD/NZD	1.1754	-0.3%	2 year swap	4.23	-0.01
AUD/EUR	0.5978	-0.4%	3 year swap	4.26	-0.02
AUD/CNH	4.8939	-0.6%	4 year swap	4.30	-0.02
AUD/SGD	0.8959	-0.4%	5 year swap	4.34	-0.02
AUD/HKD	5.5469	-0.5%	6 year swap	4.39	-0.02
AUD/CAD	0.9657	-0.2%	7 year swap	4.45	-0.02
EUR/USD	1.1870	0.0%	8 year swap	4.50	-0.03
USD/JPY	152.90	-0.2%	9 year swap	4.56	-0.02
USD Index	96.96	0.1%	10 year swap	4.80	-0.04
Equities	Close	Change	Government Bond Yields	Close	Change
S&P/ASX 200	9,044	0.3%	Australia		
S&P 500	6,870	-1.0%	3 year bond	4.31	0.05
Japan Nikkei	57,640	0.0%	10 year bond	4.81	0.05
Hang Seng	27,033	-0.9%	United States		
Euro Stoxx 50	6,011	-0.4%	3-month T Bill	3.60	-0.01
UK FTSE100	10,402	-0.7%	2 year bond	3.46	-0.05
VIX Index	19.76	12.0%	10 year bond	4.10	-0.07
Commodities	Current	Change	Other (10 year yields)		
CRB Index	310.59	0.7%	Germany	2.78	-0.01
Gold	4945.16	-2.7%	Japan	2.24	0.00
Copper	12876	-2.2%	UK	4.45	-0.02
Oil (WTI futures)	63.06	-2.4%	Sydney Futures Exchange	Current	Change
Coal (coking)	223.00	0.5%	10 yr bond	4.76	-0.06
Coal (thermal)	118.40	1.8%	3 yr bond	4.28	-0.05
Iron Ore	100.00	-0.4%	3 mth bill rate	4.02	-0.01
ACCU	36.13	-4.3%	SPI 200	8,925	-0.5%

Data as at 7:00am AEDT. Change is from the previous trading day (excluding the SFE, which is the change during the night session). Source: Bloomberg.



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Financial Markets

Risk-off sentiment was the main driving force in major markets. Despite stronger-than-expected US payroll data released the previous day, which indicated resilience in the US labour market, most major equities declined, and US Treasuries rallied. These moves were triggered by renewed concerns about valuations in the tech sector on one hand, as well as speculation that AI could eventually negatively impact business models in other sectors. Market positioning ahead of today's US CPI release may also have played a role.

On the data front, the steady weekly jobless claims data did not raise any concerns, reinforcing the message from payrolls. UK GDP figures for Q4 were slightly softer than expected, showing minimal growth of 0.1% qtr for a second consecutive quarter.

- US stocks declined notably, with the S&P 500 down 1.0%, leaving the index almost flat on a year-to-date basis. Major companies such as Apple, Amazon, and Meta led the market lower, causing the tech sector to fall by more than 2%. The sector is now about 4% in the red since the start of the year.
- In other markets, after notable gains at the opening, the Euro Stoxx 50 dropped sharply towards the end of the trading session, finishing the day 0.4% lower. The FTSE 100 followed a similar pattern, losing 0.7%. Following a public holiday on Wednesday and strong gains earlier in the week, Japanese stocks were broadly stable. The domestic ASX 200 rose 0.3%.
- US Treasuries rallied across the curve as investors sought safety. Gains were concentrated at the long end – the 10Y yield declined 7bp to 4.10%, the lowest level since early December, while the 2Y yield dropped 5bp.
- Major European government bond yields followed a similar pattern, but the moves were smaller – the 10Y UK Gilt yield declined 2bp to 4.45%, while the equivalent Bund yield fell 1bp to 2.78%. More stable conditions in Japanese markets left the 10Y JGB yield little changed, but the super longs – 30Y and 40Y yields – continued to trend lower. Australian yields rose by about 5 bp across the curve, but futures indicate they are likely to align with global trends at the market opening.
- In FX markets, the DXY struggled to find direction and ended the day a touch stronger, up 0.1%, settling just below 97.0. Moves in other major currencies were small – both the EUR and the GBP were flat, while the yen gained 0.2%. The AUD lost 0.4%, dipping back below 0.71.
- Crude prices remained volatile as investors continued to monitor developments in the US–Iran relations. Recent comments from Trump signalled optimism but suggested that negotiations to limit Tehran's nuclear ambitions could take some time. Against this backdrop, the WTI March contract fell

Today's key data and events

Time	Event	Exp	Prev
8:30	NZ Manufacturing PMI Jan	-	56.1pts
8:45	NZ Net Migration Dec	-	990k
13:00	NZ RBNZ Inflation Expectations Q1	-	2.3%
21:00	EZ GDP Q4 S	0.3%	0.3%
-	CN Current Account Balance Q4 Prel.	-	US\$198.7b
0:30	US CPI Jan	0.3%	0.3%

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International Data

US initial jobless claims were little changed last week at a low 227k.

US existing home sales more than reversed December's 4.4% gain in January, declining 8.4%. Sales are currently 39% below the most recent peak in 2022. While falling interest rates towards the end of 2025 supported the US housing market activity, the figures illustrate that the recovery is far from assured.

UK GDP disappointed in Q4, rising 0.1% (consensus 0.2%) to be only 1.0% higher over the year. The figures confirmed that after a burst of activity in the first half of 2025, the UK economy lost its momentum in the second half. Investment and external demand were behind the Q4's downside surprise, while personal consumption grew at a modest pace.



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