

Monthly Market Wrap

03-December-2021

		Month End	Price Performance (% Chg)			
	Units	Value	1-day	1-mth	6-mths	1-year
Developed Markets Equities						
ASX 200	AUD	7,256	0.22%	-0.93%	1.32%	11.33%
ASX 200 Futures	AUD	7,231	0.24%	-0.67%	2.67%	13.77%
Dow Jones	USD	34,484	-1.86%	-3.73%	-0.13%	16.35%
S&P 500	USD	4,567	-1.90%	-0.83%	8.63%	26.10%
Stoxx Europe 600	EUR	463	-0.92%	-2.64%	3.63%	18.90%
FTSE 100 (UK)	GBP	7,059	-0.71%	-2.46%	0.52%	12.66%
DAX (Germany)	EUR	15,100	-1.18%	-3.75%	-2.08%	13.61%
CAC (France)	EUR	6,721	-0.81%	-1.60%	4.25%	21.79%
Nikkei 225	JPY	27,822	-1.63%	-3.71%	-3.60%	5.25%
Emerging Markets Equities						
MSCI Emerging Markets	USD	1,212	-0.54%	-4.14%	-11.90%	0.61%
Shanghai Composite	CNY	3,564	0.03%	0.47%	-1.43%	5.08%
South Korea	KRW	2,839	-2.42%	-4.43%	-11.39%	9.56%
Taiwan	TWD	17,428	0.58%	2.59%	2.11%	27.00%
Brazil	BRL	101,916	-0.87%	-1.53%	-19.25%	-6.41%
South Africa	ZAR	64,064	0.73%	5.35%	3.69%	22.32%
Foreign Exchange						
AUDUSD	Currency	0.7127	-0.22%	-5.20%	-7.85%	-2.95%
AUDGBP	Currency	0.5359	-0.11%	-2.43%	-1.51%	-2.78%
AUDEUR	Currency	0.6286	-0.63%	-3.37%	-0.62%	2.08%
AUDCNY	Currency	4.56	0.02%	-5.24%	-7.54%	-6.09%
Commodities	1100/	2.625	-0.19%	-3.37%	5.72%	28.36%
LME ALUMINUM 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	9,443	-1.41%	-0.56%	-7.95%	24.57%
LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	19,897	-1.21%	2.31%	9.85%	24.10%
LME NICKEL 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	22.82	-0.16%	-4.91%	-18.88%	-0.71%
SILVER FUTURE Mar22	USD/oz	142.15	-8.88%	0.11%	42.15%	107.82%
ICE Newc Coal Fut Jan22 62% Import Fine Ore in USD	USD/mt USD/t	94.39	-0.55%	-14.41%	-53.02%	-23 63%
Gold Spot \$/Oz	USD/oz	1,775	-0.56%	-0.50%	-6.94%	-0.14%
WTI Oil	USD/bbl	66.18	-5.39%	-19.08%	4.43%	46.32%
Henry Hub	USD/mmBtu	4.52	-6.80%	-16.61%	59.15%	58.04%
Corn	USD/Bu	567.00	-2.41%	-0.22%	-13.67%	35.08%
Wheat	USD/Bu	773.75	-4.18%	0.13%	16.62%	33.35%
Fixed Interest						
10-Yr Bond Yield						
Australia	AUD	1.69%	-0.05%	-0.40%	-0.02%	+0.79%
US	USD	1.44%	-0.05%	-0.11%	-0.15%	+0.61%
Germany	EUR	-0.35%	-0.03%	-0.24%	-0.16%	+0.22%
Japan	JPY	0.06%	-0.02%	-0.04%	-0.03%	+0.03%
Italy	EUR	0.97%	-0.01%	-0.20%	+0.06%	+0.34%
Australian Rates						
Cash Rate	AUD	0.10%	+0.00%	+0.00%	+0.00%	+0.00%
90-Day BBSW	AUD	0.05%	+0.00%	-0.03%	+0.01%	+0.03%
180-Day BBSW	AUD	0.14%	+0.00%	-0.09%	+0.05%	+0.12%
CBOE Options						
CBOE VIX (Volatility Index)	Index	27.19	18.42%	67.22%	62.23%	32.18%

Data as of 30 November 2021

Global Markets Update:

 US markets. US markets were weaker in the month, with the Dow Jones down -3.7% and S&P500 down -0.8%, as Fed Chair Jerome Powell weighed an earlier end to bond tapering and said the recent rise in Covid-19 cases and the emergence of the omicron strain pose downside risks to employment and economic activity and increased uncertainty for inflation.

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- Long-dated US treasury yields were mixed, with the 2-Yr higher yield at 0.55% and 10-Yr yield lower at 1.44%.
- European markets. European markets declined with the Stoxx Europe 600 Index down -2.6%, UK FTSE down -2.5% and German DAX down -3.8%.
- Asian markets. Asian markets were mostly lower over the month, with the Nikkei down -3.7% and KOSPI down -4.4%. The Shanghai Composite rose +0.5%, as PBOC's quarterly report indicated a shift toward easing measures to bolster the economic recovery and China's Vice Premier Liu He said he's confident about the economy's outlook in 2022, pledging enhanced support for small and foreign businesses.
- Commodities. Over the month, WTI oil price declined -19.1% to US\$66.18/bbl, as U.S. announced release of 50m barrels of crude from its strategic reserves in concert with China, Japan, India, South Korea and the U.K. in an attempt to lower prices. Iron ore prices declined -14.4% to US\$94.39 per tonne and spot gold declined -0.5% to US\$1,775 per ounce.
- ASX performance. The ASX200 declined -0.9%.

In political news:

- President Biden signed \$1.2 trillion infrastructure spending package into law and the House passed President's \$2 trillion social-spending and climate bill.
- President Xi Jinping delivered the first doctrine on Communist Party history by a Chinese leader in 40 years, giving him a mandate to potentially rule for life.
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In economic news:

- Australian RBA decision. RBA kept cash rate at 0.1%, scrapped the 0.1% yield target on the April 2024 security and signalled it's open to raising interest rates earlier than its previous 2024 guidance following a quickening of inflation, and struck an upbeat note on the economy, expecting it to expand +3% in 2021 before accelerating to +5.5% in 2022, with wage growth accelerating to 2.25% at the end of 2021, reaching 2.5% in 2022 and 3% in late 2023, the fastest pace since 2013, and Inflation seen at 2.25% through to mid-2023 before edging up to 2.5% in December 2023.
- Global growth outlook. OECD announced the global economy "has lost momentum", forecasting growth of +5.6% in 2021 (down -10bps) before moderating to 4.5% in 2022 and 3.2% in 2023 (with inflation seen peaking at nearly 5% in 2022 and gradually pulling back to about 3% by 2023), downgrading growth forecasts for the U.S. by -40bps to 5.6% for 2021 and -20bps to 3.7% for 2022, China growth by -40bps to 8.1% in 2021 and -70bps to 5.1% in 2022 and eurozone growth by -10bps to 5.2% in 2021 and -30bps to 4.3% in 2022, however, projecting U.K. to be heading for the fastest economic growth in the G7 in 2021, upgrading growth by +20bps to 6.9% in 2021 before moderating to 4.7% (down –50bps) in 2022.
- U.S. The US Fed decided to maintain the target range for its benchmark policy rate at 0-0.25%, signalling monetary policy will remain accommodative even as the central bank starts reducing its massive bond-buying program (reduce treasury purchases by \$10bn and mortgage-backed securities by \$5bn), however, warned that prices of risky assets keep rising, making them more susceptible to perilous crashes if the economy takes a turn for the worse. U.S. consumer sentiment dropped in November to a decade low as higher prices continued to erode Americans' spending power. U.S. labor market weakened in November with Businesses' payrolls increasing by 534k vs increase of 570k in prior month.
- China. Official manufacturing PMI exceeded 50 mark for first time in three months, as power crunch subsided, and price pressures eased.
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- Australia. Economy posted a smaller-than-forecast contraction in 3Q21, with GDP falling -1.9% qoq and taking the annual growth to +3.9%, stronger than the prepandemic pace of around 2%.
- Europe. ECB upgraded euro area 2021 GDP growth forecast by +20bps to 5%, downgraded 2022 forecast by -20bps to 4.3% with growth expectation of 2.4% in 2023 remaining unchanged and boosted the outlook for inflation in 2021 and 2022 with CPI expected to rise 2.4% and 2.2%, respectively, while downgrading inflation forecast to 1.4% in 2023, below the ECB's 2% target. Euro-area GDP increased +2.2% qoq (+3.7% yoy) in 3Q21 and employment rose +0.9% qoq (+2% yoy). Euro-area inflation surged to a record in November with CPI rising +4.9% yoy.
- U.K. BOE kept the benchmark rate at a record-low 0.1% and downgraded growth forecasts with the economy not expected to recovery to its pre-coronavirus size until 1Q22, later than previously expected, 2022 growth to be 5% (vs 6% previously) and a significant slowdown to 1.5% in 2023 and 1% a year later, with the near-term inflation outlook expected to worsen, with price growth now expected to hit 5% in April 2022, which would be the highest since 2011. U.K. economy grew less than the BOE's forecast in 3Q21, with GDP up +1.3% qoq (+6.6% yoy) as consumer spending showed signs of weakening.

On stock specific news (which caused significant intraday moves during the month):

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd (CBA) declined 8.1%, after reporting a considerable decline in net interest margin in 1Q22.
- Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd (DMP) slumped -18.4%, after outlining some inflationary risks for 2022 and flagging weaker sales in Japan.
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Australian Equity Markets

Top 10 Monthly Contributors							
ASX 200	,		Performance				
Stock	Ticker	1mth perf	6mth perf	1yr perf			
CHALICE MINING LTD	CHN	49.5%	13.6%	145.6%			
NICKEL MINES LTD	NIC	35.9%	37.9%	33.5%			
FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	FMG	22.1%	-24.2%	-6.7%			
EML PAYMENTS LTD	EML	22.0%	8.4%	-3.5%			
LYNAS RARE EARTHS LTD	LYC	21.0%	60.7%	134.7%			
MEGAPORT LTD	MP1	19.2%	42.4%	67.0%			
PILBARA MINERALS LTD	PLS	18.2%	110.5%	293.1%			
REECE LTD	REH	17.7%	14.4%	73.2%			
MINERAL RESOURCES LTD	MIN	17.3%	-0.3%	40.0%			
PRO MEDICUS LTD	PME	17.3%	35.5%	111.5%			

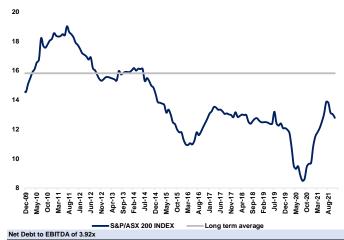
Bottom 10 Monthly Detractors							
ASX 200		Performance					
Stock	Ticker	1mth perf	6mth perf	1yr perf			
TYRO PAYMENTS LTD	TYR	-28.7%	-24.8%	-20.0%			
NEARMAP LTD	NEA	-27.6%	-10.9%	-29.5%			
CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LTD	CUV	-25.5%	-1.1%	42.2%			
ZIP CO LTD	Z1P	-20.5%	-26.6%	-14.7%			
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	WBC	-20.1%	-22.3%	1.9%			
POLYNOVO LTD	PNV	-19.8%	-46.1%	-54.5%			
KOGAN.COM LTD	KGN	-19.6%	-21.7%	-51.3%			
BEACH ENERGY LTD	BPT	-15.1%	-6.7%	-32.7%			
REDBUBBLE LTD	RBL	-14.9%	2.9%	-32.1%			
VIRGIN MONEY UK PLC - CDI	VUK	-14.2%	-17.4%	35.5%			

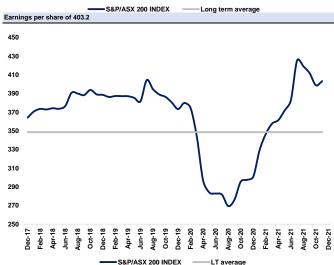


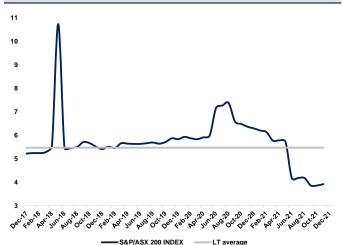


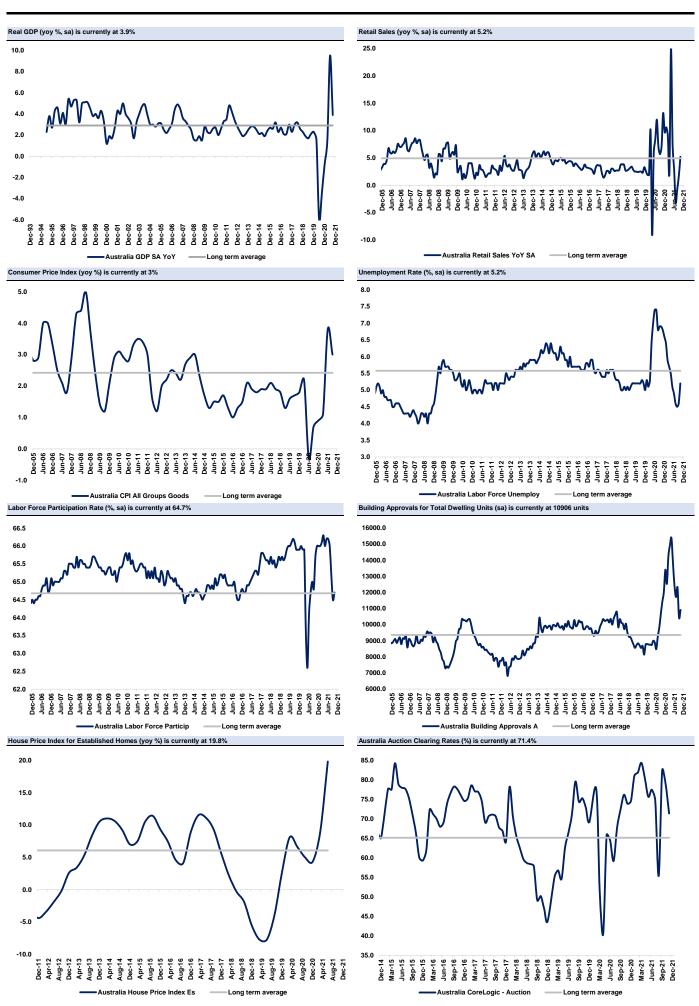
Forward Return on Equity of 12.7%

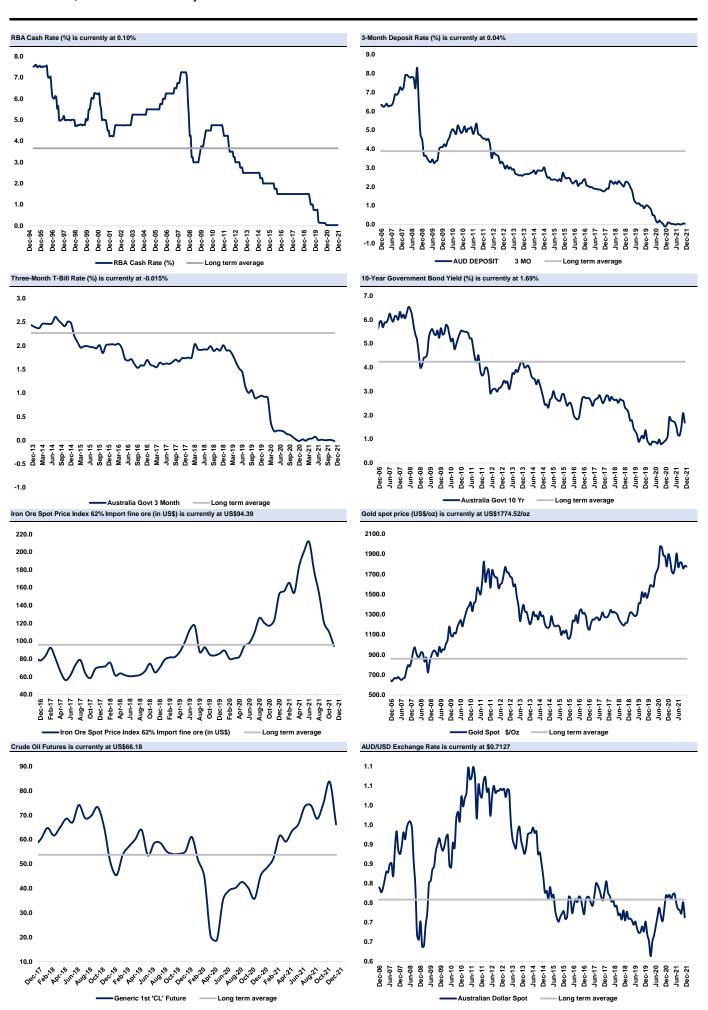












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