



Global Markets Update

- **U.S.** Equity markets closed lower overnight, with the S&P 500 down -2.1%, NASDAQ down -2.9% and Dow Jones down -1.8%, amid heightened concern over geopolitical risks after President Joe Biden warned that the probability of Ukraine's invasion by Russia is still very high. Applications for U.S. state unemployment insurance unexpectedly rose in the week ended February 12, with initial jobless claims increasing 23k to 248k.
- **Long-dated U.S. treasury yields** were lower, with the 2-Yr yield at 1.468% and the 10-Yr yield at 1.962%.
- **European markets.** European equity markets closed lower overnight, with both the Stoxx Europe 600 and German DAX down -0.7% and U.K. FTSE 100 declining -0.9%, after ECB forecast euro-area growth is likely to remain subdued in 1Q22, as the current pandemic wave weighs on economic activity and inflation remains high, however, growth should rebound strongly over the course of 2022, driven by robust domestic demand.
- **Asian markets.** Asian equity markets closed mostly higher overnight, with the Hang Seng losing most of its gains to close +0.3% higher, after the U.S. added Chinese messaging platform WeChat and online marketplace AliExpress to its list of notorious markets for counterfeiting and piracy, an annual compilation of the worst intellectual-property abusers and counterfeiters. The Shanghai Composite was up +0.1% and KOSPI gained +0.5%. Nikkei 225 declined -0.8%, after Japan lowered its overall assessment of the economy for the first time in five months, taking a gloomier view on the current state of the recovery and downgrading its view on consumer spending and housing construction, but raising its assessment of business investment.
- **WTI oil** is trading at US\$91.55 a barrel. **Iron ore price** is at US\$120.47 per ton. **Spot gold** is trading at US\$1,898 per oz.

ASX Market Update

- **ASX performance.** The S&P/ASX 200 closed +0.15% higher yesterday, after data revealed Australia's employment rose by 12,900 in January, despite omicron sweeping the nation, with the jobless rate staying steady at 13-year low of 4.2%.
- **NRW Holdings Ltd (NWH)** surged +15.4%, after upgrading FY22 operating EBIT guidance to A\$150-155m from A\$145-155m.
- **Today's trading.** In the U.S., home sales data is to be published.

Figure 1: Key Market Summary

ASX Performance	1D Chg (%)	5D Chg (%)
ASX/S&P 200	0.15%	0.1%
ASX/S&P All Ords	0.02%	-0.3%

By Sector

Banks	0.47%	1.2%
Insurance	0.00%	-0.2%
Diversified Financials	-0.26%	-0.7%
Real Estate	0.51%	1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-3.37%	-2.5%
Industrials	0.87%	-0.1%
Telcos	-3.65%	-3.7%
Utilities	0.78%	-0.2%
Healthcare	2.97%	5.0%
Consumer Staples	0.31%	1.7%
Energy	0.85%	-0.5%
Metals & Mining	0.56%	-0.9%

ASX200 Top 5	Price (A\$)	1D Chg (%)
NRW HOLDINGS LTD	1.99	15.4%
IPH LTD	9.03	9.2%
CHALLENGER LTD	6.74	6.6%
CSL LTD	277.00	5.0%
ORORA LTD	3.73	4.8%

ASX200 Bottom 5	Price (A\$)	1D Chg (%)
WESFARMERS LTD	50.81	-7.5%
BLOCK INC - CDI	149.10	-6.4%
DOMAIN HOLDINGS AUSTRAL	4.37	-6.2%
PRO MEDICUS LTD	45.11	-6.0%
POINTSBET HOLDINGS LTD	4.62	-5.7%

Market Valuations	PE-Multiple	Div. Yield
ASX200	16.9.x	4.0%
FTSE 100 Index	12.1.x	3.9%
DAX Index	13.6.x	3.0%
CAC 40 Index	13.9.x	3.0%
S&P 500 Index	19.7.x	1.5%
Dow Jones Ind. Avg	18.1.x	2.0%
NASDAQ	25.0.x	0.8%
NZX All Ords	31.2.x	2.7%
HANG SENG Index	11.7.x	3.0%
NIKKEI 225	16.6.x	2.0%
Shanghai Composite	11.2.x	2.7%

Source: Bloomberg, BTIG

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Figure 2: Around the Grounds – Price movements across key markets

	Units	Current Value	Price Performance (% Chg)			
			1-day	1-month	6-months	1-year
Developed Markets Equities						
Dow Jones	USD	34,312	-1.8%	-4.5%	-2.9%	8.5%
S&P 500	USD	4,380	-2.1%	-6.1%	-1.5%	11.4%
NASDAQ Composite	USD	13,717	-2.9%	-7.9%	-6.4%	-1.8%
Stoxx Europe 600	EUR	465	-0.7%	-4.1%	-1.9%	11.6%
FTSE 100 (UK)	GBP	7,537	-0.9%	-1.0%	5.0%	12.3%
DAX (Germany)	EUR	15,268	-0.7%	-4.2%	-4.1%	9.8%
CAC (France)	EUR	6,947	-0.3%	-3.5%	1.9%	20.5%
Nikkei 225	JPY	27,233	-0.8%	-3.6%	-1.3%	-9.9%
ASX 200	AUD	7,296	0.2%	-1.5%	-2.7%	6.0%
ASX 200 Futures	AUD	7,131	-1.1%	-2.5%	-2.7%	7.2%
Emerging Markets Equities						
MSCI Emerging Markets	USD	1,244	1.2%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-13.9%
Hang Seng (HK)	HKD	24,793	0.3%	2.8%	-4.2%	-19.0%
Shanghai Composite	CNY	3,468	0.1%	-2.9%	-0.5%	-5.6%
Korea	KRW	2,744	0.5%	-4.2%	-13.1%	-11.1%
Taiwan	TWD	18,269	0.2%	-0.6%	8.6%	11.2%
Brazil	BRL	113,627	-1.3%	6.8%	-3.6%	-5.6%
Bombay Stock Exchange (India)	INR	57,892	-0.2%	-4.7%	4.1%	12.8%
South Africa	ZAR	69,407	-0.5%	0.8%	10.8%	12.4%
Foreign Exchange						
AUDUSD	Currency	0.7188	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.9%	-7.3%
AUDGBP	Currency	0.5279	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	6.0%
AUDEUR	Currency	0.6327	0.0%	-0.1%	-2.1%	1.8%
AUDCNY	Currency	4.56	-0.4%	0.4%	3.2%	9.4%
Commodities						
LME ALUMINUM 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	3,256	1.5%	9.4%	25.1%	56.1%
LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	9,993	0.2%	2.8%	5.8%	18.9%
LME NICKEL 3MO (\$)	USD/mt	23,406	0.5%	5.5%	20.0%	24.4%
SILVER FUTURE May22	USD/oz	23.90	1.0%	4.1%	0.4%	-12.9%
ICE Newc Coal Fut Jul22	USD/mt	152.50	-2.1%	5.6%	29.8%	100.4%
62% Import Fine Ore in USD	USD/t	120.47	-9.0%	2.3%	-24.5%	-24.7%
Gold Spot \$/Oz	USD/oz	1,898	1.5%	4.4%	6.3%	6.9%
WTI Oil	USD/bbl	91.55	-2.3%	9.9%	42.1%	66.2%
Henry Hub	USD/mmBtu	4.39	1.9%	0.7%	11.7%	-72.8%
Corn	USD/Bu	648.50	0.2%	8.8%	16.2%	17.3%
Wheat	USD/Bu	796.75	2.1%	7.5%	8.5%	23.7%
Fixed Interest						
10-Yr Bond Yield						
Australia	AUD	2.21%	-1.2%	15.0%	93.9%	57.4%
US	USD	1.96%	-3.8%	9.9%	55.5%	54.4%
Germany	EUR	0.23%	-16.3%	1024.0%	149.0%	162.8%
Japan	JPY	0.23%	4.6%	52.7%	1406.7%	128.3%
Italy	EUR	1.84%	-3.9%	41.9%	220.2%	213.1%
Australian Rates						
Cash Rate	AUD	0.10%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
90-Day BBSW	AUD	0.08%	0.0%	15.4%	400.0%	275.0%
180-Day BBSW	AUD	0.27%	0.0%	12.8%	783.3%	1225.0%
CBOE Options						
CBOE VIX (Volatility Index)	Index	28.00	15.3%	45.9%	56.3%	30.2%

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