

The week that was

- A wave of good economic data and solid company earnings reports boosted global stock markets and supported prices of other risk assets. Australian employment leaped 70,700 in March and the unemployment rate fell to 5.6%. China's GDP jumped a massive 18% in the year to March. Despite the strong growth story, investors also bought bonds, sending yields lower.
- Share markets posted new record levels in the US and Europe and approached pre-COVID-19 highs in Australia. The S&P/ASX200 added 1%, the US S&P500 rose 1.4%, and the Euro Stoxx 600 gained 1.5%. China's Shanghai Composite Index, however, fell 0.7% on concerns about bad debts building in the Chinese banking system.
- US 10-year bond yields fell 8bps to 1.58% and Australia's 10-year bond yield edged down 2bps to 1.74%. TCorp's March 31 bond yield fell 5bps to 1.82% and the TCorp yield curve flattened.
- The US dollar fell an average of 0.7% against other currencies, the Australian dollar appreciated 1.5% to US\$0.773. Brent oil jumped 6.1% to US\$67 per barrel, and iron ore rose 2.4% to over US\$174/t.

Economic calendar

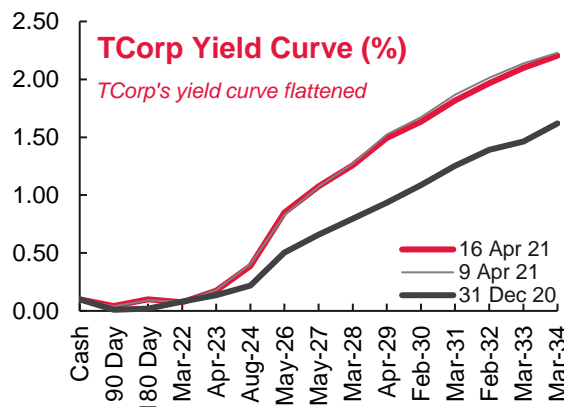
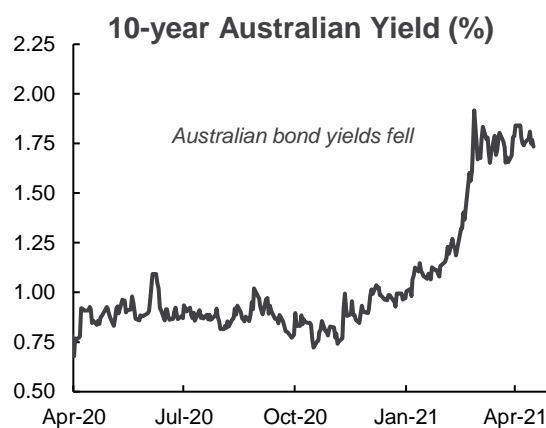
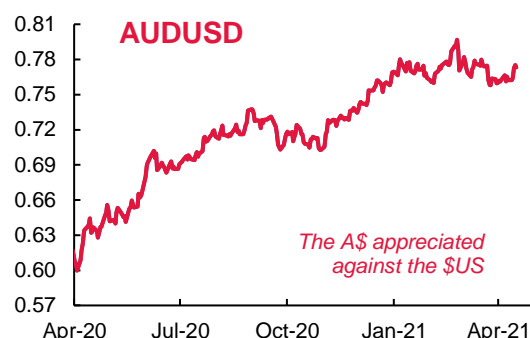
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Tuesday 20/4	AU: RBA policy meeting minutes AU: Household spending, Mar
Wednesday 21/4	AU: Retail sales, Mar CA: BoC monetary policy decision
Thursday 22/4	AU: NAB Business survey, Q1 US: ECB monetary policy decision
Friday 23/4	AU: Markit PMIs, Apr US: Markit PMIs, Apr

The week ahead

- The event calendar is quite sparse this week. The Reserve Bank of Australia's April policy meeting minutes are not expected to provide any new information for investors. Similarly, the European Central Bank meeting is not expected to move markets. However, there is more interest in the Bank of Canada (BoC) meeting as the BoC has previously indicated it may start tapering its quantitative easing measures.
- Australia's March retail sales report is expected to show sales growing at a brisk pace, reflecting the recent strength in the jobs market.
- Markit purchasing managers' indexes (PMIs) will be released for a range of economies, including Australia, the Eurozone and the US. The PMIs will provide a quick, up-to-date comparison of manufacturing and services conditions around the world.



Financial markets data: Week ending 16 April 2021

Interest Rates	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
RBA Cash Rate	0.10	0	—	0	—
90-day BBSW	0.04	0	▲	3	▲
3-year Australian Bond Yield	0.28	2	▲	18	▲
10-year Australian Bond Yield	1.74	-2	▼	77	▲
20-year Australian Bond Yield	2.44	-1	▼	73	▲
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.19	9	▲	42	▲
10-year Australian Real Yield	-0.46	-11	▼	34	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	0.00	0	—	0	—
2-year US Treasury Yield	0.16	1	▲	4	▲
10-year US Treasury Yield	1.58	-8	▼	67	▲
30-year US Treasury Yield	2.26	-6	▼	62	▲
10-year German Bund Yield	-0.26	4	▲	31	▲
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
6.00% 1 March 2022	0.08	0	▼	-1	▼
4.00% 20 April 2023	0.18	0	▼	4	▲
1.00% 8 February 2024	0.31	1	▲	12	▲
5.00% 20 August 2024	0.39	-2	▼	17	▲
4.00% 20 May 2026	0.85	2	▲	35	▲
3.00% 20 May 2027	1.08	0	▲	42	▲
3.00% 20 March 2028	1.26	-1	▼	46	▲
3.00% 20 April 2029	1.49	-3	▼	56	▲
3.00% 20 February 2030	1.63	-4	▼	55	▲
2.00% 20 March 2031	1.82	-5	▼	56	▲
2.00% 20 March 2032	2.10	-4	▼	64	▲
2.00% 20 March 2033	2.20	-2	▼	59	▲
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	-1.41	-9	▼	-30	▼
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	0.31	-14	▼	39	▲
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	1.84	-4	▼	60	▲
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.00	1	▲	-2	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.01	0	▲	5	▲
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,063	1.0%	▲	7.2%	▲
S&P500 (US)	4,185	1.4%	▲	11.4%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	7,020	1.5%	▲	8.7%	▲
DJ Stoxx 600 (Europe)	442	1.2%	▲	10.9%	▲
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	29,683	-0.3%	▼	8.2%	▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,427	-0.7%	▼	-1.3%	▼
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.773	1.5%	▲	0.5%	▲
EUR/USD	1.198	0.7%	▲	-1.9%	▼
USD/JPY	108.80	-0.8%	▼	5.4%	▲
GBP/USD	1.38	0.9%	▲	1.2%	▲
US\$ Index	91.56	-0.7%	▼	1.8%	▲
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	66.77	6.1%	▲	28.9%	▲
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	174.11	2.4%	▲	11.7%	▲
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	1,646.50	-2.9%	▼	9.7%	▲
Gold (US\$/oz)	1,776.51	1.9%	▲	-6.4%	▼

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