

The week that was

- The 2020-21 Commonwealth Budget was released last week revealing that the budget deficit had ballooned to 11% of GDP – the largest deficit Australia has recorded since the Second World War. While we were slightly underwhelmed by the extent of new policy initiatives, the combination of personal income tax cuts and business incentives were generally well received by most analysts and financial markets.
- The Australian equity market surged by 5.4% last week to sit at the top of the leader board. Most equity markets performed well, with the US S&P500 up 3.8% and Chinese stocks up 1.7%.
- The positive sentiment was also reflected in commodity markets with oil prices rising by 9% and iron ore prices up 3%. Longer-dated bond yield also increased last week with US10-year bond yield up 7bps to 0.77%. Australian 10-year bond yields rose more modestly, increasing by 4bps while 3-year bond yields actually fell by 3bps to 0.14%. This reflected growing confidence amongst traders that the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will reduce its target for the 3-year bond yield from 25bps to 10bps as soon as its November policy meeting.

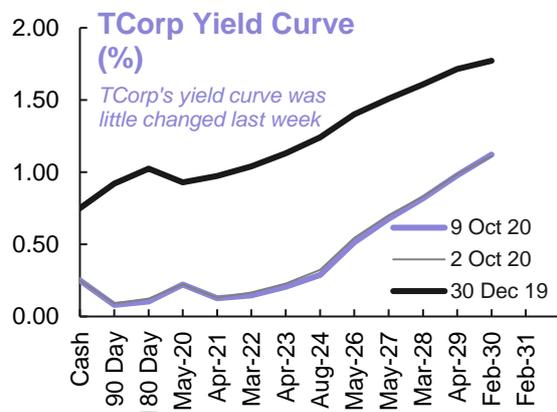
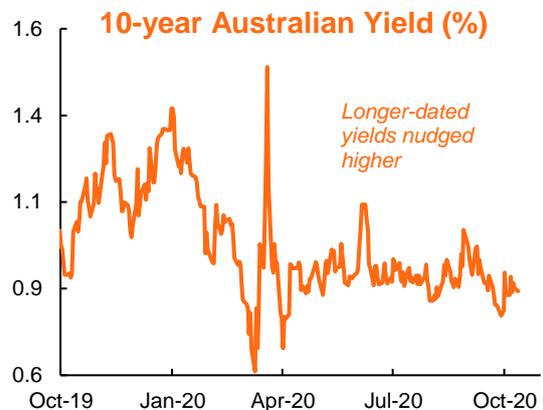
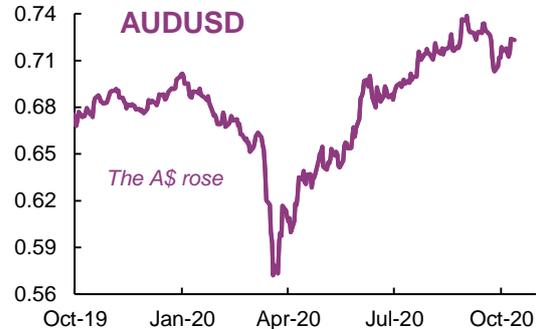
Economic calendar

Monday	
12/10	
Tuesday	EU: ZEW business survey, Sep
13/10	US: Consumer price inflation, Sep
Wednesday	AU: Consumer confidence, Oct
14/10	US: Retail sales, Aug
Thursday	AU: Employment, Aug
15/10	AU: RBA Governor speech
Friday	US: Retail sales, Sep
16/10	US: Industrial production, Sep

The week ahead

- With investors increasingly confident that the RBA will announce a raft of policy easing measures in November, the key event this week will be a speech by the RBA Governor Phillip Lowe. While the RBA Governor will not signal an imminent rate cut, if he is uncomfortable with current market pricing he would use this opportunity to pour cold water on the idea that the RBA is poised to ease further.
- In terms of economic data, the main focus will be on US retail sales. With US politicians failing to agree to a continuation of fiscal policy support, investors will closely monitor these data to see if consumer spending has weakened. Westpac's monthly survey of Australian consumer sentiment will also be released this week, although ANZ produce a weekly index that has improved solidly over the past month.

Financial markets charts



Financial markets data: Week ending 9 October 2020

Interest Rates	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
RBA Cash Rate	0.25	0	–	-50	▼
90-day BBSW	0.08	-1	▼	-84	▼
3-year Australian Bond Yield	0.14	-3	▼	-77	▼
10-year Australian Bond Yield	0.85	2	▲	-52	▼
20-year Australian Bond Yield	1.55	4	▲	-32	▼
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	1.38	3	▲	-3	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	-0.53	-1	▼	-49	▼
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	0.00	0	–	-150	▼
2-year US Treasury Yield	0.15	2	▲	-142	▼
10-year US Treasury Yield	0.77	7	▲	-114	▼
30-year US Treasury Yield	1.57	8	▲	-82	▼
10-year German Bund Yield	-0.53	1	▲	-34	▼
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
4.00% 8 April 2021	0.13	0	▼	-87	▼
6.00% 1 March 2022	0.15	-2	▼	-92	▼
4.00% 20 April 2023	0.21	-2	▼	-96	▼
1.00% 8 February 2024	0.27	-3	▼	-101	▼
5.00% 20 August 2024	0.29	-4	▼	-99	▼
4.00% 20 May 2026	0.51	-3	▼	-94	▼
3.00% 20 May 2027	0.68	-2	▼	-90	▼
3.00% 20 March 2028	0.82	-1	▼	-85	▼
3.00% 20 April 2029	0.98	-1	▼	-80	▼
3.00% 20 February 2030	1.12	1	▲	-72	▼
2.00% 20 March 2031	1.28	1	▲	-68	▼
2.00% 20 March 2032	1.49	2	▲	n/a	n/a
2.00% 20 March 2033	1.61	2	▲	-59	▼
3.75% 20 August 2020 CIB	2.04	20	▲	274	▲
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	-0.39	-18	▼	-48	▼
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	0.23	-3	▼	n/a	n/a
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	1.24	1	▲	-60	▼
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	-0.02	-1	▼	0	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	-0.02	0	▲	-5	▼
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	6,102	5.4%	▲	-8.7%	▼
S&P500 (US)	3,477	3.8%	▲	7.6%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	6,017	1.9%	▲	-20.2%	▼
Euro Stoxx 600 (Europe)	370	2.1%	▲	-10.9%	▼
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	23,620	2.6%	▲	-0.2%	▼
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,272	1.7%	▲	7.3%	▲
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.724	1.1%	▲	3.3%	▲
EUR/USD	1.183	0.9%	▲	5.4%	▲
USD/JPY	105.62	0.3%	▲	-2.7%	▼
GBP/USD	1.30	0.8%	▲	-1.1%	▼
US\$ Index	93.06	-0.8%	▼	-3.5%	▼
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	42.85	9.1%	▲	-35.1%	▼
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	124.76	3.7%	▲	36.3%	▲
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	1,315.50	0.0%	–	9.0%	▲
Gold (US\$/oz)	1,930.40	1.6%	▲	27.2%	▲

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