

Financial markets charts

The week that was

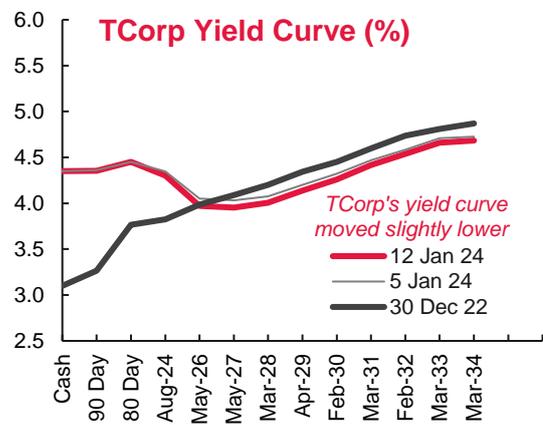
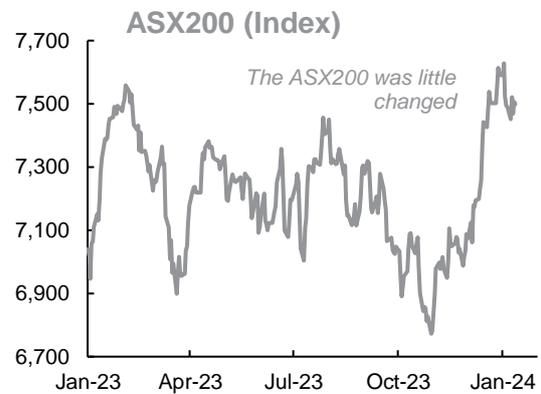
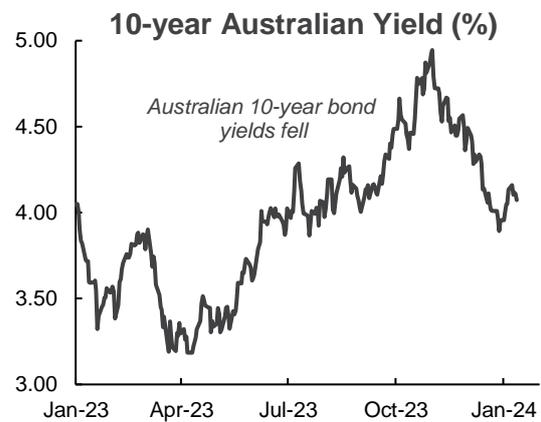
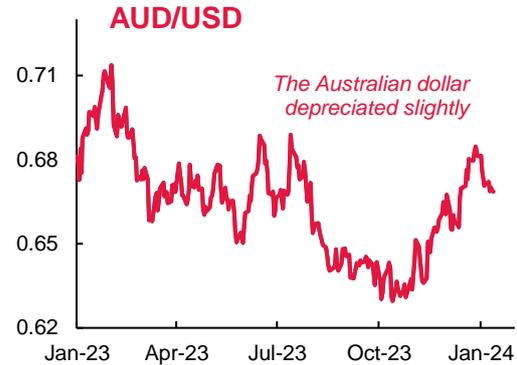
- Consumer price inflation in the US was slightly higher than expected in December, but producer price inflation was softer. Inflationary pressures in Australia also continued to ease, with inflation lower than expected in November. Overall, price pressures in advanced economies receded more quickly over 2023 than central banks had expected.
- Retail spending in Australia rose strongly in November, boosted by the Black Friday sales, as many consumers took advantage of retailers' discounts in light of the elevated cost of living pressures.
- Job vacancies in Australia fell further in the 3 months to November, providing further evidence that the labour market is gradually loosening. However, vacancies remain elevated amid ongoing labour shortages in many industries.
- Bond yields in the US fell last week, particularly at the short end after the softer producer price inflation data. Australian bond yields also fell, with 10-year yields down 6bps. US equities ended the week higher, while the ASX200 was little changed.

Economic calendar

Monday 15/01	
Tuesday 16/01	AU: Consumer sentiment, Jan CA: CPI, Dec US: Empire manufacturing, Jan GE: ZEW survey, Jan
Wednesday 17/01	US: Retail sales, Dec CH: GDP, Dec qtr; Monthly activity indicators, Dec UK: CPI, Dec EC: CPI, Dec(final)
Thursday 18/01	AU: Labour force, Dec US: Building permits, Dec; Housing starts, Dec
Friday 19/01	JN: National CPI, Dec US: Uni of Michigan sentiment, Jan (prelim); Existing home sales, Dec

The week ahead

- Australian labour market data for December will be the focus locally. Although the labour market remains tight overall, it has been gradually loosening.
- Inflation data will reveal whether price pressures in several advanced economies have continued to ease.
- The release of China's December quarter GDP data will be closely watched amid continued concerns of slowing economic momentum in China's economy.
- Investors will also pay attention to Q4 corporate earnings reports in the US.



Financial markets data: Week ending 12 January 2024

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	0	–	0	–
90-day BBSW	4.36	-1	▼	0	▼
3-year Australian Bond Yield	3.69	-9	▼	8	▲
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.07	-6	▼	12	▲
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.38	-5	▼	13	▲
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.55	-2	▼	-2	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	1.52	-4	▼	14	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.25	0	–	0	–
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.14	-24	▼	-11	▼
10-year US Treasury Yield	3.94	-11	▼	6	▲
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.18	-3	▼	15	▲
10-year German Bund Yield	2.18	3	▲	16	▲
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
1.00% 8 February 2024	4.30	-7	▼	-1	▼
5.00% 20 August 2024	4.30	-5	▼	7	▲
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.13	-5	▼	10	▲
4.00% 20 May 2026	3.97	-8	▼	9	▲
3.00% 20 May 2027	3.95	-8	▼	9	▲
3.00% 20 March 2028	4.01	-7	▼	11	▲
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.14	-6	▼	12	▲
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.26	-6	▼	12	▲
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.42	-5	▼	14	▲
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.54	-4	▼	14	▲
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.66	-5	▼	14	▲
3.50% 20 March 2034	4.68	-4	▼	14	▲
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.19	-6	▼	12	▲
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.18	-5	▼	12	▲
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	4.33	-24	▼	-41	▼
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.04	-1	▼	-2	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	-0.05	0	▲	1	▲
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,498	0.1%	▲	-1.2%	▼
S&P500 (US)	4,784	1.8%	▲	0.3%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	7,625	-0.8%	▼	-1.4%	▼
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	477	0.1%	▲	-0.5%	▼
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	35,577	6.6%	▲	6.3%	▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	2,882	-1.6%	▼	-3.1%	▼
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.669	-0.4%	▼	-1.8%	▼
EUR/USD	1.095	0.1%	▲	-0.8%	▼
USD/JPY	144.88	0.2%	▲	2.7%	▲
GBP/USD	1.28	0.3%	▲	0.2%	▲
US\$ Index	102.40	0.0%	▼	1.1%	▲
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	78.29	-0.6%	▼	1.6%	▲
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	134.18	-4.4%	▼	-1.6%	▼
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	278.93	-0.3%	▼	1.2%	▲
Gold (US\$/oz)	2,049.06	0.2%	▲	-0.7%	▼

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