

Financial markets charts

The week that was

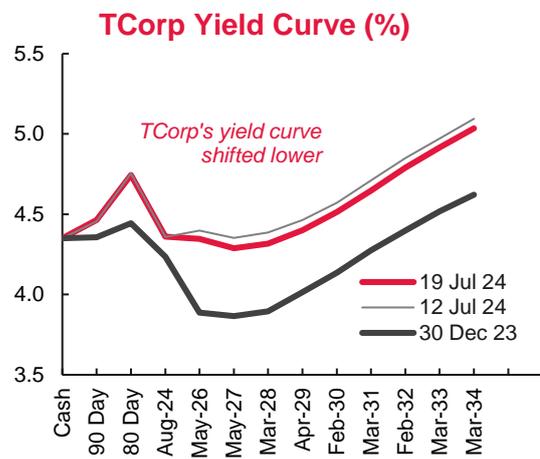
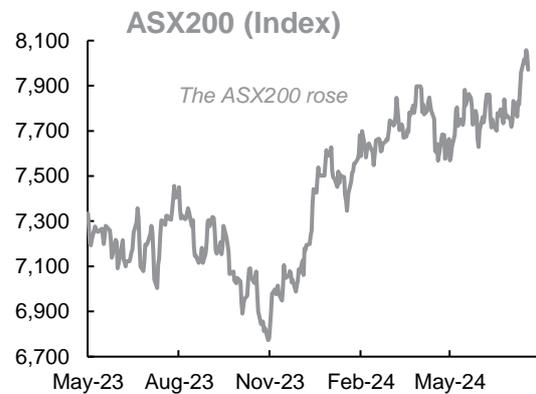
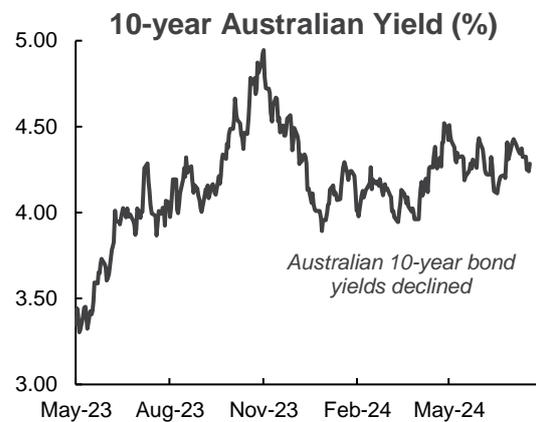
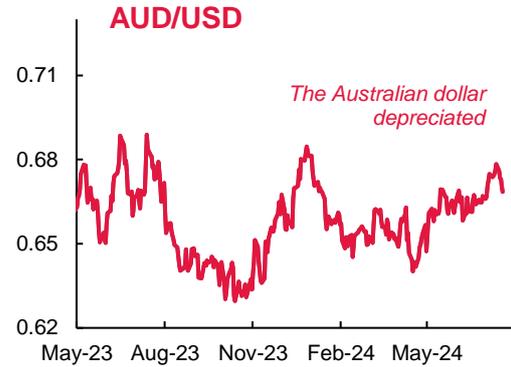
- The European Central Bank (ECB) held interest rates steady, noting that it needs more confidence that inflation is still falling before it cuts rates again.
- US Federal Reserve (Fed) policymakers also noted the need for more data before lowering rates and downplayed the possibility of a July rate cut. Investors expect both the Fed and ECB to cut rates in September.
- US 10-year bond yields rose 6bps and Australian 10-year yields fell 4bps. However, US yields have fallen noticeably as the likelihood of impending Fed rate cuts have increased, with yields around 50bps lower than their recent peak in late April. Over the same period, Australian bond yields have fallen by less than US yields, as investors do not expect the Reserve Bank of Australia to cut rates in 2024.
- Increased risk aversion saw most offshore equity markets fall, with the US S&P500 losing 2%. Comments by President Biden threatening further restrictions on exports of microchips to China and the global technology outage on Friday weighed on equities, offsetting a mostly positive start to the US corporate earnings reporting season.
- The Australian dollar depreciated by 1.5% against the US dollar, reversing some of the recent gains.
- China's economy grew less than expected in the June quarter, dragged down by continued weakness in the property sector and consumer spending.

Economic calendar

Monday 22/07	
Tuesday 23/07	
Wednesday 24/07	CA: Bank of Canada policy decision Global: PMIs, July (preliminary)
Thursday 25/07	US: GDP, Jun qtr (advance)
Friday 26/07	US: Core PCE deflator, Jun JP: Tokyo CPI, Jul

The week ahead

- The focus will be on the Fed's targeted measure of inflation – the core PCE deflator – with investors expecting another encouraging print for June. US GDP data and more corporate earnings reports will also be released.
- The Bank of Canada is expected to deliver its second rate cut as Canadian inflation surprised to the downside in June.
- Preliminary Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMIs) will provide timely reads on global economic activity in July.



Financial markets data: Week ending 19 July 2024

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	0	–	0	–
90-day BBSW	4.47	1	▲	11	▲
3-year Australian Bond Yield	4.00	-5	▼	39	▲
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.28	-4	▼	33	▲
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.71	-2	▼	47	▲
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.43	1	▲	-14	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	1.85	-5	▼	47	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.25	0	–	0	–
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.51	6	▲	26	▲
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.24	6	▲	36	▲
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.45	5	▲	42	▲
10-year German Bund Yield	2.47	-3	▼	44	▲
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
5.00% 20 August 2024	4.36	0	▲	13	▲
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.41	-2	▼	38	▲
4.00% 20 May 2026	4.35	-5	▼	46	▲
3.00% 20 May 2027	4.29	-7	▼	42	▲
3.00% 20 March 2028	4.32	-7	▼	42	▲
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.40	-6	▼	38	▲
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.51	-6	▼	38	▲
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.65	-6	▼	37	▲
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.79	-6	▼	39	▲
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.91	-6	▼	40	▲
1.75% 20 March 2034	5.04	-6	▼	41	▲
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.99	0	–	92	▲
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.51	-4	▼	45	▲
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	5.01	-8	▼	45	▲
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.09	2	▲	-2	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.02	2	▲	10	▲
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	7,972	0.2%	▲	5.0%	▲
S&P500 (US)	5,505	-2.0%	▼	15.4%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	8,156	-1.2%	▼	5.5%	▲
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	510	-2.7%	▼	6.5%	▲
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	40,064	-2.7%	▼	19.7%	▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	2,982	0.4%	▲	0.2%	▲
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.669	-1.5%	▼	-1.9%	▼
EUR/USD	1.088	-0.2%	▼	-1.4%	▼
USD/JPY	157.48	-0.2%	▼	11.7%	▲
GBP/USD	1.29	-0.6%	▼	1.4%	▲
US\$ Index	104.40	0.3%	▲	3.0%	▲
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	82.63	-2.8%	▼	7.3%	▲
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	107.20	-1.7%	▼	-21.4%	▼
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	225.46	8.5%	▲	-18.2%	▼
Gold (US\$/oz)	2,400.83	-0.4%	▼	16.4%	▲

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