

Financial markets charts

The week that was

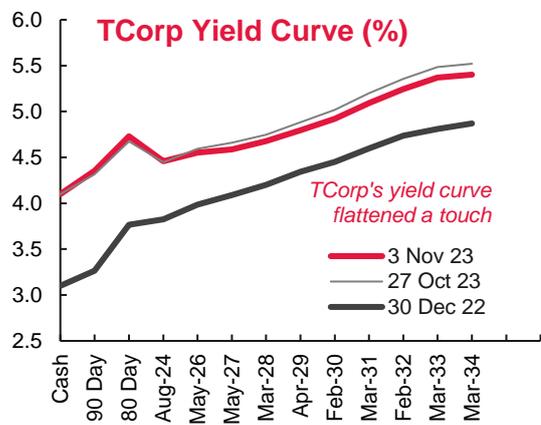
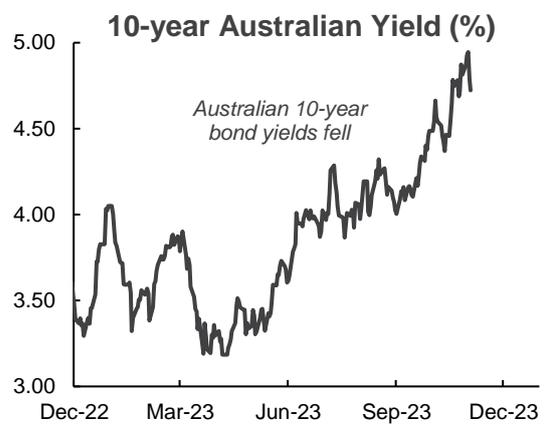
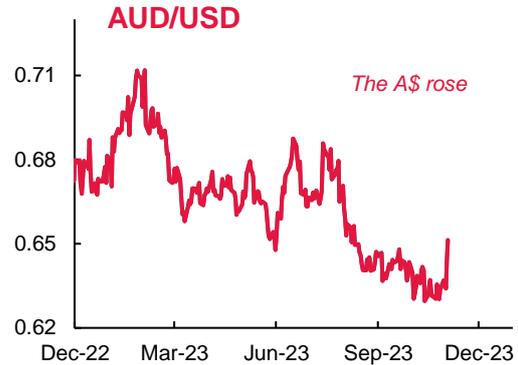
- Softer US economic data and a patient US central bank combined last week to drive bond yields sharply lower. This in turn, underpinned a strong rebound in global share markets.
- Following a string of robust employment reports, US jobs growth was weaker-than-expected in October as the unemployment rate rose to 3.9%. This followed softer business surveys from the manufacturing and service sectors, suggesting that the US Federal Reserve's rate hikes are finally gaining traction.
- The Fed decided to keep rates on hold at its policy meeting last week and indicated that it was hopeful that it had tightened sufficiently but also that it couldn't rule out another rate hike.
- This, however, was sufficient for investors to buy bonds aggressively. The US 10-year bond yield fell by 26bps over the week, while Australian 10-year yields declined by 9bps.
- The US equity market responded by rallying strongly, with the S&P500 gaining 5.9% over the week. The ASX200 rose by 2.2%. The 'risk-on' tone in markets also resulted in a strong rise in the Australian dollar which jumped 2.8% against its US counterpart, to US\$0.651.

Economic calendar

Monday 6/11	JP: Bank of Japan Governor press conference
Tuesday 7/11	AU: RBA policy decision US: Trade balance, Sep CH: Exports, Oct
Wednesday 8/11	EU: German consumer inflation, Oct EU: Retail sales, Sep
Thursday 9/11	US: Fed Chair Powell speech EU: ECB President Lagarde speech
Friday 10/11	US: Consumer sentiment, Nov AU: Statement on Monetary Policy

The week ahead

- This week, all eyes will be on the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) November policy meeting (or at least the eyes of the economists that aren't attending the Melbourne Cup).
- There is a strong consensus amongst economists that the RBA will raise rates by 25bps in November following the September quarter inflation report. While market pricing is also consistent with the likelihood of a rate hike, investors are less certain, as it still seems clear that inflation is receding.
- Globally, the main focus will be speeches from the leaders of the central banks of Europe and the US. While markets believe they have probably finished tightening, they are unlikely to confirm that.



Financial markets data: Week ending 3 November 2023

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	4.10	0	–	100	▲
90-day BBSW	4.35	4	▲	109	▲
3-year Australian Bond Yield	4.28	-3	▼	77	▲
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.72	-9	▼	67	▲
20-year Australian Bond Yield	5.03	-11	▼	65	▲
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.68	0	▲	22	▲
10-year Australian Real Yield	2.04	-9	▼	45	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	5.25	0	–	100	▲
2-year US Treasury Yield	4.84	-16	▼	41	▲
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.57	-26	▼	70	▲
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.77	-25	▼	80	▲
10-year German Bund Yield	2.65	-19	▼	7	▲
	4.10	0	–	100	▲
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
1.00% 8 February 2024	4.36	-1	▼	62	▲
5.00% 20 August 2024	4.46	1	▲	63	▲
1.25% 20 March 2025	4.55	-1	▼	70	▲
4.00% 20 May 2026	4.55	-4	▼	57	▲
3.00% 20 May 2027	4.59	-7	▼	50	▲
3.00% 20 March 2028	4.68	-7	▼	48	▲
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.79	-9	▼	45	▲
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.92	-10	▼	47	▲
2.00% 20 March 2031	5.09	-11	▼	49	▲
1.50% 20 February 2032	5.24	-11	▼	51	▲
2.00% 8 March 2033	5.37	-12	▼	56	▲
3.50% 20 March 2034	5.40	-12	▼	53	▲
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	1.54	-3	▼	73	▲
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.74	-11	▼	30	▲
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	5.37	-11	▼	61	▲
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.06	-2	▼	2	▲
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	-0.09	0	–	-3	▼
Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	6,978	2.2%	▲	-0.9%	▼
S&P500 (US)	4,358	5.9%	▲	13.5%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	7,418	1.7%	▲	-0.5%	▼
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	444	3.4%	▲	4.6%	▲
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	31,950	3.1%	▲	22.4%	▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,031	0.4%	▲	-1.9%	▼
Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.651	2.8%	▲	-4.4%	▼
EUR/USD	1.073	1.6%	▲	0.2%	▲
USD/JPY	149.39	-0.2%	▼	13.9%	▲
GBP/USD	1.24	2.1%	▲	2.5%	▲
US\$ Index	105.02	-1.4%	▼	1.4%	▲
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	84.89	-6.2%	▼	-1.2%	▼
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	125.39	5.5%	▲	12.7%	▲
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	277.15	15.2%	▲	-23.1%	▼
Gold (US\$/oz)	1,992.65	-0.7%	▼	9.2%	▲

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