

The week that was

- Risk sentiment in financial markets improved last week, with most equity markets rising strongly. The US S&P500 gained 2.4%, boosted by strong corporate earnings reports. US equities have now fully retraced their fall the previous week after the softer labour market data. The ASX200 rose by 1.7%, with strong growth in mining stocks.
- Tariff headlines remained in focus, with President Trump threatening to impose high tariffs on semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. President Trump also imposed an additional 25% tariff on imports from India because India buys oil from Russia. These developments weighed on some sectors (e.g. healthcare stocks) but were offset by strong gains in other stocks (e.g. Apple, who announced that it would bring some production back to the US).
- The Bank of England cut interest rates by 25bps this week, but their commentary and forecasts were more hawkish than expected. This saw UK 10-year yields rise by 7bps, which combined with heavy issuance of US bonds last week, contributed to a rise in US 10-year yields (+7bps). In contrast, Australian 10-year bond yields fell 7bps.
- There was limited reaction to President Trump nominating Stephen Miran to the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) Board of Governors. The term runs until 31 January 2026, giving President Trump more time to make a permanent appointment that will likely succeed Jerome Powell as the Fed Chair. Miran is seen to be a in favour of lower interest rates and is a supporter of President Trump's trade policies.

Economic calendar

Monday 11/08	
Tuesday 12/08	AU: RBA policy decision; NAB Business survey, Jul US: CPI, Jul
Wednesday 13/08	AU: Wage Price Index, Q2 US: PPI, Jul
Thursday 14/08 Friday	AU: Labour force, Jul UK: GDP, Q2 (preliminary reading) US: Retail sales, Jul
15/08	CH: Monthly activity data, Jul

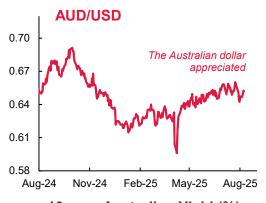
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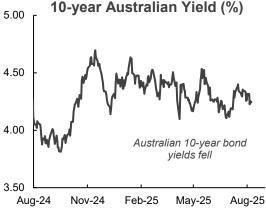
- The Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA's) Monetary Policy Board is widely expected to cut interest rates by 25bps, with recent inflation and labour market data strengthening the case for a rate cut.
- Labour force data for July and wages growth data for the June quarter will be the key data locally.
 Corporate earnings reporting season continues.
- Offshore, US inflation data for July will be the focus, with analysts looking for signs of further tariff-induced price rises.

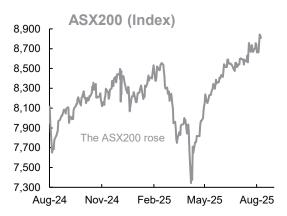
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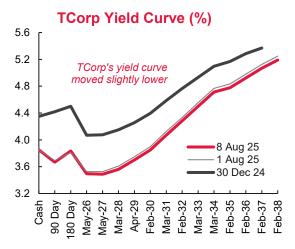
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Financial markets data: Week ending 8 August 2025

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	3.85	0	-	-50	V
90-day BBSW	3.67	-2	▼	-75	V
3-year Australian Bond Yield	3.40	-6	▼	-42	▼
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.25	-7	▼	-12	▼
20-year Australian Bond Yield	4.85	-7	▼	4	
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.18	0	A	-15	V
10-year Australian Real Yield	2.07	-7	▼	4	
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	4.25	0	_	0	_
2-year US Treasury Yield	3.76	8	A	-48	_
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.28	7	A	-29	V
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.85	3	A	7	A
10-year German Bund Yield	2.69	1	A	32	A
NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
4.00% 20 May 2026	3.49	-3	V	-51	V
3.00% 20 May 2027	3.49	-3 -4	*	-51 -51	V
3.00% 20 May 2027 3.00% 20 March 2028	3.56	- 4 -5	Ť	-51 -51	*
3.00% 20 March 2028 3.00% 20 April 2029	3.70	-5 -5	*	-47	V
3.00% 20 April 2029 3.00% 20 February 2030	3.85	-5 -5	¥	-47 -46	*
2.00% 20 February 2030 2.00% 20 March 2031		-5 -5		-40 -42	*
	4.07	-5 -5	Y	-42 -39	
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.28		T		V
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.50	-5	Y	-33	V
1.75% 20 March 2034	4.71	-6		-29	T
4.75% 20 February 2035	4.78	-6	T	-29	V
4.25% 20 February 2036	4.92	-6	V	-26	
4.75% 20 February 2037	5.07	-6	V	-21	V
5.25% 24 February 2038	5.19	-6	•		
2.75% 20 November 2025 CIB	0.71	-3	V	-262	_
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.58	-1	*	-14	V
2.50 % 20 NOVCITIBET 2003 CIB	2.50	-1	•	-14	•
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	4.83	-5	V	-22	•
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.08	0	Ă	0	
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.07	0	—	5	
, , ,		1 Week		YTD	
Equities S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	Close 8,807	1.7%	A	7.9%	
S&P500 (US)	6,389	2.4%		8.6%	
FTSE 100 (UK)	9,096	0.3%		11.3%	
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	547	2.1%		7.8%	
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	41,820	2.5%	-	4.8%	
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,635	2.1%		8.5%	
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Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.652	0.7%	<u> </u>	5.4%	A
EUR/USD	1.164	0.5%	A	12.4%	A
USD/JPY	147.74	0.2%	A	-6.0%	•
GBP/USD	1.35	1.3%	A	7.5%	A
US\$ Index	98.18	-1.0%	V	-9.5%	V
Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US\$/bbl)	66.59	-4.4%	▼	-10.8%	▼
Iron Ore (US\$/t)	101.70	2.1%	A	-1.8%	•
Coking Coal (US\$/t)	122.23	-3.4%	▼	-12.4%	V
Gold (US\$/oz)	3,397.75	1.0%	A	29.5%	A

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