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Equities (close & % change)			Sydney Futures Exchange (close & change)					Interest rates (close & change)		
S&P/ASX 200	6,869	0.9%	Last		Overnight Chg			Australia		
US Dow Jones	31,458	Closed	10 yr bond	98.67	-0.01			90 day BBSW	0.01	0.00
Japan Nikkei	30,084	1.9%	3 yr bond	99.81	0.00			2 year bond	0.10	0.00
China Shanghai	3,832	1.4%	3 mth bill rate	99.99	0.00			3 year bond	0.11	0.00
German DAX	14,109	0.4%	SPI 200	6,824.0	19			3 year swap	0.14	0.01
UK FTSE100	6,756	2.5%	FX Last 24 hrs	Open	High	Low	Current	10 year bond	1.32	0.10
Commodities (close & change)*			TWI	63.7	-	-	63.9	United States		
CRB Index	185.3	1.6	AUD/USD	0.7761	0.7789	0.7759	0.7784	3-month T Bill	0.04	Closed
Gold	1,818.86	-5.4	AUD/JPY	81.43	82.05	81.43	82.00	2 year bond	0.11	Closed
Copper	8,351.50	62.8	AUD/GBP	0.5602	0.5609	0.5589	0.5597	10 year bond	1.21	Closed
Oil (WTI)	60.12	0.7	AUD/NZD	1.0745	1.0779	1.0739	1.0764	Other (10 year yields)		
Coal (thermal)	83.35	-1.6	AUD/EUR	0.6403	0.6420	0.6399	0.6417	Germany	-0.38	0.05
Coal (coking)	144.50	-3.6	AUD/CNH	4.9836	4.9893	4.9774	4.9862	Japan	0.08	0.01
Iron Ore	160.63	-0.6	USD Index	90.5	90.5	90.3	90.3	UK	0.57	0.05

Data as at 8:00am. Change from previous trading day (excluding the SFE which is the change during the night session). Source: Bloomberg.

Main Themes: Sentiment was upbeat as investors took comfort in the global vaccine deployment while a cold snap in Texas roiled the oil market. US markets were closed for Presidents Day.

Share Markets: European and Asian markets rallied on Monday supported by the vaccine rollout. The FTSE 100 rose 166 points (2.5%) after the UK hit its target to vaccinate 15 million people by mid-February.

The Nikkei was up 564 points (1.9%), the benchmark topping 30,000 for the first time since 1990.

The ASX 200 rose 62 points (0.9%) yesterday and ASX/SPI futures point towards a positive open.

Interest Rates: Australian 10-year bond yields rose 10 basis points to 1.32% driven by optimism over the US outlook for stronger growth and inflation, and progress in the global vaccine rollout. German and UK 10-year bond yields both added 5 basis points.

Foreign Exchange: The US dollar index was slightly weaker which saw the AUD/USD continue to edge higher, finishing at 0.7784. During trade the pair hit 0.7789, its highest level in more than a month.

Commodities: Oil prices continued to rise, with West Texas Intermediate rising above US\$60 a barrel for the first time in more than a year. The main driver has been freezing weather in Texas which has caused rolling blackouts across the state,

disrupting production. Copper was firmer while gold was little changed.

COVID-19: Australia's Health Minister yesterday said that the first 40,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine have arrived in Australia. A recent Israeli study has found a 94% drop in symptomatic COVID-19 infections among 600,000 people who received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

Victoria's second international airport is being put forward as a possible site for a remote quarantine base. The plan would create a quarantine centre similar to Howard Springs near Darwin.

Australia: There was no data released yesterday.

Eurozone: European industrial production declined 1.6% in December. Data was weaker than consensus expectations of more modest decline. The Eurozone trade balance rose to €27.5 billion in December, beating consensus expectations for a modest decline.

Japan: Japan's economy clocked another quarter of double-digit growth in Q4. GDP grew at an annualised pace of 12.7% in Q4 from the prior quarter, continuing its recovery from the pandemic. The fourth quarter expansion followed a record 22.9% expansion in Q3. For 2020, GDP shrank 4.8%, the first contraction since the GFC.

New Zealand: The performance of services index deteriorated in January to 47.9, from 49.1 in December. It is the third consecutive monthly

reading below 50.0, which suggest activity in the services sector is soft.

United Kingdom: House prices rose 0.5% in February and lifted 3.0% in the twelve months to February, according to the latest data from Rightmove. House prices in London grew faster than the national average in February at a pace of 3.0%.

United States: There was no major data released in the US overnight.

Today's key data and events:

NZ REINZ House Sales Jan y/y prev 36.6% (7am)
AU RBA Board Minutes for Feb 2 Meeting (11:30am)
AU ABS Payroll Jobs and Wages Jan 30 (11:30am)
EZ Employment Jan prev 1.0% (9pm)
EZ GDP Q4 exp -0.7% prev -0.7% (9pm)
EZ ZEW Survey Expectations Feb prev 58.3 (9pm)
US Empire Mfg Index Feb exp 6.0 prev 3.5 (12:30am)
US Federal Reserve's George Speech (4am)
US Federal Reserve's Kaplan Speech (5am)
US Federal Reserve's Daly Speech (7am)

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