

Asset Class	Asset Class	1 Week (%)	1 Mth (%)	3 Mths (%)	6 Mths (%)	1 Yr (% p.a.)
Aust Eq (lge)	S&P/ASX 200 (Accum)	1.7%	-2.3%	0.7%	4.0%	10.1%
Aust Eq (sml)	S&P/ASX Sml Ords (Accum)	1.3%	-4.6%	-3.7%	0.0%	4.8%
Aust Industrials	S&P/ASX 200 Industrials (Accum)	2.3%	-0.7%	4.4%	8.2%	17.1%
Aust Resources	S&P/ASX 200 Resources (Accum)	-0.4%	-7.5%	-10.5%	-8.2%	-8.9%
Global Eq (unh)	MSCI AC World (unh) Accum	1.6%	-2.0%	1.0%	4.4%	13.8%
Global Eq (hdg)	MSCI AC World (hdg) Accum	3.6%	-5.3%	0.3%	6.0%	16.2%
Global Eq (sml unh)	MSCI World SMID Cap Index	2.8%	-3.1%	-1.2%	2.6%	7.7%
Global Eq (EM unh)	MSCI Emerging Markets (unh) Accum	2.9%	-2.2%	0.6%	7.8%	8.2%
AREITs	S&P/ASX 200 AREIT (Accum)	2.8%	-1.3%	2.7%	10.3%	27.6%
GREITs	EPRA NAREIT (ex-Aust) hdg (Accum)	3.7%	2.1%	6.7%	7.9%	9.9%
Global Infra (A\$ hdg)	S&P Gbl Infrastructure A\$ (Hdg) TR	2.2%	-0.1%	1.1%	12.7%	10.3%
Global Infra (A\$ unhdg)	S&P Gbl Infrastructure A\$ TR	0.6%	2.7%	1.9%	12.2%	9.9%
Aust Fixed Income	BBerg AusBond Composite Index (0+yrs)	0.1%	1.9%	2.5%	2.5%	5.0%
Global Fixed Income	Bar Cap Global Agg Index (AUD hdg)	-0.5%	1.6%	3.3%	3.2%	6.2%
Aust Cash	BBerg Aust Bond Bank Bill Index	0.1%	0.3%	1.1%	2.2%	4.4%

Bond Mkts	2yr Ylds (%)	Wkly Change	3yr Ylds (%)	Wkly Change	5yr Ylds (%)	Wkly Change	10yr Ylds (%)	Wkly Change	Commodities	1 Week (%)	1 Mth (%)	3 Mths (%)
										1 Week (%)	1 Mth (%)	3 Mths (%)
Aust	3.80	0 bps	3.68	0 bps	3.72	1 bps	4.06	1 bps	Barclays Comdty Index (TR US\$)	1.8%	-4.8%	-5.8%
US	4.05	13 bps	3.88	13 bps	3.80	15 bps	3.94	15 bps	Gold US\$/oz	0.8%	0.7%	2.9%
UK	3.65	3 bps	3.77	8 bps	3.73	9 bps	3.95	8 bps	Crude Oil (Brent) US\$/bbl	4.4%	-5.3%	-2.0%
Japan	0.29	-1 bps	0.30	0 bps	0.44	2 bps	0.85	6 bps	Copper	-0.2%	-10.1%	-11.6%
Europe	2.39	3 bps	2.17	3 bps	2.13	4 bps	2.23	3 bps	Iron Ore (Qingdao 62% fines)	-3.5%	-7.1%	-12.3%

S&P/ASX Sectors	1 Week (%)	1 Mth (%)	3 Mths (%)	6 Mths (%)	1 Yr (%)	Currencies	FX Rate (%)	1 Week (%)	1 Mth (%)	3 Mths (%)
Energy	-0.6%	-9.8%	-10.7%	-12.6%	-20.9%	AUD/USD	65.74	1.2%	-3.1%	-0.5%
Materials	-0.3%	-6.0%	-10.1%	-9.3%	-9.7%	AUD/GBP	51.56	1.4%	-1.3%	-2.2%
Industrials	2.2%	0.8%	-0.1%	1.4%	1.0%	AUD/EUR	60.24	1.6%	-3.2%	-1.8%
Consumer Disc	2.3%	0.3%	7.0%	10.0%	17.4%	AUD/JPY	96.6950	3.2%	-9.7%	-6.0%
Consumer Staples	1.6%	0.7%	7.9%	2.9%	-3.6%	GBP/USD	1.2752	-0.2%	-1.8%	1.8%
Healthcare	1.8%	0.9%	7.5%	5.5%	15.2%	EUR/USD	109.13	-0.4%	0.1%	1.3%
Financials	2.5%	-1.7%	5.0%	8.8%	19.2%	USD/JPY	147.0800	2.0%	-6.8%	-5.6%
AREITs	2.8%	-1.3%	1.4%	8.2%	22.7%	Aust TWI	61.5000	0.5%	-4.5%	-1.9%
IT	3.2%	-4.7%	-1.0%	16.0%	18.5%	Source: Bloomberg, Infinity Asset Management				
Comm Services	2.1%	0.3%	2.4%	-4.7%	-2.8%					
Utilities	2.2%	-0.4%	0.3%	14.4%	3.5%					
Banks	2.6%	-2.2%	5.8%	10.0%	22.3%					

Commentary

It was a volatile week for financial markets with the beginning and ending of the week barrelling vastly different performance outcomes. While the week started off in a downward trajectory with markets roiled by the feeble labour market data out of the US along with the BoJ increasing cash rates (+0.15%) to 0.25%, which resulted in a sharp unwinding of the USD/JPY carry trade, it ended on a positive note as US data continued to reflect a sound economic outlook, highlighted by the better than f'cst jobless claims. Overall, we saw the selloff early in the week as a function of numerous factors that culminated in several days of volatile trading activity. However, our look through of the events of last week did not change our medium term outlook for either the US economy or the state of financial markets. While US economic activity is moderating, the economy is not falling off a cliff and while the S&P500 Index is trading at the upper end of our fair value range, earnings growth continues to remain sound with (S&P 500 Index) corporate earnings growth through the recent reporting season showing a healthy +9.3% y/y, with several sectors (tech, cons disc, financials, healthcare and utilities) showing double digit earnings growth. Domestically, the RBA kept interest rates on hold with hawkish comments that (presently) it cannot see a path to lowering rates in 2024. However, in a conversation with RBA Governor she clarified this view with the comment 'based on what the RBA knows today', as opposed to an outright no change in policy through the rest of 2024. This re-affirms our view that there is the likelihood of one rate cut in 2024 given expectations that domestic economic activity will continue to slow further. With the (Jul) Un rate set for release this week (f'cst 4.1%, no chng pcp), markets will be closely monitoring this along with the change in employment numbers (f'cst +20k, -30.2k pcp) as to the strength of the labour market. With inflationary expectations continuing to remain elevated, with little expectation that it will drift back towards the RBA target, the labour market will be the major driver of RBA decision making in the 2h24 into 2025. It is a big week for data in the US with the CPI (f'cst 3.0% y/y, flat pcp), PPI (f'cst 2.3% y/y, -0.3% pcp), monthly manufacturing data (f'cst -5.5%) along with a bevy of housing and retail sales data to drive markets as investors look towards the Fed beginning to cut cash rates at its Sept FOMC meeting.

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