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MPC IN THE MEDIA

Jonathan joined Nadine and Michael Gable on The Call on Wednesday for a Technical Analysis Special. Jonathan used some TA to confirm his continued bullishness on Gold and Gold Miners and gave buys on most of the large caps. He continues to think that while the weight of money keeps flowing into super, then this will continue to push the markets higher



ASX EARNINGS SEASON IN FULL SWING

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TOP PICKS TO BENEFIT FROM TRUMP TRADE WARS

Several stocks may potentially benefit from the recently announced US tariffs on imports from Canada, Mexico, and China. Here are some sectors and companies that could see positive impacts:

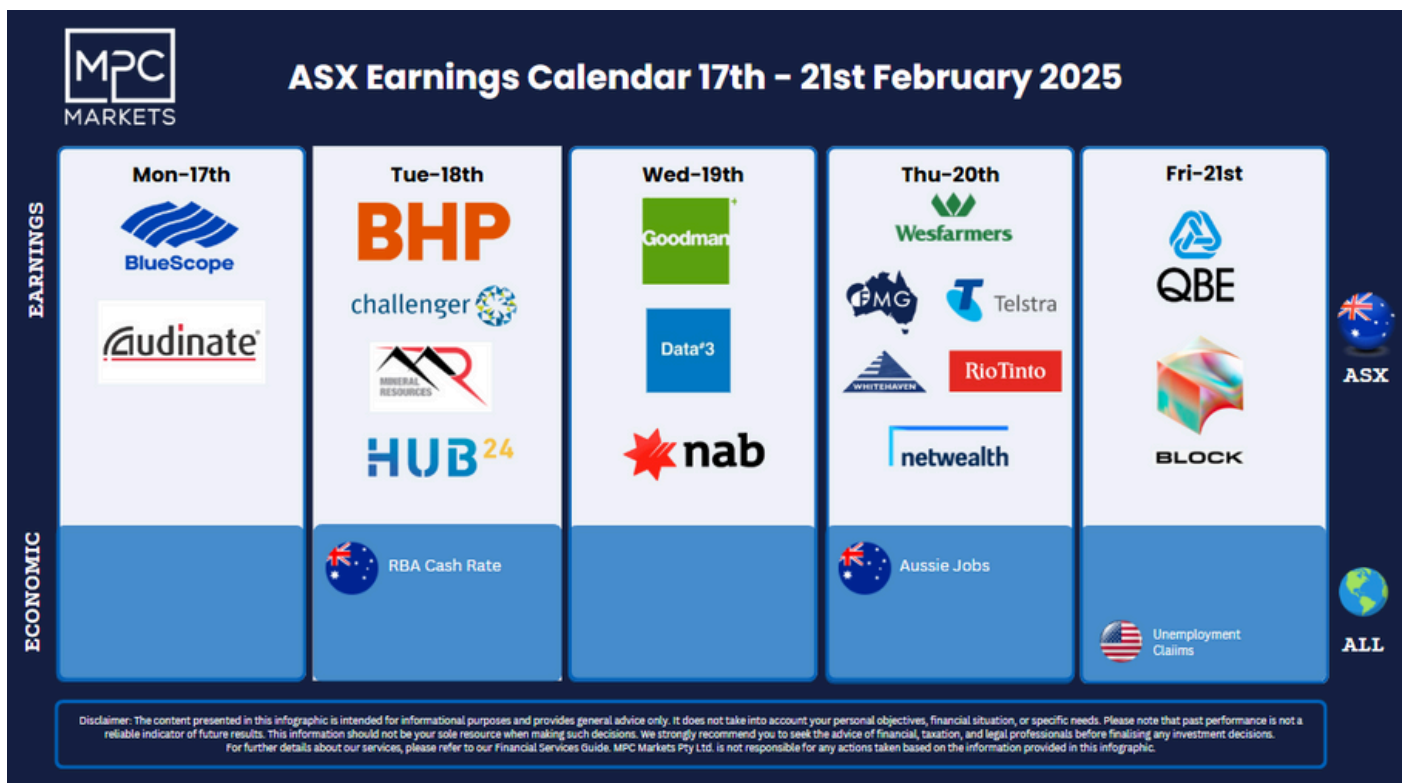


STOCKS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Chemist Warehouse (SIG) Chemist Warehouse’s billionaire founders have successfully launched a \$34 billion stock market debut, creating Australia’s 22nd largest listed company through a reverse takeover of Sigma Healthcare. The merger, which took 19 months to clear regulatory hurdles, has propelled the company into the ASX 50, marking one of the largest IPOs in years. Co-founders Mario Verrocchi and Jack and Sam Gance retain majority control. Verrocchi urged franchisees to remain committed for five more years, reaffirming his leadership. Sigma CEO Vikesh Ramsunder continues to lead the combined entity, now a dominant force in Australia’s pharmacy sector.

Commonwealth Bank (CBA) Commonwealth Bank CEO Matt Comyn expects Australian businesses to benefit alongside home loan borrowers if the Reserve Bank cuts interest rates next week, lowering the cash rate from its 13-year high. CBA’s \$5.13 billion first-half profit, driven by record lending and low bad debts, lifted its share price to a record \$165.98. Comyn highlighted improving disposable incomes, aided by stage three tax cuts and energy rebates. While a rate cut would ease cost-of-living pressures and boost business confidence, consumer sentiment remains weak amid global instability. Business conditions, though improving, remain below long-term averages, reflecting cautious economic optimism.





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US Earnings and News

John Deere (DE:NYSE)

Deere & Co.'s Q1 2025 earnings report revealed a significant decline in net income to \$869 million, down from \$1.75 billion in the same quarter last year. Despite the drop, earnings per share of \$3.19 and worldwide net sales of \$8.508 billion surpassed analyst estimates. The company's stock dipped following the report, which anticipates continued market challenges. Deere's performance reflects efforts to optimize inventory levels amid uncertain market conditions, with CEO John C. May emphasizing the company's focus on navigating the current environment. All equipment divisions experienced sales decreases, with Production & Precision Agriculture seeing a 37% drop, Small Agriculture & Turf falling 28%, and Construction & Forestry declining 38%. Despite these challenges, Deere maintains its full-year net income forecast of \$5 billion to \$5.5 billion, highlighting the company's resilience and commitment to strategic investments.

McDonald's Corp (MCD:NYSE)

McDonald's reported fourth-quarter earnings that fell short of expectations, with global same-store sales growth of 3.4% missing the anticipated 4.7%. U.S. same-store sales grew 4.3%, below the expected 4.4%. The company cited economic pressures and geopolitical tensions as factors affecting consumer behavior. Despite missing targets, McDonald's saw a 3% increase in revenue to \$6.41 billion. The company plans to focus on improving value perception and affordability in 2024, aiming to open 1,600 new restaurants globally. CEO Chris Kempczinski emphasized the importance of balancing value with premium offerings. McDonald's stock dipped 3% following the earnings release, with analysts noting concerns about slowing growth and increased competition in the fast-food sector.

META INC (META:NASDAQ)

Meta Platforms' shares have surged in a 16-day rally, approaching a \$US2 trillion valuation. The company's AI investments are driving growth in ad targeting and revenue. Key factors include:

- Substantial AI investment plans
- Validation of open-source AI models
- Strong financial results showing AI benefits
- Strategic job cuts focusing on AI talent
- Alignment with the Trump administration

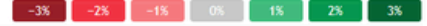
Meta's success contrasts with competitors like Alphabet, as investors see tangible AI benefits. Despite the rally, Meta's valuation remains modest at 27 times forward earnings. The company has rebounded from previous challenges, including metaverse concerns and privacy policy changes. A potential TikTok ban in the US could further boost Meta's position.



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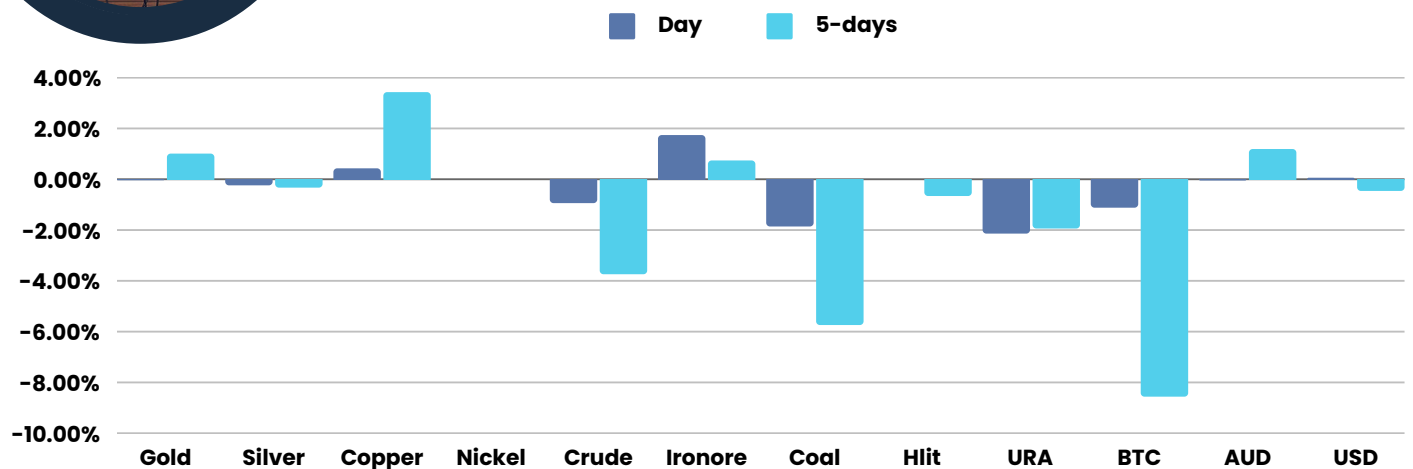
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COMMODITIES & FX



Gold: Another strong week for Gold as it makes yet another record high at \$2940. There was a bit of volatility after that print which did send it back down to \$2860 but it has quickly recovered and is above \$2900 again

Silver: Silver has been consolidating this week as it trades just under the \$32.50 level. This is the same level that has been mentioned the last few weeks and a break of this level opens up a run back to the highs printed in 2024 around the \$34 level

Copper: Coppers strong move continues as it traded above \$4.81 overnight. This clears the \$4.70 level convincingly which was decent resistance in 2024. This then opens the door for a move back above the \$5 mark. Miners are lagging, so there could be opportunity there.

Uranium: Uranium continues to disappoint as both spot and miners drift lower. Sentiment has shifted since the DeepSeek release, so this drift lower will continue till some news shifts this narrative

Crude Oil (WTI): Oil has been volatile this week as it had a strong bounce at the start of the week which saw crude trade \$73, it has since fallen back to \$71 which is roughly where it ended last trading week

Iron ore: Iron ore drifted lower this week as it tests the \$100 a tonne level. Miners have recovered though, so we may be seeing a low in commodities overall

Bitcoin: Bitcoin has been quiet this week as it trades around the \$96k level. Alts have recovered a bit which is due to them being out of favour the last couple of weeks

US Dollar: DXY has fallen this week and is trading just above the 107 level. A break of this level resumes the down trend. The next support level lies around the 106 level



ECONOMY & POLITICS

Trump Watch

President Donald Trump has reported a significant diplomatic development in the ongoing Ukraine conflict, stating he spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin about ending the war.

The 90-minute call, confirmed by Putin's adviser Dmitry Peskov, reportedly included Putin's willingness to negotiate directly with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Trump has tasked key officials, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio and CIA Director John Ratcliffe, to lead negotiations with Russia, with a related meeting scheduled for Friday in Munich.

Trump also confirmed speaking with Zelenskyy, who expressed Ukraine's desire for peace in a post on X.

This diplomatic initiative marks a potential shift in U.S.-Russia relations compared to the last four years of sanctions and aid packages to Ukraine under the Biden administration. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth suggested it's "unrealistic" for Ukraine to return to pre-2014 borders and indicated the U.S. might not support Ukraine joining NATO as part of a peace deal.

The Trump administration also secured the release of American teacher Marc Fogel from Russia in a prisoner exchange. While Trump has consistently claimed the war would not have occurred under his presidency, it remains uncertain if the Republican-led Congress will continue supporting legislative aid packages to Ukraine.

WHAT WE ARE READING



[Trump reciprocal tariffs could come by Thursday, White House says](#)



[Robinhood shares surge as Q4 earnings and revenue beat estimates](#)



[Chinese tech giant Baidu to release next-generation AI model this year as DeepSeek shakes up market](#)



TRADE OF THE WEEK

Palantir PLTR:NASDAQ

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