

MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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ASX Group Monthly Activity Report – December 2013

The value of ASX-listed stocks, as measured by the All Ordinaries Index, rose 0.7% in December 2013. This performance was below rises in other major markets, including Japan up 4.0%, the US up 2.4%, Germany up 1.6%, and the UK up 1.5%, and stronger than Singapore down 0.3% and Hong Kong down 2.4%.

Volatility measures for the Australian equity market fell below long-term averages during December:

- Volatility (as measured by the average daily movement in the All Ordinaries Index) was 0.6 % in December, up on the previous month (0.4%).
- Expected future volatility (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 VIX) rose in December to an average of 13.8 (compared to 13.1 in November).

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Listings and capital raisings

- In December 2013 total capital raised, including scrip-for-scrip, totalled \$18.5 billion, up 319% on the previous corresponding period (pcp).
- In calendar year 2013, 110 new entities listed, compared to 83 in calendar year 2012.
- Total capital raised including scrip-for-scrip in calendar year 2013 totalled \$56.9 billion, compared to \$48.3 billion in calendar year 2012.

Listings and Capital Raisings	Dec 2013 Month	Dec 2012 Month	Dec 2013 Financial YTD	Dec 2012 Financial YTD
New listed entities admitted	33	9	69	41
Change on pcp	267%		68%	
Total listed entities (at end of month)	2,195	2,188		
Change on pcp	-			
Initial capital raised (\$million)	11,789	349	17,817	3,688
Secondary capital raised (\$million)	5,915	3,817	16,373	20,330
Other capital raised including scrip-for-scrip (\$million)	766	244	2,514	2,188
Total secondary capital raised (\$million)	6,681	4,061	18,887	22,518
Change on pcp	65%		-16%	
Total capital raised including other (\$million)	18,470	4,410	36,704	26,206
Change on pcp	319%		40%	

Trading – Cash markets (including equities, interest rates and warrants trades)

- In December 2013, the average daily number of trades was 25% higher than the pcp. The average daily value traded on-market of \$3.2 billion was 19% higher than the pcp.
- In calendar year 2013, the average daily number of trades was 759,249 which was 24% higher than in calendar year 2012, and the average daily value traded on-market was \$3.4 billion which was 10% higher.

Cash Markets	Dec 2013 Month	Dec 2012 Month	Dec 2013 Financial YTD	Dec 2012 Financial YTD
Total trading days (Cash market includes equity, warrant and interest rate market transactions)	20	19	130	129
Cash market volume				
Total trades	14,118,946	10,762,058	93,606,839	76,282,982
Change on pcp	31%		23%	
Average daily trades	705,947	566,424	720,053	591,341
Change on pcp	25%		22%	
Cash market value				
Open trading (\$billion)	45.888	37.566	313.211	296.090
Auctions trading (\$billion)	14.195	11.785	75.757	69.302
Centre Point (\$billion)	4.789	2.347	28.106	15.048
Trade reporting* (\$billion)	13.918	13.724	94.835	105.606
Total value (\$billion)	78.790	65.422	511.909	486.046
Change on pcp	20%		5%	
Average daily value on-market (\$billion)	3.244	2.721	3.208	2.949
Change on pcp	19%	2.721	9%	2.717
Average daily value (\$billion)	3.940	3.443	3.938	3.768
Change on pcp	14%	3.443	5%	3.700
Average value per trade (\$)	5,580	6,079	5,469	6,372
Change on pcp	-8%		-14%	
Non-billable value (above cap) (\$billion)	1.261	2.826	9.938	10.083
Total billable value (\$billion)	77.529	62.596	501.971	475.963
*Trade reporting means the value of trades executed outside the order books of ASX or Chi-X that is subsequently reported to ASX for publication.				

Trading - Financial derivatives markets

- In December 2013, the average daily number of derivatives traded on ASX decreased 22% on the pcp. Single stock options average daily contracts were down 21% on the pcp and index options average daily contracts were down 23% on the pcp.
- In calendar year 2013, the average daily number of derivatives traded on ASX was 552,857 which was 11% lower than in calendar year 2012. Single stock options average daily contracts were down 11% on the pcp and index options average daily contracts were down 19% on the pcp.
- In December 2013, average daily futures and options on futures volume on ASX 24 increased 10% on the pcp, with both futures and options volumes higher.
- In calendar year 2013, average daily futures and options on futures volume on ASX 24 was 480,661 which was 19% higher than in calendar year 2012, with both futures and options volumes higher.

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Derivatives Markets	Dec 2013 Month	Dec 2012 Month	Dec 2013 Financial	Dec 2012 Financial
			YTD	YTD
Derivatives total trading days (Derivatives includes exchange-traded options, commodities, and index options and futures)	20	19	130	129
Equity options volume				
Total contracts	9,847,462	11,916,180	59,170,303	74,309,566
Change on pcp	-17%		-20%	
Average daily contracts	492,373	627,167	455,156	576,043
Index futures and options volume Total contracts	826,170	1,015,297	3,886,789	6,167,791
Change on pcp	-19%		-37%	
Average daily contracts	41,309	53,437	29,898	47,812
Total derivatives volume				
Total contracts	10,673,632	12,931,477	63,057,092	80,477,357
Change on pcp	-17%		-22%	
Average daily contracts	533,682	680,604	485,055	623,855
Change on pcp	-22%		-22%	
Futures and options total trading days (Futures and options includes interest rate, ASX SPI 200 and energy contracts)	20	19	130	129
Futures volume				
Total contracts	10,171,535	8,794,835	56,964,385	49,694,992
Change on pcp	16%		15%	
Average daily contracts	508,577	462,886	438,188	385,232
Options on futures volume				
Total contracts	239,488	161,041	1,926,500	1,754,572
Change on pcp	49%		10%	
Average daily contracts	11,974	8,476	14,819	13,601
Total futures and options on futures volume				
Total contracts	10,411,023	8,955,876	58,890,885	51,449,564
Change on pcp	16%		14%	
Average daily contracts	520,551	471,362	453,007	398,834
Change on pcp	10%		14%	
Contracts for difference market				
Total trades	3,195	3,426	22,134	31,915
Total contracts traded	3,556,035	8,432,198	25,855,294	51,653,127
Notional value traded (\$million)	63.1	91.9	481.7	703.4
Total open interest value (at end of month) (\$million)	36.5	66.0		

ASX CLEARING CORPORATION

Clearing

Participant margin balances held on balance sheet averaged \$4.2 billion in December 2013 (\$3.3 billion pcp), with a
month-end balance of \$3.9 billion in December 2013 compared to \$3.5 billion in December 2012.

ASX Clearing Corporation	Dec 2013 Month	Dec 2012 Month	Dec 2013 Financial	Dec 2012 Financial
Collateral Balances – At End of Month			YTD	YTD
Cash margins held on balance sheet:				
- ASX Clear (\$billion)	0.4	0.3		
- ASX Clear (Futures) (\$billion)	3.5	3.2		
Cash equivalents held on balance sheet – ASX Clear (Futures) (\$billion)	0.0	0.0		
Collateral cash cover held off balance sheet (equities				
and guarantees) – ASX Clear (\$billion)	4.4	4.0		
Total billable cash market value cleared (\$billion)	69.832	56.807	448.258	416.641

ASX SETTLEMENT CORPORATION

- The value of securities held in CHESS was 14% higher than the pcp and the number of dominant settlement messages was 7% higher than the pcp.
- The value of securities held in Austraclear was 7% higher than the pcp.

ASX Settlement	Dec 2013 Month	Dec 2012 Month	Dec 2013 Financial YTD	Dec 2012 Financial YTD
Value of CHESS holdings – period end (\$billion)	1,467.2	1,285.6		
Dominant settlement messages (million)	1.2	1.2	7.8	7.5
Austraclear Settlement and Depository				
Austraclear securities holdings – period end (\$billion)	1,468.9	1,375.8		

The weekly Australian Cash Market Report is available here: http://www.asx.com.au/trading_services/australian-cash-market-report.htm

A separate ASX Compliance activity report for December 2013 has also been released today.

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