



MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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ASX Monthly Activity Report - July 2008

July 2008 activity and value levels across many Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) markets were lower than the previous corresponding period, July 2007 (pcp), despite cash market trades setting a new monthly volume record.

Throughout the month ASX systems – including trading, clearing and settlement, and company announcements – operated normally.

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

- Total cash markets trades for July 2008 were a record 10.2 million, up 67% on the pcp. Average daily trades of 444,987 were 59% up on pcp.
- Total cash market traded value was \$126.8 billion in July 2008, down 11% on pcp, with a daily average value of \$5.5 billion, down 15% on pcp.
- In July 2008 the average value per trade was \$12,388, down on the pcp (\$23,132 pcp), and the percentage of value crossed was 25% (30% pcp).

Derivatives markets:

- Equity derivatives volume (excluding SPI 200) for July 2008 was 1.7 million contracts, down 29% on pcp, with a daily average of 72,700 contracts, down 32% on pcp.
- Total futures and options on futures contracts volume (excluding equity derivatives and CFDs) for July 2008 was 5.7 million, down 17% on the pcp, with a notional value of \$2.7 trillion. Average daily contracts volume during July 2008 of 247,727 was down 20% on the pcp.
- A total of 8,617 ASX CFD trades were transacted in July 2008 comprising a volume of 6.9 million contracts. The total notional value of all CFD trades for July was \$179.3 million, and the value of CFD open interest at the end of July was \$79.3 million.

Listings and capital raisings:

- In July 2008 there were 13 entities admitted for listing, compared to 35 in the pcp. Total listed entities at 31 July 2008 were 2,236¹ up 6% on the 2,113 as at 31 July 2007.
- Total capital raised in July 2008 amounted to \$6.1 billion, down 59% on the pcp, comprising \$1.1 billion in initial raisings, down 67% on pcp, and \$5.0 billion in secondary raisings, down 57% on pcp.

¹ Entities include companies and trusts with quoted equities (including individual entities that trade as stapled securities) and also other entities with debt securities only.

Supervisory monitoring and enforcement activity:

- In July 2008, there were:
 - 10,873 company announcements processed, consistent with pcp;
 - 22 price queries issued to listed entities, down 58% on pcp; and
 - 72 trading halts granted, down 31% on pcp.

A detailed activity statement for ASX group markets for July 2008 is attached. ASX's results for FY08 will be announced on 14 August 2008.

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	Jul 2008	Jul 2007
Cash Markets		
Total Trading Days	23	22
Cash Market Volume		
Total Trades	10,234,692	6,142,451
Change on PCP	67%	
Average Daily Trades	444,987	279,202
Change on PCP	59%	
Cash Market Value (including Value of Crossed Trades)		
Total Value (\$billion)	126.788	142.085
Change on PCP	(11%)	
Average Daily Value (\$billion)	5.513	6.458
Change on PCP	(15%)	
Cash Market Behaviour Statistics		
Percentage of Turnover Crosses (%)	25%	30%
Off-Market Crossings Represent 12% and On-Market 13% of Turnover		
Non Billable Value (Above Cap) (\$billion)	2.855	5.194
Total Billable Value (\$billion)	123.933	136.891
Billable Value - Off-Market Crossings (%)	10%	12%
Billable Value - On-Market Crossings (%)	13%	16%
Note - Cash Market includes Equity, Warrant and Interest Rate Market Transactions		
Derivatives Markets		
Equity Derivatives Total Trading Days	23	22
Equity Derivatives Volume (excluding SPI 200)		
Total Contracts	1,672,095	2,350,950
Change on PCP	(29%)	
Average Daily Contracts	72,700	106,861
Change on PCP	(32%)	
Futures & Options Total Trading Days	23	22
CFD Market (commenced 5 Nov 2007)		
Total Trades	8,617	N/A
Notional Value Traded (\$million)	179.3	N/A
Total Open Interest Value as at 31 July (\$million)	79.3	N/A
Total Contracts	6,880,385	N/A
Futures Volume (including SPI 200)		
Total Contracts	5,477,353	6,593,804
Change on PCP	(17%)	
Average Daily Contracts	238,146	299,718
Change on PCP	(21%)	
Options on Futures Volume		
Total Contracts	220,367	231,177
Change on PCP	(5%)	
Average Daily Contracts	9,581	10,508
Change on PCP	(9%)	
Total Future & Options (Derivatives) Volume		
Total Contracts	5,697,720	6,824,981
Change on PCP	(17%)	
Average Daily Contracts	247,727	310,226
Change on PCP	(20%)	
Listings and Capital Raisings		
New Listed Entities Admitted	13	35
Change on PCP	(63%)	
Total Listed Entities (at End of Month)	2,236	2,113
Change on PCP	6%	
Initial Capital Raised (\$million)	1,052	3,177
Secondary Capital Raised (\$million)	5,003	11,564
Total Capital Raised (\$million)	6,055	14,741
Margin Balances - at End of Month		
Cash Margins Held (\$billion)	3.2	6.4
Cash Equivalents Held (\$billion)	0.0	0.0
Collateral Cash Cover Held (Equities and Guarantees)	2.4	2.3