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Investing.com – Australia stocks were higher after the close on Tuesday, as gains in the IT, Healthcare and Financials sectors led shares higher.

At the close in Sydney, the S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.45%.

The best performers of the session on the S&P/ASX 200 were Mesoblast Ltd (ASX:MSB), which rose 13.84% or 0.11 points to trade at 0.90 at the close. Meanwhile, Kogan.com Ltd (ASX:KGN) added 5.57% or 0.37 points to end at 7.01 and Iluka **Resources** Ltd (ASX:ILU) was up 5.41% or 0.39 points to 7.60 in late trade.

The worst performers of the session were Brambles Ltd (ASX:BXB), which fell 5.95% or 0.93 points to trade at 14.70 at the close. Regis **Resources** Ltd (ASX:RRL) declined 5.00% or 0.11 points to end at 2.09 and **Ramelius Resources** Ltd (ASX:RMS) was down 4.85% or 0.10 points to 1.96.

Falling stocks outnumbered advancing ones on the Sydney Stock Exchange by 602 to 541 and 421 ended unchanged.

The S&P/ASX 200 VIX, which measures the implied volatility of S&P/ASX 200 options, was down 10.47% to 11.82.

Gold Futures for June delivery was down 1.29% or 30.35 to \$2,316.05 a troy ounce. Elsewhere in commodities trading, Crude oil for delivery in June rose 0.20% or 0.16 to hit \$82.06 a barrel, while the June Brent oil contract rose 0.22% or 0.19 to trade at \$87.19 a barrel.

AUD/USD was unchanged 0.03% to 0.65, while AUD/JPY fell 0.04% to 99.83.

The US Dollar Index Futures was up 0.14% at 106.07.

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