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SYDNEY, Dec 12 AAP - The Australian stock market was higher at noon, rallying after losses on Friday as bargain-hunters looked to take advantage of short-term weakness.

At 1201 AEDT the S&P/ASX200 was 29.8 points stronger to 4609.9 while the all ordinaries was up 28.4 points to 4563.2.

On the Sydney Futures Exchange the December ~~star~~ price index was up 31 points to 4615.

Macquarie Equities adviser Helen Spencer said the market had charged ahead after losing ground on Friday.

"We're seeing some strong buying support ~~take~~ take advantage of the lower prices," she said.

"Certainly the positive lead from the US and the fall in oil prices has helped sentiment enormously."

In Wall Street on Friday, US stocks gained as sliding oil prices helped boost demand for equities, while a rebound in Intel lent support to technology shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 23.46 points to 10,778.58, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3.53 points at 1259.37 and the Nasdaq Composite Index was up 10.27 points at 2256.73.

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