

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
EUR/USD dropped to near 1.0550 during Thursday's Asian session, driven by a stronger US Dollar amid concerns over the Federal Reserve's December rate decision following strong inflation data. The Euro faces a bearish outlook due to ECB concerns about Eurozone growth, with market attention shifting to upcoming Eurozone inflation data, which could increase investor apprehension.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD remains under pressure as the US Dollar strengthens following a strong US inflation report, with solid consumer spending and inflation concerns keeping the Federal Reserve cautious. With limited UK economic data and market focus on the Bank of England's December rate decision, the Pound is influenced by expectations surrounding UK inflation and wage growth challenges.

USD/JPY
The Japanese Yen weakens on Thursday, driven by a stronger US Dollar amid resilient US economic data and rising Treasury bond yields, lifting the USD/JPY pair above mid-151.00. While a positive risk sentiment and speculation of a potential Bank of Japan rate hike in December limit further losses, concerns over geopolitical risks and thin trading volumes temper aggressive moves in the currency pair.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0549	1.0570	1.0543	-0.16	0.72	-4.44
GBP-USD	1.2664	1.2683	1.2658	-0.13	0.60	-0.53
USD-JPY	151.51	151.75	150.93	0.28	2.00	-6.91
USD-CHF	0.8832	0.8838	0.8813	0.17	0.40	-4.73
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2637.76	2639.63	2621.05	0.07	-1.20	27.86
Silver	29.91	30.16	29.64	-0.63	-2.86	25.69
Crude Oil	68.76	68.86	68.41	0.06	-1.91	-1.69
Bitcoin	95681.89	96655.36	94914.89	-0.75	-2.44	125.09
Etherium	3602.90	3688.26	3569.28	-0.96	5.32	57.86
Period	1M	3M	6M	12M		
SOFR (\$)	4.55	4.50	4.42	4.31		
ESTR (€)	2.19	2.86	2.53	2.19		
SONIA (£)	4.70	4.66	4.56	4.39		
SARON (F)	0.73	0.62	0.47	0.30		
TONAR (¥)	0.22	0.22	0.17	0.10		
						Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate						4.75
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate						3.4
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate						3.25
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate						3.65
BOE Official Bank Rate						4.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Stocks fell in light trading on Wednesday as investors took some risk off the table following big November gains. Traders appeared to take profits on big technology names that have largely performed well this year, which can explain the Nasdaq's underperformance. Those moves followed the latest reading of the personal consumption expenditures price index released Wednesday morning.

EUROPE
European markets closed lower Wednesday as investors continued to assess the potential impact of President-elect Donald Trump's plans to hike tariffs and fresh U.S. inflation data. All sectors in negative territory apart from telecoms, food and beverage, utilities and financial services.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets traded mostly higher on Thursday after Wall Street rally stalled overnight and as investors assessed a surprise interest rate cut by South Korea. The Bank of Korea unexpectedly cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 3.0%.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44722.06	-0.31	5.51	18.66	44874.00	-0.17
S&P	5998.74	-0.38	3.01	25.76	6022.00	-0.27
Nasdaq	19060.48	-0.60	2.66	26.97	20858.50	-0.65
DJ EuroStoxx50	4733.15	-0.61	-4.76	4.68	4773.00	-0.02
FTSE 100	8274.75	0.20	-0.13	7.00	8310.00	0.34
CAC 40	7143.03	-0.72	-5.48	-5.30	7153.50	-0.72
DAX	19261.75	-0.18	-1.38	14.98	19374.00	0.11
IBEX 35	11579.50	-0.33	-2.73	14.62	11595.50	-0.35
FTSE MIB	33089.72	-0.23	-5.50	9.02	33164.00	-0.25
Nikkei	38134.97	0.56	-0.66	14.60	38370.00	-0.34
Hang Seng	19603.13	-1.26	-6.03	13.54	19388.00	1.16
DFM General	4805.07	0.22	6.15	18.62	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11590.79	-1.24	-3.84	-2.86	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	90.00	96.00	90.00	-4.41	-2.17	1.01
Solidere B	90.70	90.70	90.60	-0.98	-1.09	0.83

MUST READ (Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

JPMorgan turns bullish, sees the S&P 500 rising 8% next year to 6,500
JPMorgan has shifted from a bearish to a bullish stance on the U.S. stock market, raising its 2025 outlook significantly. In a recent note, the bank increased its 12-month price target for the S&P 500 by 55%, now expecting the index to reach 6,500 by the end of 2024, an 8% upside from current levels. This marks a stark contrast to its earlier 2024 year-end target of 4,200. JPMorgan's new outlook is driven by factors such as the expanding business cycle, strong consumer spending supported by a tight labor market, record household wealth, and potential benefits from lower energy prices. Additionally, the easing of global central bank policies and the end of the Federal Reserve's quantitative tightening (QT) are seen as positive drivers. The bank also notes that the AI boom, with investments exceeding \$1 trillion, will likely propel economic growth. JPMorgan's strategist, Dubravko Lakos-Bujas, emphasized the role of AI and consumer strength in his optimism, citing potential deregulation under a Trump administration as a catalyst for economic growth. The bank forecasts 10% earnings growth for the S&P 500 in 2024, with a 2% GDP growth and expected interest rate cuts. This bullish turn follows a similar pivot by Morgan Stanley's Mike Wilson.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Zscaler Inc	ZS US	\$ 31.45B	02-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	0.64	0.67
Salesforce Inc	CRM US	\$ 315.49B	03-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	2.44	2.11
Marvell Technolo	MRVL US	\$ 78.04B	03-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	0.41	0.41
Synopsys Inc	SNPS US	\$ 84.14B	04-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	3.30	3.17
Lululemon Athleti	LULU US	\$ 40.86B	05-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	2.71	2.53

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(28-11-24) DE - CPI YoY / MoM
(29-11-24) JP - Industrial Production MoM / YoY
(29-11-24) FR - CPI YoY / MoM
(29-11-24) DE - Unemployment Change (000's)
(29-11-24) JP - Jobless Rate
(29-11-24) CA - GDP YoY / GDP MoM
(02-12-24) US - S&P Global Manufacturing PMI

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