Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS
(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD rebounds to around 1.0540, breaking a five-day losing streak, as the US Dollar weakens following comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell on the flexibility for gradual rate cuts. Meanwhile, the US PPI rose more than expected in October, and the ECB's cautious stance on potential rate cuts reflects concerns about inflation and wage growth in the Eurozone.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD dropped to a 19-week low, finding support near 1.2650 as the Pound continues to weaken amid a stronger US Dollar. US Producer Price Index data showed a slight uptick in core inflation, while upcoming UK GDP figures and US Retail Sales could influence market sentiment.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen continues its losing streak against the US Dollar for the fifth day in a row, following Japan's Q3 GDP data, which showed a slight slowdown in growth. Japan's GDP grew by 0.2% quarter-on-quarter, matching expectations, but annualized growth of 0.9% was down significantly from the previous quarter's 2.2%, while Japan's finance officials expressed concerns about excessive FX fluctuations and potential risks from global economic conditions, leaving traders focused on upcoming US Retail Sales data.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0553	1.0561	1.0524	0.22	-1.54	-4.40
GBP-USD	1.2684	1.2690	1.2657	0.14	-1.83	-0.37
USD-JPY	156.12	156.75	156.04	-0.10	-2.23	-9.66
USD-CHF	0.8881	0.8908	0.8877	-0.24	-1.41	-5.26

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2561.43	2571.74	2554.59	-0.13	-4.59	24.16
Silver	30.34	30.56	30.22	-0.38	-3.10	27.48
Crude Oil	67.87	68.64	67.80	-1.21	-3.57	-3.46
Bitcoin	88105.85	88491.45	86698.29	-0.12	10.23	107.27
Etherium	3065.42	3122.08	3016.46	-1.72	-3.33	34.31

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.61	4.49	4.39	4.24
ESTR (€)	2.20	2.91	2.57	2.20
SONIA (£)	4.71	4.69	4.61	4.49
SARON (F)	0.87	0.66	0.52	0.35
TONAR (¥)	0.22	0.22	0.16	0.09

	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

U.S. stocks slid Thursday, as Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled that the strength of the economy could warrant some patience with future rate cuts. PPI excluding food and energy ran faster than forecast. The October consumer price index came in as expected on Wednesday, but nevertheless signaled the Federal Reserve's fight against inflation is yet to be won.

EUROPE

European markets closed higher on Thursday as traders digested a slew of earnings and assessed fresh inflation data for a signal on the possible trajectory of interest rate cuts.

ASIA

Investors assessed key economic data from China on Friday, which included October numbers for retail sales, industrial production and urban unemployment. China's retail sales rose more than expected in October, while industrial production and investment data missed forecasts. The unemployment rate in cities fell to 5% in October, down from 5.1% in September.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	43750.86	-0.47	2.36	16.08	43730.00	-0.86
S&P	5949.17	-0.60	2.30	24.72	5948.75	-1.11
Nasdaq	19107.65	-0.64	4.32	27.29	20867.50	-1.37
DJ EuroStoxx50	4833.53	1.97	-2.29	6.90	4808.00	1.41
FTSE 100	8071.19	0.51	-2.16	4.37	8063.50	0.19
CAC 40	7311.80	1.32	-2.79	-3.07	7312.00	1.28
DAX	19263.70	1.37	-1.14	15.00	19227.00	0.97
IBEX 35	11524.30	1.29	-3.40	14.08	11515.30	1.29
FTSE MIB	34358.16	1.93	-0.64	13.20	34093.00	1.93
Nikkei	38535.70	0.28	-3.18	15.48	38680.00	0.08
Hang Seng	19435.81	0.22	-4.13	14.26	19489.00	-1.57
DFM General	4729.23	-0.23	5.56	16.22	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11791.18	-1.17	-1.75	-1.47	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	92.05	94.00	90.55	-1.76	-3.11	3.31
Solidere B	92.50	93.00	91.55	-1.60	-3.65	2.83

MUST READ
(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Gold Holds Near Two-Month Low as Powell Flags Rate-Cut Restraint

Gold remained near a two-month low, largely due to a strong US dollar and reduced expectations for a Federal Reserve rate cut in December. After comments from Fed Chairman Jerome Powell highlighted the resilience of the US economy, traders reassessed the likelihood of interest rate cuts, sending US yields higher. This shift pressured gold, which typically benefits from lower rates and declining yields. Gold has dropped about 8% from its October 31 record high, with losses accelerating following Donald Trump's election victory. The stronger dollar, which reached a two-year high, made commodities priced in US dollars, like gold, more expensive for international buyers. Despite the recent pullback, gold has gained over 20% in 2024, driven by the Fed's monetary easing, central bank purchases, and ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainties. As of 7:33 a.m. in Singapore, spot gold was steady at $2,566.50 per ounce, while silver and platinum saw slight declines, and palladium remained unchanged. While gold faces near-term headwinds from a robust dollar and rising yields, its year-to-date performance remains strong, supported by the broader economic environment and continued safe-haven demand.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Alibaba Group Ho	BABA US	$ 222.71B	15-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	14.93	15.63
Trip Group	TCOM US	$ 38.6B	18-Nov-24	Aft-mkt	7.00	7.26
Walmart Inc	WMT US	$ 678.99B	19-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	0.53	0.51
Nvidia Corp	NVDA US	$ 3.60T	20-Nov-24	Aft-mkt	0.74	0.40
Palo Alto Networl	PANW US	$ 128.97B	20-Nov-24	Aft-mkt	1.48	1.38

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(15-11-24) JP - GDP Annualized SA QoQ
(15-11-24) JP - Industrial Production MoM / YoY
(15-11-24) UK - Manufacturing Production MoM / YoY
(15-11-24) UK - GDP QoQ / YoY
(15-11-24) FR - CPI MoM / YoY
(15-11-24) US - Empire Manufacturing
(15-11-24) US - Industrial Prodiction MoM

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