Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD remains steady around 1.0480 after recent losses, with traders awaiting key US economic data. Meanwhile, the US Dollar faces pressure from optimism in the bond market and cautious Federal Reserve policies, while President-elect Trump's tariff threats and ECB rate cut expectations weigh on market sentiment and the Euro.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD trades stronger near 1.2570 as traders await the US Core PCE inflation data, while the US Dollar gains from President-elect Trump's tariff threats on Canada, Mexico, and China. Despite these developments, the Greenback's upside is limited by cautious Federal Reserve remarks, while the GBP finds support from reduced expectations of a near-term Bank of England interest rate cut.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen strengthens as demand for safe-haven assets rises due to President-elect Trump's tariff threats and expectations of restrained US budget deficits under his Treasury nominee. However, JPY's gains are limited by domestic political uncertainty in Japan and a more positive risk sentiment, while traders await US economic data for further direction.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0483	1.0496	1.0474	-0.06	-0.58	-5.04
GBP-USD	1.2577	1.2580	1.2567	0.06	-0.59	-1.21
USD-JPY	152.07	153.23	152.06	-0.66	2.22	-7.25
USD-CHF	0.8852	0.8872	0.8852	-0.15	-0.11	-4.95
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	2648.25	2648.38	2627.17	0.57	-0.09	28.37
Silver	30.66	30.66	30.27	0.73	-0.62	28.86
Crude Oil	68.90	69.02	68.58	0.19	0.22	-1.49
Bitcoin	93035.57	93374.89	91508.14	1.51	-6.42	118.87
Etherium	3426.74	3444.74	3301.56	3.13	3.21	50.14

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.57	4.51	4.43	4.30
ESTR (€)	2.16	2.84	2.50	2.16
SONIA (£)	4.70	4.66	4.56	4.39
SARON (F)	0.73	0.61	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 rose on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average jumping to fresh highs, as investors shook off the threat of new tariffs from President-elect Donald Trump. Investors also analyzed minutes from the Federal Reserve meeting released Tuesday afternoon. The central bank said it anticipates interest rate cuts in the future, but to only expect them "gradually."

EUROPE

European stocks closed lower Tuesday as investors assessed the implications of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's plans to hike tariffs on China, Mexico and Canada. Europe was quiet on the data and earnings front Tuesday.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Wednesday, following gains on Wall Street that saw the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average reach new intraday and closing records. China's industrial profits dropped by 10% in October from a year ago, data showed Wednesday, in another sign that Beijing's recent stimulus measures have yet to reverse a slump in corporate earnings.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44860.31	0.28	6.52	19.03	44975.00	0.33
S&P	6021.63	0.57	3.68	26.24	6037.25	0.52
Nasdaq	19175.58	0.63	3.55	27.74	20970.75	0.44
DJ EuroStoxx50	4761.99	-0.79	-3.66	5.32	4765.00	-1.00
FTSE 100	8258.61	-0.40	0.12	6.79	8285.50	-0.35
CAC 40	7194.51	-0.87	-4.04	-4.62	7177.50	-1.26
DAX	19295.98	-0.56	-0.86	15.19	19345.00	-0.60
IBEX 35	11617.90	-0.80	-1.65	15.00	11635.90	-1.04
FTSE MIB	33167.64	-0.78	-4.63	9.28	33246.00	-0.78
Nikkei	38134.97	-0.80	0.58	13.96	38100.00	-1.65
Hang Seng	19159.20	1.48	-5.57	14.05	19485.00	1.81
DFM General	4828.83	0.08	7.89	19.03	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11736.07	-0.44	-2.76	-1.64	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	94.15	96.00	93.00	5.85	2.56	5.67
Solidere B	91.60	95.00	90.00	1.78	-0.27	1.83

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Consumer confidence rises to highest level since July 2023

Americans remain optimistic about the U.S. economy, with the Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index rising to 111.7 in November, its highest level in over a year. This is an increase from October's 109.6, signaling positive consumer sentiment. The expectations index, reflecting short-term outlooks on income, business, and the labor market, also improved, reaching 92.3. Notably, fewer Americans (64%) now believe a recession is likely in the next year, the lowest since the Conference Board started tracking this in July 2022. This optimism is driven by improved assessments of the current economic situation, particularly the labor market. Compared to October, consumers are more optimistic about job availability, which reached its highest point in nearly three years. Though the percentage of people considering jobs "plentiful" declined slightly, fewer people reported that jobs were "hard to get." These trends align with recent labor market data, showing a drop in unemployment claims and lower unemployment rates. While recent payroll data has been influenced by hurricanes and labor strikes, the broader economy remains strong, with retail sales surpassing expectations and U.S. economic output reaching a two-year high in November.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Frontline PLC	FRO US	$ 4.02B	27-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	0.54	0.46
Zscaler Inc	ZS US	$ 32.27B	02-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	0.64	0.67
Salesforce Inc	CRM US	$ 328.08B	03-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	2.44	2.11
Marvell Technolo	MRVL US	$ 80.68B	03-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	0.41	0.41
Synopsys Inc	SNPS US	$ 85.09B	04-Dec-24	Aft-mkt	3.30	3.17

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(27-11-24) US - GDP Annualized QoQ
(27-11-24) US - PCE Price Index MoM / YoY
(27-11-24) US - Personal Spending
(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)

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