Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS *(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)*

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD pair has regained positive momentum, moving closer to its weekly high, but remains below the 1.0600 level, with a key resistance point ahead that could trigger further recovery. The US Dollar struggles due to expectations of a Federal Reserve rate cut and the upcoming Eurozone inflation data, while comments from the ECB and inflation figures from Germany support the EUR, though caution is advised before taking bullish positions.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair has gained momentum, reaching a two-week high, as it recovers from sub-1.2500 levels amid weaker demand for the US Dollar. The USD is under pressure due to expectations of a Federal Reserve rate cut, while stronger UK inflation data supports the British Pound, although geopolitical risks and potential inflation concerns in the US may limit further gains for GBP/USD.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen rose to a one-month high against the US Dollar, driven by stronger-than-expected Tokyo inflation data and increased expectations of a Bank of Japan rate hike in December. Meanwhile, the US Dollar weakened, falling to a two-week low amid declining Treasury bond yields and anticipation of further Federal Reserve rate cuts, pushing the USD/JPY pair below the 150.00 level for the first time since October 21.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0576	1.0577	1.0548	0.23	1.52	-4.19
GBP-USD	1.2720	1.2720	1.2682	0.26	1.52	-0.09
USD-JPY	150.04	151.55	149.76	-1.01	3.16	-6.00
USD-CHF	0.8809	0.8832	0.8802	-0.24	1.48	-4.48

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2664.50	2666.36	2634.18	1.01	-1.90	29.16
Silver	30.71	30.76	30.16	1.60	-2.04	29.04
Crude Oil	69.17	69.30	68.27	0.65	-1.33	-1.10
Bitcoin	96212.67	96873.07	95052.32	1.14	-0.85	126.34
Etherium	3567.41	3603.03	3551.61	-0.15	6.58	56.31

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.55	4.50	4.42	4.31
ESTR (€)	2.15	2.84	2.51	2.15
SONIA (£)	4.70	4.66	4.56	4.38
SARON (F)	0.69	0.61	0.46	0.29
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

U.S. markets were closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, and will be open only for a half day on Friday.

EUROPE

European markets closed higher Thursday, rallying after a day in the doldrums during the previous session. Investors were also monitoring inflation data from across the euro zone ahead of the bloc-wide print on Friday. German consumer prices held steady in November, defying economists' expectations for a slight increase.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets mostly lost ground on Friday, led by losses in South Korean stocks after its industrial production declined for a second straight month in October. investors also assessed November inflation numbers from Japan's capital of Tokyo, which saw its headline inflation rate come in at 2.6%, a rebound from the 1.8% seen in October. Core inflation, which excludes costs of fresh food, rose to 2.2% compared with Reuters poll expectations of 2.1%.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44722.06	-0.31	5.51	18.66	44948.00	0.27
S&P	5998.74	-0.38	3.01	25.76	6030.50	0.27
Nasdaq	19060.48	-0.60	2.66	26.97	20903.75	0.44
DJ EuroStoxx50	4758.65	0.54	-3.87	5.25	4766.00	0.46
FTSE 100	8281.22	0.08	0.75	7.09	8303.00	0.05
CAC 40	7179.25	0.51	-4.42	-4.82	7188.00	0.48
DAX	19425.73	0.85	-0.27	15.96	19455.00	0.78
IBEX 35	11610.80	0.27	-1.56	14.93	11632.80	0.32
FTSE MIB	33260.13	0.51	-4.77	9.58	33338.00	0.52
Nikkei	38349.06	-0.37	-1.79	14.18	38180.00	0.18
Hang Seng	19366.96	0.15	-6.30	13.78	19389.00	-1.06
DFM General	4823.38	0.54	5.80	19.45	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11641.31	0.44	-3.17	-2.44	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	89.75	91.00	89.50	-0.28	-0.77	0.73
Solidere B	90.00	90.00	90.00	-0.77	-0.66	0.06

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Stimulus Bets Drive Chinese Stocks Higher Before Key Meeting

Chinese stocks surged for the second time this week, driven by expectations of increased economic support following a key policy meeting in December. The CSI 300 Index saw a 2.3% rise, its largest in three weeks, with technology, healthcare, and consumer staples sectors leading the gains. Chinese developer stocks also saw a significant increase, rising more than 3%. Speculation is growing ahead of the Central Economic Work Conference (CEWC), where Chinese leaders will outline priorities for the coming year. Investors are hoping for stimulus measures to counter the economic risks posed by Donald Trump's election and potential trade tensions. Rumors circulating on Chinese social media include the possibility of a stabilization fund, a reduction in the reserve requirement ratio, and incorporating housing prices into local governments' performance metrics. On Wednesday, a rebound in stocks gained momentum in the afternoon, with the benchmark index rising 1.7%. An unverified online screenshot suggested the CEWC might be held earlier than expected, with a higher-than-usual fiscal deficit target set for 2025. While the CEWC will set key economic targets, the detailed results are typically announced in March during the legislative session.

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

(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
(02-12-24) US - Construction Spending MoM

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