

Global Markets Research

Daily Market Highlights

12 Nov: US shutdown deal heads to the House

Senate passed spending bill; US stocks closed mixed but DXY closed slightly lower

Optimism over a US trade deal boosted appetite for Swiss stocks as well as currency

Softer labour data from the UK likely to tilt Bailey's on hold stance; GBP weakened

- US stocks closed mixed overnight with investors rotating away from technology stocks into other parts of the market. The Dow rallied 1.2% d/d with traders snapping up blue-chip stocks like Merck, while the S&P 500 also rose 0.2% d/d. The tech-heavy Nasdaq settled 0.3% d/d lower with Coreweave falling after the cloud-computing company said that a data-center delay could weigh on its outlook. AI chip darling Nvidia also pulled back 3.0% d/d after SoftBank sold its entire stake in the chipmaker for more than \$5bn. Outside of tech, sentiment was supported by optimism that the Senate has passed the funding bill and now the headed to the House for approval, suggesting likelihood of an end to the government shutdown soon.
- European stocks closed 1.3% d/d higher with Swiss luxury stocks rising on optimism over a possible cut in US tariffs. Asian bourses closed mixed with Nikkei 225 and CSI 300 falling 0.1% d/d and 0.9% d/d, while Hang Seng closed 0.2% d/d higher.
- The US bond market was closed for Veterans Day but in Europe, most 10Y sovereign bond yields fell 0-7bps, after closing mixed the prior day.
- In the FX space, the Dollar weakened against nearly all its G10 peers and the DXY closed the day 0.2% d/d lower at 99.44. GBP (-0.2% d/d to 1.3150) pared early losses which came after the weaker than expected UK labour data, while CHF strengthened 0.6% d/d on prospects of a trade deal with the US.
- Asian FX traded mixed, with KRW (-0.4% d/d) leading losses against the greenback, while MYR (0.5% d/d to 4.1400) outperformed after Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said that growth in 2025 could exceed the official forecast. SGD closed 0.1% d/d stronger at 1.3011.
- In the commodity space, signs of a softer crude oil market were offset by concerns over Russian supply, sending prices up 1.5-1.7% d/d and the WTI and Brent closing the day at \$61.04/barrel and \$65.16/barrel respectively.

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	47,927.96	1.18
S&P 500	6,846.61	0.21
NASDAQ	23,468.30	-0.25
Stoxx Eur 600	580.13	1.28
FTSE 100	9,899.60	1.15
Nikkei 225	50,842.93	-0.14
CSI 300	4,652.17	-0.91
Hang Seng	26,696.41	0.18
Straits Times	4,542.20	1.20
KLCI 30	1,634.83	0.46
FX		
Dollar Index	99.44	-0.15
EUR/USD	1.1582	0.22
GBP/USD	1.3150	-0.19
USD/JPY	154.16	0.01
AUD/USD	0.6527	-0.14
USD/CNH	7.1222	-0.01
USD/MYR	4.1400	-0.47
USD/SGD	1.3011	-0.11
USD/KHR	4,019.00	0.01
USD/THB	32.40	0.11
Commodities		
WTI (\$/bbl)	61.04	1.51
Brent (\$/bbl)	65.16	1.72
Gold (\$/oz)	4,116.30	-0.14
Copper (\$/MT)	10,827.00	0.29
Aluminum(\$/MT)	2,874.50	0.17
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,091.50	-0.46

Source: Bloomberg, HL Bank

* Closing as of 10 Nov for CPO

US Small Business Optimism index retreated amid lower reported sales and profits

- The NFIB Small Business Optimism index was a shade lower than expected at 98.2 in October (prior: 98.8) as owners reported lower sales, reduced profits and continuous labour shortage for skilled workers. That said, the index at this level remained above its long-term average of 98.0.

Eurozone's ZEW survey remained stable and above its long-term average

- The ZEW survey expectations index remained stable for the Eurozone and improved 2.3ppts to 25.0 in November, while sentiment for Germany tumbled to 38.5 (prior: 39.3) on decline in confidence in the government's ability to implement economic policies. Sentiment across the industries were mixed, but notably improved for consumers.

Softer labour market, wage growth for the UK boost rate cut bets

- Signs of slower wage growth and a looser labour market will likely give more confidence that the disinflation progress is under way and will likely tilt the odds for BOE Governor Andrew Bailey to favour a rate cut in the December monetary policy meeting. Early estimates from October showed that the number of payrolled employees fell more than expected and for the second month by 32k, as job gains in the public administration and defence sector was offset by a fall in employment in the wholesale and retail sector. Unemployment rate rose more than expected to 5.0% for the 3-months ending September (prior: 4.8%) and in tandem with this, the average weekly earnings unexpectedly slowed to 4.8% y/y (prior: 5.0% y/y).

Australia's business confidence improved to its highest since March 2024

- Mirroring improved consumer sentiment, the NAB business confidence index rose to 9 in October from 8 previously, its highest since March 2024 with firms reporting better sales and profits, and as cost and prices eased further. All in, the positive trend in business conditions suggests the economy has held onto the momentum gained since late 2024.

Japan's Eco Watchers outlook improved for the sixth month

- Mirroring the leading index, the Eco Watchers Survey Outlook index rose more than expected and for its sixth month to 53.1 in October (prior: 48.5). This suggests that the economy is gaining momentum, and is expected to continue despite concern about price hikes and the impact of US trade tariffs.

House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
DXY	98-101	97.33	95.92	94.52	93.15
EUR/USD	1.14-1.17	1.17	1.19	1.21	1.23
GBP/USD	1.30-1.33	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.37
USD/CHF	0.78-0.82	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.77
USD/JPY	150-155	151	148	145	142
AUD/USD	0.63-0.67	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.68
NZD/USD	0.55-0.59	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.59
USD/CNY	7.08-7.14	7.03	6.94	6.86	6.77
USD/MYR	4.16-4.21	4.12	4.08	4.05	4.05
USD/SGD	1.29-1.32	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.24
USD/THB	31.40-33.50	32.30	32.20	32.10	32.00

FX	Last close	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
SGD/MYR	3.1771	3.21	3.23	3.24	3.27
EUR/SGD	1.5070	1.51	1.50	1.51	1.52
GBP/SGD	1.7108	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.70
AUD/SGD	0.8492	0.85	0.84	0.85	0.85

Rates, %	Current	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26	4Q26
Fed	3.75-4.00	3.25-3.50	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25
ECB	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
BOE	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
RBA	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60
RBNZ	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75

Source: HL Bank

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Date	Events	Prior
12-Nov	AU Home Loans Value QoQ (3Q)	2.00%
	US MBA Mortgage Applications	-1.90%
13-Nov	JN PPI YoY (Oct)	2.70%
	AU Consumer Inflation Expectation (Nov)	4.80%
	AU Employment Change (Oct)	14.9k
	AU Unemployment Rate (Oct)	4.50%
	UK GDP QoQ (3Q P)	0.30%
	UK Monthly GDP (MoM) (Sep)	0.10%
	EC Industrial Production SA MoM (Sep)	-1.20%
	US Initial Jobless Claims **	219k
	US Real Avg Hourly Earning YoY (Oct) **	0.70%
	US Core CPI YoY (Oct) **	3.00%

Source: Bloomberg

** Releases likely delayed by the US government shutdown

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