

Global Markets Research

Daily Market Highlights

13 Nov: House set to vote to end US government shutdown

Optimism over an end to the shutdown sent Dow above 48k; tech stocks took a backseat

Treasuries gained; Dollar traded mixed against its G10 peers ahead of the vote

GBP weakened on reports of a government strife; MYR continues to outperform

- The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 48k for the first time ever, expanding its gains through the week with investors hopeful that the House will pass the spending package that will end the US government shutdown. The bill, which extends government funding until the end of January, then goes to the President's desk.
- The Dow closed up 0.7% d/d, while the S&P 500 closed 0.1% d/d higher. Nasdaq was the outlier and fell 0.3% d/d. By sector, healthcare and banking stocks outperformed, while energy and tech stocks lagged.
- Most global equity markets also gained, with Stoxx Eur 600 (0.7% d/d) also hitting a fresh record, while Nikkei 225 and Hang Seng in Asia rallied 0.4% d/d and 0.9% d/d respectively.
- Expectations that the shutdown could end also underpinned gains for treasuries. The benchmark 2Y yield closed the day 2bps lower at 3.57%, while the 10Y slid 5bps to 4.07%. 10Y European bond yields closed mixed between +/-3bps.
- In the FX space, the Dollar traded mixed against its G10 peers and the DXY closed 0.1% d/d higher at 99.50. CHF (0.3% d/d), NZD (0.3% d/d) and AUD (0.2% d/d to 0.6541) outperformed their peers, while JPY (-0.4% d/d to 154.79), NOK (-0.2% d/d) and GBP (-0.1% d/d to 1.3133) lagged, the latter amid reports of a government strife. JPY, meanwhile, weakened briefly to the 155-threshold on Wednesday, prompting its finance minister to issue a fresh warning on rapid currency movement. The stronger than expected producer prices for Japan (2.7% y/y for Oct vs 2.8% y/y for Sep), nonetheless, is expected to lend some support for JPY today.
- KRW (-0.6% d/d) led losses amongst Asian currencies, while MYR bucked the trend and outperformed at 0.1% d/d to close at 4.1340. SGD weakened 0.1% d/d to close the day at 1.3018.
- In the commodity space, crude oil prices tumbled after OPEC said that global supply surpassed demand sooner than expected. Brent fell 3.8% d/d to \$62.71/barrel and the WTI by 4.2% d/d to \$58.49/barrel.

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	48,254.82	0.68
S&P 500	6,850.92	0.06
NASDAQ	23,406.46	-0.26
Stoxx Eur 600	584.23	0.71
FTSE 100	9,911.42	0.12
Nikkei 225	51,063.31	0.43
CSI 300	4,645.91	-0.13
Hang Seng	26,922.73	0.85
Straits Times	4,568.91	0.59
KLCI 30	1,631.61	-0.20
FX		
Dollar Index	99.50	0.05
EUR/USD	1.1593	0.09
GBP/USD	1.3133	-0.13
USD/JPY	154.79	0.41
AUD/USD	0.6541	0.21
USD/CNH	7.1127	-0.13
USD/MYR	4.1340	-0.14
USD/SGD	1.3018	0.05
USD/KHR	4,017.00	-0.05
USD/THB	32.51	0.33
Commodities		
WTI (\$/bbl)	58.49	-4.18
Brent (\$/bbl)	62.71	-3.76
Gold (\$/oz)	4,213.60	2.36
Copper (\$/MT)	10,944.00	1.08
Aluminum(\$/MT)	2,894.50	0.70
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,104.00	0.31

Source: Bloomberg, HL Bank

* Closing as of 11 Nov for CPO

Rebound in US mortgage applications supported by purchase activities

- Mortgage applications increased by 0.6% w/w for the week ended November 7, rebounding from -1.9% w/w previously as purchase applications jumped almost 6% w/w supported by improved affordability and pent-up demand, while higher mortgage rates (30Y: 6.34%) weighed on refinance applications.

Australia's home loan value jumped on investor loans

- Home loans value jumped more than expected by 9.6% q/q in 3Q (prior: 2.4% q/q), with investor loan outpacing owner-occupier loans at 17.6% q/q and 4.7% q/q respectively (prior: 2.6% q/q and 2.2% q/q). As it is, falling borrowing costs and low vacancy rates were favourable conditions for home investors and will likely boost home prices going forward, the latter likely seen by the RBA to support consumer spending through the wealth effect.

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	3.1711	3.21	3.23	3.24	3.27
EUR/SGD	1.5095	1.51	1.50	1.51	1.52
GBP/SGD	1.7097	1.69	1.69	1.69	1.70
AUD/SGD	0.8517	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
13-Nov	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%
14-Nov	CH New Home Prices MoM (Oct)	-0.41%
	CH Used Home Prices MoM (Oct)	-0.64%
	CH Retail Sales YoY (Oct)	3.00%
	CH Industrial Production YoY (Oct)	6.50%
	CH Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY (Oct)	-0.50%
	CH Surveyed Jobless Rate (Oct)	5.20%
	CH Property Investment YTD YoY (Oct)	-13.90%
	MA GDP YoY (3Q F)	5.20%
	HK GDP YoY (3Q F)	3.80%
	EC Trade Balance NSA (Sep)	1.0b
	EC Employment QoQ (3Q P)	0.10%
	US Retail Sales Advance MoM (Oct) **	0.60%
	US PPI Final Demand MoM (Oct) **	2.60%

Source: Bloomberg

** Releases likely delayed by the US government shutdown

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