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Daily Market Highlights

25 Nov: Fed rate cut bets supported risk-on sentiment

Tech-led recovery for Wall Street; treasuries gained; DXY flattish ahead of data dump
US PPI, retail sales, consumer confidence & housing indicators on deck today
Upward surprise to Singapore's CPI; government expects prices to pick-up in 2026

- US stocks started the shortened Thanksgiving trading week on a positive note, with the Dow and S&P 500 climbing by 0.4% d/d and 1.6% d/d, while the tech heavy Nasdaq jumped 2.7% d/d. Rave reviews for Google's Gemini AI saw Alphabet shares soaring 6.3% d/d, and this enthusiasm extended to other names in the AI trade.
- Sentiment also got a lift from an amicable call between President Trump and President Xi, as well as revived hopes for a December Fed rate cut. That said, Fed speaks were mixed with Fed President Daly supporting Waller's call for a cut, but Fed President Collins does not see a strong basis to lower rates.
- Elsewhere, Stoxx Eur 600 gained 0.1% d/d amid the Fed rate cut optimism, while major Asian markets traded mixed. Hang Seng rallied 2.0% d/d, but CSI 300 slid 0.1% d/d. Nikkei 225 was closed for public holiday.
- In the bond space, treasuries continued to gain with traders recalibrating wagers on a December rate cut. Yields fell 1-4bps across all maturities and benchmark 2Y and 10Y yields closed the day at 3.50% (-1bps) and 4.03% (-4bps) respectively. 10Y European bond yields closed the day little changed between +/-2bps.
- In the FX space, the Dollar steadied and the DXY closed just below its flatline at 100.14 JPY resumed its slide and was the worst performer within the G10 space, weakening 0.3% d/d to 156.89. Regional currencies traded mixed against the greenback, but INR, MYR (4.1403) and SGD (1.3052) outperformed their peers, appreciating by 0.2% d/d each.
- Oil prices rallied more than 1.0% d/d with investors weighing the probability for a US rate cut next month against the prospect of a Ukraine peace deal, the latter potentially leading to an easing of sanctions on Russia. Brent closed the day at $63.37/barrel, and the WTI at $58.84/barrel.

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	46,448.27	0.44
S&P 500	6,705.12	1.55
NASDAQ	22,872.01	2.69
Stoxx Eur 600	562.88	0.14
FTSE 100	9,534.91	-0.05
Nikkei 225	48,625.88	-2.40
CSI 300	4,448.05	-0.12
Hang Seng	25,716.50	1.97
Straits Times	4,496.63	0.62
KLCI 30	1,618.78	0.07
FX		
Dollar Index	100.14	-0.04
EUR/USD	1.1521	0.07
GBP/USD	1.3105	0.05
USD/JPY	156.89	0.31
AUD/USD	0.6464	0.14
USD/CNH	7.1062	0.02
USD/MYR	4.1403	-0.17
USD/SGD	1.3052	-0.19
USD/KHR	4,009.72	-0.04
USD/THB	32.48	0.01
Commodities		
WTI ($/bbl)	58.84	1.34
Brent ($/bbl)	63.37	1.29
Gold ($/oz)	4,094.20	0.36
Copper ($/MT)	10,773.00	-0.04
Aluminum($/MT)	2,812.00	0.93
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,074.00	-1.03

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research
** Closing as of 21 Nov for CPO, Nikkei 225*

Broader perceptions of broader business conditions worsened in the Dallas region

- According to November's Dallas Fed Manufacturing Activity index (-10.4 vs -5.0), perceptions of broader business conditions worsened in the region but expectations for manufacturing activity six months from now remained positive. In tandem with this, the US saw mixed revisions to its annual industrial output data to 3Q numbers, but in short, all were negative, -0.1% m/m for August (initial: 0.1% m/m) and -0.2% m/m for July (initial: -0.4% m/m).

Upward surprise to Singapore's CPI

- Headline and core inflation accelerated more than forecast and for the second consecutive month to 1.2% y/y in October (prior: 0.7% y/y and 0.4% y/y), the former driven by private transport costs and the latter due to higher inflation in services, food and retail & other goods, as well as a milder decline in electricity & gas prices.
- As it is, prices have bottomed since August and with headline and core prices averaging 0.9% and 0.6% YTD, the government is expecting headline to come between 0.5-1.0% and core at around 0.5% for the whole of 2025.
- For 2026, prices are expected to pick-up further to 0.5-1.5% for headline and 0.5-1.5% for core, largely due to slower decline in import costs and on the domestic front, reflecting increases in unit labour costs, steady private consumption and as administrative factors temporarily dampening inflation are expected to taper off.

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	1.14-1.18	1.17	1.19	1.21	1.23
GBP/USD	1.29-1.33	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.37
USD/CHF	0.77-0.82	0.80	0.79	0.78	0.77
USD/JPY	153-158	151	148	145	142
AUD/USD	0.63-0.67	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.68
NZD/USD	0.55-0.58	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.59
USD/CNY	7.08-7.13	7.03	6.94	6.86	6.77
USD/MYR	4.11-4.17	4.12	4.08	4.05	4.05
USD/SGD	1.29-1.32	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.24
USD/THB	32.14-32.73	32.30	32.20	32.10	32.00

FX	Last close	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
EUR/MYR	4.7729	4.83	4.86	4.89	4.97
GBP/MYR	5.4193	5.44	5.45	5.48	5.55
AUD/MYR	2.6690	2.72	2.73	2.74	2.77
CNY/MYR	0.5825	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.60
SGD/MYR	3.1710	3.21	3.23	3.24	3.27

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: HLBB Global Markets Research

Up Next

Date	Events	Prior
25-Nov	HK Exports YoY (Oct)	16.10%
	US Philadelphia Fed Non-Manufacturing Activity (Nov)	-22.2
	US Retail Sales Advance MoM (Sep)	0.60%
	US PPI Final Demand YoY (Sep)	2.60%
	US FHFA House Price Index MoM (Sep)	0.40%
	US S&P Cotality CS US HPI YoY NSA (Sep)	1.51%
	US Richmond Fed Manufact. Index (Nov)	-4
	US Richmond Fed Business Conditions (Nov)	-1
	US Conf. Board Consumer Confidence (Nov)	94.6
	US Pending Home Sales MoM (Oct)	0.00%
	US Dallas Fed Services Activity (Nov)	-9.4
26-Nov	AU CPI Trimmed Mean YoY (Oct)	2.80%
	NZ RBNZ Official Cash Rate	2.50%
	SI Industrial Production SA MoM (Oct)	26.30%
	US MBA Mortgage Applications	-5.20%
	US Initial Jobless Claims	220k
	US Durable Goods Orders (Sep P)	2.90%
	US Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air (Sep P)	-0.40%
	US MNI Chicago PMI (Nov)	43.8
	Fed Releases Beige Book	

Source: Bloomberg
Note: Due to lapse in government services, US release dates are subject to change

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