

WEEK AHEAD

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Economic Calendar

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Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior
24Nov-20Dec	US	Housing Starts	Sep	1329k	1307k
	US	New Home Sales MoM	Sep		-
24 Nov	US	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Oct		-
	US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Nov		-5.0
	GE	IFO Expectations	Nov	91.4	91.6
25 Nov	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Nov	93.3	94.6
	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Nov		-4.0
	US	Retail Sales/ Ex Auto and Gas MoM	Sep/ 0.6%/		0.6%/
	US	PPI Final Demand MoM	Sep		-0.1%
26 Nov	US	Initial Jobless Claims	 		220k
	US	MNI Chicago PMI	Nov		43.8
	JP	Coincident/Leading Index	Sep F		114.6/108.0
	JP	Machine Tool Orders YoY	Oct F		16.8%
	US	Durable Goods/Non Def Ex Air Orders	Sep P		2.9%/0.4%
20 Nov	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Oct P	0.69/	2.60/
28 Nov				-0.6%	2.6%
<u> </u>	JP	Job-To-Applicant Ratio/Jobless Rate	Oct	1.20/2.50%	1.20/2.6%
ı	JP	Retail Sales YoY	Oct	0.8%	0.2%

- Week-in-brief: Overdue or Overdone Worries
 Rather than extended optimism from US government reopening, markets appear to have woken up to
- overdue worries about Al valuations as the equities sell-off persisted despite Nvidia outperformance.

 Even after this dismal week, the Nasdaq is still up more than 14% YTD, reminding us that this performance is still in the realm of valuation/high capex spending concerns rather than business viability
- woes. To be clear, overdue worries may not necessarily be overdone.

 For one, even the lagged September jobs report which incited bouts of economic optimism was far from conclusive as higher unemployment rate and downward revisions to prior gains dampened the
- Without a conclusive read of the economy, FOMC members took a hawkish stance displaying discomfort over front loading rate cuts amid sticky inflation. Consequently, risk sentiments undeniably also took a hit without rate cut tailwinds as odds of December cut declined from 41% to 31% over the course of this
- In fact, with **Trump's administration cutting tariffs on food products**, the relief from the lower tariffs
- may have marginally given way to the **acknowledgement of significant prices pressures**. In Asia, the **JPY led losses** amid worries about BoJ independence and fiscal woes ahead of the release of fresh stimulus measures. The dire mood around Japan is exacerbated by sharp geo-political risks of fresh stimulus measures. The dire associated with the Japan-China spat.
- Nonetheless, overdone bearish bears may face the threat of BoJ intervention especially should another Sell America opportunity present itself for less costly intervention.

 - Similarly, while the risk off effects on KRW performance is apparent this week, threats of intervention
- remain the key restrain.
- On the opposite end, PHP held ground amid inflows into equities and lower oil prices but USDPHP hovering around 59 levels is no position for complacency amid political uncertainties even though seasonal year end flows may be supportive.
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 In Thailand, the release of a revised fiscal framework may have tamed some worries of unsustainable debt trajectories, but it does not resolve immediate jump in fiscal deficit for the year ahead which requires elevated borrowing levels.
- Looking ahead, the **BoK will be standing pat at their upcoming meeting on 27 November** as they will require an extended period to assess if the real estate stabilization measures have worked as the slower pace of price growth at 0.2-0.3% week on week remains a threatening rate.
- Singapore's inflation print will remain well managed and an upwardly revised 2025 growth estimate strengthens the case for a prolonged hold by the MAS.

 All in, even as EM-Asia growth may be buoyed by the semiconductor cycle, the EM-Asia FX weakness against the Greenback reminds us of the potential for a risk off backdrop to overwhelm the usual yield driven dynamics. Furthermore, an extended risk off may increase the risk of short circuiting the current favourable upcycle dynamics.

USD Buoyancy: The Pay America Proposition



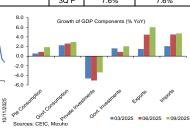
- Admittedly, prospects of potentially irredeemable loss of trust in USD (as the global reserve currency) underpinning "Sell America" amplifies longer-run risks to USD.

 But forced transfers, bordering on confiscation, of private sector/trade partner resources by the US, entailed in "Pay America", are set to be more imminently, and meaningfully accretive to the
- So, despite criminally structural foot-shooting priming the USD for longer-run erosion "Pay America" logic suggests that the Greenback averts an imminent crash. In fact, USD is set to benefit from a controlled softening. More so against AxJ.

 Please click here for full report: Mizuho Chart Speak: USD Buoyancy: The Pay America Proposition

Asia					
Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior
24-26 Nov	TH	Customs Exports/Imports YoY	Oct	6.3%/11.1%	19%/17.2%
24 Nov	SG	CPI/Core YoY	Oct	0.9%/0.7%	0.7%/0.4%
	TW	Unemployment Rate	Oct	-	3.4%
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25 Nov	KR	Consumer Confidence	Nov		109.8
	TW	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	15.5%	15.5%
26 Nov 27 Nov	SG	Industrial Production YoY	Oct		16.1%
	AU	CPI/Trimmed Mean YoY	Oct	3.6%/2.9%	3.5%/2.8%
	CH	Industrial Profits YoY	Oct		21.6%
	KR	BOK Base Rate		2.50%	2.50%
28 Nov	IN	GDP YoY	3Q	7.3%	7.8%
	IN	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	2.9%	4.0%
	KR	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	-0.5%	11.6%
	TH	BoP Current Account Balance	Oct		\$1873m
	TH	Exports/Imports YoY	Oct	-	19.2%/18.0%
	PH	Exports/Imports YoY	Oct	13.7%/-1.7%	15.9%/2.1%
	TW	GDP YoY	3Q P	7.6%	7.6%





- We expect the Bank of Korea to stand pat at their upcoming meeting. Clearly, the case to hold rates remains strong on their need to assess the effects of property market stabilization measures and on the impact of exchange rate volatility.

 - The FX vulnerability has been especially apparent with the USDKRW being buoyed above 1450 which
- has necessitated the BoK working with the NPS on stabilization measures. Since the October meeting, KRW has depreciated 1.7%. Furthermore, the risk off backdrop that has driven the KRW weakness remains a key risk amid continued doubt over Al valuations.
- On the housing front, even though the momentum of housing price growth has slowed in recent weeks, a
- On the housing front, even though the momentum of housing price growth has slowed in recent weeks, a 0.2-0.3% week on week change is far from comfortable.
 This current pace is also above that during their August decision in which they chose to keep rates unchanged "in order to stabilize expectations of rising housing prices".
 Aside from these risk factors, growth outturns have also come in better than expected amid a modest recovery in private consumption alongside external demand tailwinds. From a sectoral perspective, manufacturing sector was buoyant due to the firm trade backdrop while services activity was also robust
- across various sub-sectors ranging from finance to accommodation and food services.

 Even on the inflation front, a creep up in both headline and core inflation to above 2% in October also
- adds to the case for the BoK to stand pat for now. On balance, all indicators point to a rate hold at this meeting as the authorities seek to anchor wider macro-financial stability. Even as a push back in rate cut prospects and threat of FX intervention ought to aid some KRW recovery, heading back below 1400 will be a stretch as the risk off mood lingers.

Why CNH isn't Cheap



- CNH is not cheap. Nor is it being purposefully cheapened.
 Fact is, the PBoC's guidance has been biased to support, not suppress CNH.
 What's more, the renminbi is appreciably more expensive relative to its peers/partners in Asia since Trump 1.0 tariffs in 2018
- Above all, structural surge in financial/capital outflows, driven and underpinned by geo-conomic/"anti-involution", reveal that external dynamics are no longer accretive for CNH valuations. That's to say, assumptions of appreciation bias based on trade are
- In fact, geoeconomic risks accentuate adverse vulnerabilities to the downside for CNH further out (beyond interim US-China truce).

Please click here for full report: Mizuho Macro Brief: FX - Why CNH isn't Cheap

Forex Rate

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	Close*	Chg^	% Chg^	We	ek For	ecast
USD/JPY	156.71	2.030	1.31%	154.00	~	159.00
EUR/USD	1.1552	-0.0080	-0.69%	1.150	~	1.170
USD/SGD	1.3073	0.006	0.47%	1.2900	~	1.3120
USD/THB	32.49	0.122	0.38%	32.10	~	32.80
USD/MYR	4.1462	0.0135	0.33%	4.120	~	4.180
USD/IDR	16700	-4	-0.02%	16,450	~	17,000
JPY/SGD	0.834	-0.007	-0.88%	0.811	~	0.852
AUD/USD	0.6444	-0.008	-1.26%	0.640	~	0.655
USD/INR	88.71	-0.038	-0.04%	88.0	~	89.5
USD/PHP	58.845	-0.210	-0.36%	58.1	~	59.5

^Weekly change. FX: Haven USD

- The Sell America theme appeared to have frayed amid the risk off backdrop.
 Even as US equities sold off, the ensuing flight to haven saw UST yields slip and the USD remains buoyant as the DXY cross the 100 mark with JPY, AUD and NZD being sharp underperformers.
- The AUD and NZD were likely affected by the substantial JPY underformance which may have landed in
- he territory of carry unwind.

 At the other end, CAD had a modest slippage as firm underlying price pressures retain expectations of rate hold by the Bank of Canada

EM-Asia FX: Risky Bets Vs Firm Fundamentals

- Despite economic prints showing resilient external demand backdrop in Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan and Singapore, risk off backdrop led to broad weakness against the Greenback.
- The KRW led losses amid strong foreign outflows from equities
- Similarly, the TWD also faced sharp depreciation pressures even though export orders outperforming may be providing some backstop.
- The semiconductor/Al effects alongside EUR weakness may have weigh on the SGD which underperform peers such as the MYR despite Singapore's upwardly revised GDP growth cementing a prolonged MAS hold.
- On opposing end, PHP appeared to have escape unscath amid a rotation in their local equities and
- All in, even though EM-Asia FX will hope to stablise in the week ahead as they eye tailwinds of lower oil prices and UST yields, the trouble is that forward looking valuation risks offs may bite into lagged external demand resilience.

Bond Yield (%)

21-Nov	2-yr	Chg (bp)^	10-yr	Chg (bp)^	Curve
USD	3.533	-7.3	4.077	-7.1	Steepening
GER	2.006	-2.7	2.697	-2.1	Steepening
JPY	0.933	1.0	1.767	6.8	Steepening
SGD	1.214	-2.9	1.883	5.2	Steepening
AUD	3.683	-0.3	4.458	0.1	Steepening
GBP	3.763	-7.0	4.563	-1.0	Steepening

Stock Market

	Close	% Chg
S&P 500 (US)	6,538.76	-2.90
Nikkei (JP)	48,625.88	-3.48
EuroStoxx (EU)	5,501.24	-3.38
FTSE STI (SG)	4,462.55	-1.84
JKSE (ID)	8,383.08	0.15
PSEI (PH)	5,997.13	7.39
KLCI (MY)	1,617.11	-0.53
SET (TH)	1,254.90	-1.13
SENSEX (IN)	85,358.79	0.94
ASX (AU)	8,416.50	-2.52

USTs:Bears Beat the Hawks

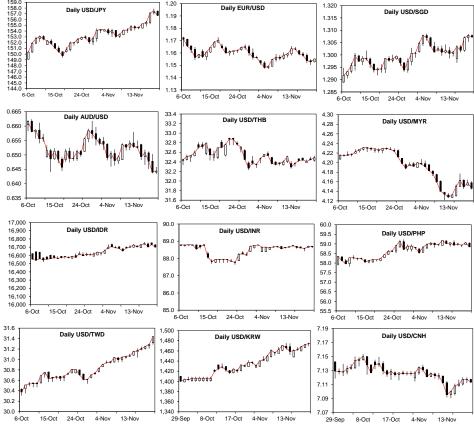
- Despite a hawkish flex in the FOMC Minutes that decimated the odds of a December rate cut (from -45% to -30%), UST yields fell. In fact, it was distinct drop in yields of between 7-8bp UST yields with a mild bull steepening bias.
- 88 p UST yields with a mild bull steepening bias.

 Whereas a hawkish surprise in the Minutes ought to have had a mild bear flattening to the that that the slump in US equities, fuelled by impact. The biggest reason for this appears to be that that the slump in US equities, fuelled by Al correction -led sell-off, has inadvertently boosted USTs (and thereby lowering yields).

 - In other words, bears unleashing haven demand for USTs amid "risk off" have trounced
- that ought to have induced upward pressure on UST yields that FOMC hawks.

 Looking ahead, the lingering "risk off" tone could continue to provide some support for USTs, keeping UST yields dampened. Especially against a backdrop of growing evidence around soft data spots emerging in the US. But the speed and depth of drop in UST yields could be restrained by the spillover from restrained easing bias from the Fed as well as the stale nature of US data being released with a lag.
- Expect 10Y UTS yields to be mostly supported above 4%, with dips likely to be shallow and possibly fleeting.

- 1) JPY: Fiscal woes, Japan-China spat and risk off backdrop conspire to aken the JPY. Intervention prospects restrain approach towards 160.
- 2) EUR: Geopolitical threats from potential Russia-Ukraine risks added to risk off depreciation pressures.
- 3) AUD: Equities sold off alongside sharp AUD slippage to mid-64 cents. Consolidation on both side of 65 cents remain our base case am extended hold allowing for some marginal gains in the week ahead.
- 4) CNH: Strong fixing and LPR hold amid speculation around property stimuls kept CNH stable.
- 5) INR: Alongside backdrop of softer oil prices and UST yields, Outperformed as RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra touted possibility of INR reief from trade deal.
- 6) SGD: Despite growth outperformance and CNB stability, SGD was dragged lower by the EUR. Trading in the 1.30-1.31 range expected as quasi-haven expects may soon play out.
- 7) IDR: Amid a better than expected current account surplus, relatively unchanged for this week implies outperformance among EM-Asia peers.
- 8) THB: Modest slippage with buoyancy above 32.2 retained, backstop from revised fiscal framwork may have came through. USDTHB sustaining above 32.2 for the week ahead.
- 9) MYR: Maintained their relative resilience with a mild slippage. Strong exports outturn provide another reminder of their favourable semiconductor positioning. Consolidation at around 4.15 par the course with potential for weakening as sliding oil prices may soon remind markets of fiscal risks.
- 10) PHP: Even as lower oil prices and rotation into PH equities allow relative gains, hovering around 59 levels remain a reflection of weakness and the BSP bias towards easing. Base case for buoyancy above 59 remains amid political uncertainties and protest.
- 11) KRW: Severe depreciation pressures from the equities sell-off but at around 1470-1480 intervention threats are restraining KRW bears.
- 12) TWD: Undeniably, the AI-led equities sell-off led to TWD weakness but strong exports order alongside potential intervention may have allowed for the middle of the pack performance. Even if sentiments stablise, consolidation above 31 will be the base case next week.





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