Market Alert

Wednesday 22 October 2025

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5744	0.0041
NZD/AUD	0.8849	0.0048
NZD/JPY	87.260	-0.84
NZD/EUR	0.4949	-0.0010
NZD/GBP	0.4295	0.0033
NZD/CNH	4.0926	-0.0167
AUD/USD	0.6489	0.0010
AUD/EUR	0.5591	-0.0043
EUR/USD	1.1605	0.0107
USD/CNH	7.1252	-0.0790
GBP/USD	1.3371	-0.0011
EUR/GBP	0.8676	0.0086

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.50%	3.60%
90 day bills	2.53%	3.54%
2 year swap	2.46%	3.26%
10 year Govt	4.07%	4.21%

You couldn't make it up …

When I was advised that a family friend of ours was booked to go to Japan for a Japanese rapping course, I was naturally curious and googled 'famous Japanese rappers.' I found out about my man Jin Dogg, Zeebra, and Awich! As one would expect, there were a lot of tattoos, and I was heading down a rabbit hole. This was amplified when I started to play some of Jin Dogg's greatest hits on Spotify as the verbs started to flow … only to discover our friend was heading to Japan … but for a wrapping course … not a rapping course!

Last night's excitement …

was not very exciting at all!

Commenting on the US-Australia critical minerals deal, a Chinese spokesperson confirmed resource-rich rare earth countries should take a proactive role in stabilising their critical minerals supply chains, stating, "*Resource-rich nations with critical minerals should play a proactive role in safeguarding the security and stability of the industrial and supply chains and ensure normal economic and trade cooperation.*"

UK public sector net borrowing widened to GBP20.2bn in September from GBP18.6bn in the same month last year. Meanwhile, the BoE has begun reaching out to financial institutions about conducting stress tests on the private credit market.

LDP leader Sanae Takaichi won a parliamentary vote to form a new coalition government, thereby becoming Japan's first female Prime Minister. Ms. Takaichi also named Satsuki Katayama as finance minister, making her the first woman to hold the finance position. The statement from PM Takaichi that, "*It's important that the BoJ (and the) Government communicates closely and coordinate policy,*" saw the JPY ease to a one-week low.

Last night's GDT auction encountered a few issues with the pricing indices, with the official announcement stating, "*We would like to inform you that the results of the Trading Event 390 are now published. However, we are still facing issues with the price indices. Our IT team is actively working to resolve this issue and ensure the correct data is displayed.*"

Most of last night's trading activity centred on commodity markets. Oil bounced 0.6% after the US announced it plans to buy 1 million barrels of oil for its strategic petroleum reserves, although gold futures encountered their biggest sell-off since 2013, tumbling 5.5%, while silver futures plummeted 7.5% as investors rushed to cash in on gains amid fears that the metals' explosive rally had surged into overvalued territory.

There was little to report in fixed income markets despite the appointment of a new Japanese PM and former French President Nicolas Sarkozy starting a 5-year prison term, with the US 2-years flat at 3.46% while the 10-years continued its grind lower easing 2bps to 3.96%.

The USD-index firmed 0.3% to close above the 98.50 level. The NZD/USD is unchanged, although AUD/USD eased back below the 0.6500 level which saw NZD/AUD firm to 0.8850. The NZD also made modest gains against the EUR and GBP, but rallied strongly against the JPY with the new PM.

Equity markets? Yep … you guessed it, most bourses locked in gains in the 0.25%-0.50% territory.

Maybe there is hope for us after all …

After OpenAI confirmed they have hired over 100 ex-investment bankers helping train its AI to build financial models for restructurings and IPOs.

Finally, Pizza Hut in the UK has gone into administration and is closing all 68 stores, blaming a saturated market, too much competition, and diminishing margins. Apparently, it's the Domino's effect! Boom boom!

Daily Rates

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FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths
NZ TWI	66.60				
NZD/USD	0.5744	0.0007	0.0022	0.0041	0.0071
NZD/AUD	0.8849	0.0007	0.0025	0.0048	0.0097
NZD/JPY	87.2600	-0.18	-0.46	-0.8391	-1.50
NZD/EUR	0.4949	-0.0003	-0.0006	-0.0010	-0.0020
NZD/GBP	0.4295	0.0005	0.0017	0.0033	0.0064
AU TWI	60.60				
AUD/USD	0.6489	0.0003	0.0007	0.0010	0.0008
AUD/NZD	1.1295	-0.0010	-0.0032	-0.0066	-0.0128
AUD/JPY	98.28	-0.29	-0.80	-1.49	-2.77
AUD/EUR	0.5591	-0.0008	-0.0023	-0.0043	-0.0086
AUD/GBP	0.4852	0.0002	0.0006	0.0011	0.0018
USD Index	98.92				
EUR/USD	1.1605	0.0021	0.0058	0.0107	0.0188
USD/JPY	151.92	-0.51	-1.40	-2.52	-4.44
GBP/USD	1.3371	0.0001	-0.0002	-0.0011	-0.0041
EUR/GBP	0.8676	0.0015	0.0045	0.0086	0.0164
USD/CNY	7.1218	-0.0144	-0.0380	-0.0690	-0.1244

	Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
CAD	0.8047	0.9094
CHF	0.4570	0.5166
CNY	4.0891	4.6210
DKK	3.6948	4.1755
FJD	1.3089	1.4791
HKD	4.4626	5.0431
KRW	822.05	928.99
MYR	2.4266	2.7423
NOK	5.7730	6.5240
SEK	5.4041	6.1071
SGD	0.7453	0.8422
TWD	17.61	19.90
ZAR	9.99	11.29

INTEREST RATES	New Zealand Mid	Australia Mid
30 day bank bills	2.65%	3.50%
90 day bank bills	2.53%	3.54%
1 year swap	2.35%	3.28%
2 year swap	2.46%	3.26%
3 year swap	2.62%	3.30%
5 year swap	2.95%	3.47%
10 year swap	3.55%	3.92%
3 year Govt bond	2.85%	3.36%
5 year Govt bond	3.28%	3.58%
10 year Govt bond	4.07%	4.21%

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	13,378
ASX200	9,095
Dow Jones	46,990
S&P 500	6,741
FTSE100	9,427
DAX 40	24,330
Nikkei	49,316

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	61.39
Gold	4,108.91
Silver	48.04
Iron Ore	105.50
CRB Index	367.57

	NZD
NZ Carbon	55.20

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