Market Alert

Thursday 20 November 2025

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5593	0.0043
NZD/AUD	0.8656	0.0056
NZD/JPY	87.730	-0.81
NZD/EUR	0.4853	-0.0009
NZD/GBP	0.4284	0.0032
NZD/CNH	3.9814	-0.0134
AUD/USD	0.6461	0.0006
AUD/EUR	0.5606	-0.0047
EUR/USD	1.1524	0.0108
USD/CNH	7.1176	-0.0778
GBP/USD	1.3055	0.0000
EUR/GBP	0.8826	0.0081

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.50%	3.60%
90 day bills	2.50%	3.70%
2 year swap	2.58%	3.59%
10 year Govt	4.21%	4.53%

I've got my orange crush ...

... REM used to sing, but this morning that crush isn't orange ... it's all black after the NZD was crushed overnight. To be fair, it's not just a NZD story, with the JPY, AUD, CHF and EUR also sold against the USD... it's just the NZD got hit the worst. It's really a US story after the USD index rallied through the 100.00 level to reach a 5-month high amid tempered Fed rate cut expectations.

As previously rumoured, the US Bureau of Labour Statistics won't be releasing the October Jobs data, although it should be noted that the headline October non-farm payrolls number will be released with the November data, which is set to be released on 16 December. That date is important as it is after the final Fed meeting on 10 December. As a result, markets have wound back expectations that the Fed will have enough evidence to cut, with markets now seeing only a ~30% chance of a cut.

Also overnight, oil prices fell 2.2% following talk around the ending of the Ukraine war. We could see more volatility this morning following the upcoming release of Nvidia's Q3 earnings and the Fed minutes from its October meeting.

Best of the rest

NZ's September quarter producer price inflation data points to easing inflation pressures, with some margin rebuilding. Output prices rose 0.6% in the quarter, while input prices increased just 0.2%. Both measures defied expectations to increase. The data supports the disinflation trend and keeps the door open for further RBNZ easing next week (a 25 basis point cut is fully priced in). Furthermore, subdued input growth also implies a softer activity backdrop.

The UK CPI release overnight saw annual headline CPI ease to 3.6% in October, slightly above expectations but down from 3.8% in September and the first fall in five months. The data reflected softer housing and household services costs (especially energy), while food inflation re-accelerated, keeping overall price pressures elevated relative to peer economies. The data reinforces expectations that the Bank of England can continue easing cautiously, with markets increasing the chances of a cut in December to 85%.

By contrast, eurozone annual headline inflation dipped to 2.1% in October, from 2.2%, keeping price growth only marginally above the ECB's 2.0% target, the soft inflation reading justifying the ECB's current pause.

Australian wage inflation remained firm and unchanged in the September quarter. The Wage Price Index rose 0.8% in the September quarter, leaving annual wage growth steady at 3.4%. Public-sector wages were up 3.8% and private-sector wages eased to 3.2%, their lowest pace in around three years. Wages in Australia are now growing just ahead of consumer prices, delivering modest real wage gains after several years of erosion, but the composition—driven by government-linked pay deals—means the RBA is likely to treat the figures as consistent with its current policy pause rather than a catalyst for renewed tightening.

Daily Rates

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FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths
NZ TWI	65.80				
NZD/USD	0.5593	0.0008	0.0023	0.0043	0.0074
NZD/AUD	0.8656	0.0009	0.0028	0.0056	0.0108
NZD/JPY	87.7300	-0.15	-0.47	-0.8148	-1.57
NZD/EUR	0.4853	-0.0002	-0.0006	-0.0009	-0.0019
NZD/GBP	0.4284	0.0006	0.0017	0.0032	0.0059
AU TWI	60.80				
AUD/USD	0.6461	0.0002	0.0005	0.0006	-0.0002
AUD/NZD	1.1551	-0.0012	-0.0038	-0.0078	-0.0166
AUD/JPY	100.77	-0.28	-0.87	-1.60	-3.12
AUD/EUR	0.5606	-0.0008	-0.0025	-0.0047	-0.0096
AUD/GBP	0.4948	0.0002	0.0003	0.0004	0.0002
USD Index	100.18				
EUR/USD	1.1524	0.0020	0.0060	0.0108	0.0196
USD/JPY	156.84	-0.49	-1.47	-2.64	-4.82
GBP/USD	1.3055	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	-0.0011
EUR/GBP	0.8826	0.0015	0.0045	0.0081	0.0154
USD/CNY	7.1106	-0.0147	-0.0406	-0.0740	-0.1350

	Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
CAD	0.7857	0.9080
CHF	0.4504	0.5206
CNY	3.9766	4.5954
DKK	3.6230	4.1867
FJD	1.2609	1.4571
HKD	4.3559	5.0337
KRW	820.78	948.49
MYR	2.3191	2.6800
NOK	5.6986	6.5853
SEK	5.3463	6.1783
SGD	0.7307	0.8444
TWD	17.45	20.16
ZAR	9.62	11.12

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	13,327
ASX200	8,448
Dow Jones	46,081
S&P 500	6,640
FTSE100	9,507
DAX 40	23,163
Nikkei	48,538

INTEREST RATES	New Zealand Mid	Australia Mid
30 day bank bills	2.50%	3.60%
90 day bank bills	2.50%	3.70%
1 year swap	2.41%	3.55%
2 year swap	2.58%	3.59%
3 year swap	2.78%	3.67%
5 year swap	3.12%	3.84%
10 year swap	3.71%	4.28%
3 year Govt bond	3.01%	3.75%
5 year Govt bond	3.45%	3.97%
10 year Govt bond	4.21%	4.53%

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	63.51
Gold	4,074.29
Silver	51.08
Iron Ore	104.31
CRB Index	378.59
	NZD
NZ Carbon	46.00

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