Market Alert

Friday 21 November 2025

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5590	0.0042
NZD/AUD	0.8677	0.0057
NZD/JPY	88.025	-0.83
NZD/EUR	0.4846	-0.0009
NZD/GBP	0.4277	0.0032
NZD/CNH	3.9788	-0.0144
AUD/USD	0.6442	0.0005
AUD/EUR	0.5584	-0.0048
EUR/USD	1.1536	0.0108
USD/CNH	7.1174	-0.0786
GBP/USD	1.3070	0.0000
EUR/GBP	0.8825	0.0082

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.50%	3.60%
90 day bills	2.50%	3.69%
2 year swap	2.59%	3.64%
10 year Govt	4.26%	4.58%

Ginger Jesus has left the building!

Yes, after a couple of blisters playing football last weekend, the younger analyst has continued wearing his suit each-and-every-day … a commendable undertaking these days … but he's also been wearing his 'Jesus sandals' … his Birkenstocks! I believe today he'll be wearing his sandals with shorts and long socks … to feel right at home as he watches The Ashes this afternoon!

Meanwhile, back in the dungeon

Where the other analyst, our resident goth, feels right at home …

With Federal workers back on the job, they actually got round to releasing some numbers … the nonfarm payroll data from September saw the US labour force add 119k workers. Forecasters had expected a gain of 50k, although the August numbers were revised from a 22k gain to a 4k decline. Ultimately, this saw the jobless rate inch higher to 4.4%, the highest since October 2021, while average annual wage growth firmed to 3.8% … but remember … these are the September numbers.

In the up-to-date US numbers, initial jobless claims firmed from 219k to 224k, while continuing jobless claims edged up from 1,916k to 1,921k.

The Fed's Beth Hammack announced, "*Inflation expectations have been contained. Financial conditions are quite accommodative right now*," while Austin Goolsbee added, *"Inflation seems to have stalled, but it may be moving up. I am uneasy front loading rate cuts and counting on transitory inflation."*

RBA Assistant Governor Sarah Hunter warned, "*The monthly inflation data is too volatile to interpret in isolation*," even though that is what most central banks work off, adding, "*the labour market remains tighter than is compatible with inflation returning to the central bank's 2.0–3.0% target*." Meanwhile, the IMF suggested that Australia should pursue major tax reform - including a mining tax, higher GST and fewer exemptions - to manage rising federal and state debt, while the Australian regulator warned banks against easing mortgage standards,

A Reuters poll showed a narrow majority of Japanese economists expect the BoJ to raise rates to 0.75% in December … with all forecasters seeing that level by the end of Q1! JPY weakness and imported inflation are reinforcing the call for the higher cash rate, while wage growth is expected to remain elevated. But despite this 'positive', the JPY is continuing to weaken, with one senior economist suggesting USD/JPY will continue to firm from its current 157.55 to eventually reach 160.00!

The PBoC left its 1 and 5-year Loan Prime Rates unchanged at 3.00% and 3.50% for a 6th consecutive month, as was expected, citing weak credit demand and continued property-sector weakness. And just to ensure the authorities are working on this, it was announced the authorities are considering a fresh round of property-market support measures including mortgage subsidies for first-time buyers, larger income-tax rebates, and lower transaction costs for home purchases.

Ahead of next week's budget, UK consumer confidence posted its biggest drop since April with economic and personal-finance expectations falling sharply. The report cites tax-rise speculation, cost pressures and weak spending intentions heading into Christmas.

"It don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world" …

Said a young Humphrey Bogart, and he was right cause markets ignored it all. Simply put, nothing's really changed from where we were this time yesterday! The USD-index is flat, with the NZD and AUD a touch lower. The JPY? Well, it's weaker again! US Treasury yields were a touch lower, with the US 2 and 10-year easing 4bps to 3.56% and 4.10% respectively, equity markets, despite the Nvidia result, are trading 0.8%-1.8% lower, while commodities are lower by similar amounts.

Daily Rates

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FX

FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths
NZ TWI	65.50				
NZD/USD	0.5590	0.0008	0.0022	0.0042	0.0071
NZD/AUD	0.8677	0.0010	0.0028	0.0057	0.0114
NZD/JPY	88.0250	-0.15	-0.45	-0.8314	-1.56
NZD/EUR	0.4846	-0.0001	-0.0005	-0.0009	-0.0019
NZD/GBP	0.4277	0.0006	0.0017	0.0032	0.0058
AU TWI	61.00				
AUD/USD	0.6442	0.0002	0.0005	0.0005	-0.0004
AUD/NZD	1.1520	-0.0014	-0.0038	-0.0080	-0.0160
AUD/JPY	101.73	-0.31	-0.84	-1.63	-3.13
AUD/EUR	0.5584	-0.0008	-0.0024	-0.0048	-0.0097
AUD/GBP	0.4927	0.0001	0.0003	0.0004	0.0000
USD Index	100.19				
EUR/USD	1.1536	0.0019	0.0058	0.0108	0.0191
USD/JPY	157.47	-0.49	-1.43	-2.65	-4.75
GBP/USD	1.3070	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	-0.0012
EUR/GBP	0.8825	0.0014	0.0044	0.0082	0.0152
USD/CNY	7.116	-0.0141	-0.0395	-0.0759	-0.1370

	Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
CAD	0.7881	0.9085
CHF	0.4499	0.5187
CNY	3.9764	4.5841
DKK	3.6177	4.1706
FJD	1.2663	1.4598
HKD	4.3504	5.0152
KRW	823.26	949.08
MYR	2.3213	2.6760
NOK	5.7108	6.5835
SEK	5.3360	6.1515
SGD	0.7306	0.8423
TWD	17.49	20.16
ZAR	9.64	11.12

INTEREST RATES

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30 day bank bills	2.50%	3.60%
90 day bank bills	2.50%	3.69%
1 year swap	2.42%	3.60%
2 year swap	2.59%	3.64%
3 year swap	2.78%	3.73%
5 year swap	3.12%	3.88%
10 year swap	3.70%	4.31%
3 year Govt bond	3.05%	3.81%
5 year Govt bond	3.49%	4.02%
10 year Govt bond	4.26%	4.58%

EQUITIES

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	13,439
ASX200	8,553
Dow Jones	45,815
S&P 500	6,563
FTSE100	9,528
DAX 40	23,279
Nikkei	49,824

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	63.25
Gold	4,061.24
Silver	50.29
Iron Ore	104.26
CRB Index	373.49

	NZD
NZ Carbon	47.25

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