

Market Alert

Friday 13 February 2026

| CURRENCIES | Spot | 6mths |
|------------|--------|---------|
| NZD/USD | 0.6034 | 0.0036 |
| NZD/AUD | 0.8510 | 0.0067 |
| NZD/JPY | 92.270 | -0.78 |
| NZD/EUR | 0.5086 | -0.0012 |
| NZD/GBP | 0.4431 | 0.0025 |
| NZD/CNH | 4.1626 | -0.0193 |
| AUD/USD | 0.7089 | -0.0015 |
| AUD/EUR | 0.5975 | -0.0061 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1863 | 0.0096 |
| USD/CNH | 6.8971 | -0.0726 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3619 | 0.0003 |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8710 | 0.0068 |

| INT RATES | NZ | Australia |
|--------------|-------|-----------|
| OCR/Cash | 2.25% | 3.85% |
| 90 day bills | 2.49% | 4.01% |
| 2 year swap | 3.06% | 4.20% |
| 10 year Govt | 4.55% | 4.90% |

It's Friday the 13th!

What could possibly go wrong?

Well ... for a start, I've just found out that tomorrow is Valentine's Day, so I've got no excuses on that one! And I've also got an engagement party to go to over the weekend. Did you know, you're not supposed to wear white to an engagement party? As someone said to me yesterday, if someone shows up in white to my engagement party I'll be making sure some red wine gets spilt on that dress! Should I just skip to the end and show up in black?

Breaking the overnight releases down

- US initial claims fell by 5k to 227k last week, slightly above forecasts at 222k, while continuing claims rose to 1,862k, above forecasts at 1,850k.

- US existing home sales sank 8.4% to an annualised rate of 3.9m in January, firmly below expectations at 4.2m.
- In Q4, the UK economy grew by a modest 0.1%, the same rate as in Q3 and slightly below expectations of 0.2%.
- BoE member Sarah Breeden suggested, *"It's reasonable to expect a further 25bp rate cut by the end of April."*

The theory behind the market reaction!

And it comes down to one thing ... exuberance. Thank you, Mr. Greenspan!

Basically, Alphabet's 100-year sterling bond issue is raising fears over a debt-fuelled AI 'arms race' with strategists warning the tech ramp up of borrowings to fund the data centre and AI infrastructure is a classic sign of late-cycle credit market exuberance!

Overnight, markets decided it would be a good time to apply fresh pressure to the tech sector. While the European bourses were mixed, ranging between -0.5% and +0.5%, the US exchanges are 1.0% lower with the NASDAQ falling 1.5% on tech profitability concerns. Citibank also warned markets are being too calm about US inflation.

Commodity markets were mixed with energy and precious metals all lower, although the other metals and agri-products firmed.

Currency markets were quiet with the USD-index virtually unchanged although the AUD did see some profit taking with AUD/USD trading just below the 0.7100 level despite RBA Governor Michele Bullock describing any inflation print *"with a three in front of it"* as unacceptable. The NZD/USD is slightly lower, although NZD/AUD has reclaimed the 0.8500 level.

US Treasuries have been bid throughout the overnight session, due to a combination of factors, or who you believe in other words, with it being either the second take on the non-farms release with the sizeable downward revisions, or today's poor performance of US equity markets, but whichever way you dice it, the facts are the 2-year yield is 5bp lower at 3.48%, while the 10-year has fallen to a 2-month low, dropping 7bp to 4.11%. We also had the US Treasury department sell USD25bn 30-year bonds at 4.75% against the 'when issued' yield at 4.77%. the bid-cover-ratio was 2.66 versus the prior 2.42. So, all up, a good result. As someone said to me this morning, with equity markets having a mini-meltdown, gold hit by a quick USD155 drop, silver plummeting another 10%, when everyone is running for the door ... a 4.75% yield is actually quite appealing!



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Daily Rates

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| FX | Spot | FECs (mid) | | | | Spot Mid | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | Mid | 1mth | 3mths | 6mths | 12mths | NZD/... | AUD/... |
| NZ TWI | 68.30 | | | | | CAD | 0.8215 |
| NZD/USD | 0.6034 | 0.0006 | 0.0020 | 0.0036 | 0.0049 | CHF | 0.4644 |
| NZD/AUD | 0.8510 | 0.0009 | 0.0032 | 0.0067 | 0.0131 | CNY | 4.1823 |
| NZD/JPY | 92.2700 | -0.13 | -0.40 | -0.7821 | -1.63 | DKK | 3.7992 |
| NZD/EUR | 0.5086 | -0.0002 | -0.0005 | -0.0012 | -0.0035 | FJD | 1.3058 |
| NZD/GBP | 0.4431 | 0.0005 | 0.0014 | 0.0025 | 0.0037 | HKD | 4.7159 |
| | | | | | | KRW | 868.27 |
| AU TWI | 65.40 | | | | | MYR | 2.3529 |
| AUD/USD | 0.7089 | -0.0001 | -0.0004 | -0.0015 | -0.0054 | NOK | 5.7531 |
| AUD/NZD | 1.1746 | -0.0014 | -0.0046 | -0.0097 | -0.0200 | SEK | 5.3877 |
| AUD/JPY | 108.75 | -0.27 | -0.88 | -1.78 | -3.57 | SGD | 0.7615 |
| AUD/EUR | 0.5975 | -0.0009 | -0.0029 | -0.0061 | -0.0133 | TWD | 18.94 |
| AUD/GBP | 0.5205 | 0.0000 | -0.0004 | -0.0013 | -0.0037 | ZAR | 9.62 |
| | | | | | | | 11.31 |
| USD Index | 96.97 | | | | | EQUITIES | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1863 | 0.0016 | 0.0050 | 0.0096 | 0.0177 | | Index |
| USD/JPY | 152.91 | -0.36 | -1.15 | -2.18 | -3.91 | NZX50 | 13,531 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3619 | -0.0001 | 0.0001 | 0.0003 | -0.0006 | ASX200 | 9,044 |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8710 | 0.0012 | 0.0035 | 0.0068 | 0.0132 | Dow Jones | 49,587 |
| USD/CNY | 6.901 | -0.0121 | -0.0369 | -0.0700 | -0.1290 | S&P 500 | 6,867 |
| | | | | | | FTSE100 | 10,402 |
| INTEREST | | | | | | DAX 40 | 24,853 |
| RATES | | | | | | Nikkei | 57,640 |
| | | | | | | COMMODITIES | |
| | | | | | | | USD |
| 30 day bank bills | | | 2.41% | | 3.85% | Brent Crude | 67.34 |
| 90 day bank bills | | | 2.49% | | 4.01% | Gold | 4,931.79 |
| 1 year swap | | | 2.69% | | 4.18% | Silver | 75.83 |
| 2 year swap | | | 3.06% | | 4.20% | Iron Ore | 100.59 |
| 3 year swap | | | 3.32% | | 4.23% | CRB Index | 390.95 |
| 5 year swap | | | 3.66% | | 4.33% | | NZD |
| 10 year swap | | | 4.14% | | 4.60% | NZ Carbon | 44.30 |
| 3 year Govt bond | | | 3.51% | | 4.34% | | |
| 5 year Govt bond | | | 3.97% | | 4.49% | | |
| 10 year Govt bond | | | 4.55% | | 4.90% | | |

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