

Market Alert

Tuesday 27 October 2026

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5684	0.0028
NZD/AUD	0.8097	0.0061
NZD/JPY	89.490	-0.91
NZD/EUR	0.5084	-0.0016
NZD/GBP	0.4259	0.0020
NZD/CNH	3.7800	-0.0356
AUD/USD	0.7019	-0.0020
AUD/EUR	0.6278	-0.0067
EUR/USD	1.1179	0.0087
USD/CNH	6.6676	-0.0945
GBP/USD	1.3344	0.0001
EUR/GBP	0.8375	0.0063

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.75%	4.60%
90 day bills	3.32%	4.90%
2 year swap	4.04%	4.89%
10 year Govt	5.03%	5.27%

So let me get this right ...

A bank holiday spent cheering on the Kiwi's and the silver ferns, crying over Manchester United, and 3-days spent water blasting and painting retain walls ... and what does it all mean? Oil prices have flared up (again) while yet another tech IPO filing is attempting to single-handedly save the USD10.0trn AI sector ... so, basically, it's just another Tuesday!

While oil price traded lower overnight, on rumours that security chiefs from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey are coordinating meetings with Iranian leadership to cap the spread of the regional conflict, oil prices remain elevated with crude consolidating above the USD100.00 level at USD102.00 while Brent is at USD115.85! But don't worry, equity markets are literally on fire trading 0.50%-1.0% higher on the news that Anthropic has officially filed

for its IPO. The listing is expected to value the company somewhere between USD1.5trn-USD2.0trn ... not bad for a company that just made an eye-watering USD80.0bn net loss!

After last week's massive tech drawdowns triggered an aggressive 'flight to quality' into sovereign debt, global yield metrics paused their erratic swings. Currently the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield is at 4.98%, keeping its head just below that psychological 5.0% ceiling. The policy-sensitive 2-year yield ticked up slightly to 4.72% while the consumer-important 30-years is at 5.30%. On a side note, the French 10-year Oat is back below the 5.0% level at 4.91%.

The USD-index is consolidating just below the 102.00 level, giving the major crosses a moment of relative calm. The EUR eased below the 1.1200 level with its upside remaining entirely capped by the ongoing French budget protests, while the JPY had a modest surge with USD/JPY falling through support at 158.00 to be at 157.40. The NZD/USD is locked into a steady consolidation zone around 0.5685-0.5715, fully supported by last week's core disinflation data win, while the AUD/USD is largely unchanged at 0.7025.

Looking at the other headlines

- The Chicago Fed's National Activity index firm to 0.07 in September from August's -0.08, suggesting economic activity increased.
- The Dallas Fed manufacturing index improved from 9.8 to 13.4.
- The German IFO business sentiment

index edged up to 90.2 in October, its highest level since May 2023 and slightly ahead of expectations at 90.0.

- UK retail sales improved from -55 in October to -10 in November 2026, its highest level since April 2025 and above market expectations of -47.

The US Treasury sold off USD69.0bn of 2-year notes at a high yield of 4.708%, 0.3bps above the WI (When-Issued) meaning buyers needed a yield concession to absorb the supply.

Brazilian financial markets suffered a severe tumble after left-wing President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva secured an unexpected re-election victory. The win for Lula boosts China's foothold in the region and gives Brazil rare earths leverage. Meanwhile the Serbian snap election saw the single biggest geopolitical upset of the year after the long-serving, populist leader Aleksandar Vucic was decisively ousted from power by the opposition 'Student List'. I don't believe the Student List are in any way related to the local TOP party ... I just think they're all very, very young!

For the remainder of the week ...

The focus will be on Wednesday's RBNZ decision, while we will also get the Fed and BoC decisions on Thursday morning, and the ECB and BoJ announcements on Friday. Beyond the central banks we have, from the US, GDP, PCE inflation, personal income and spending, and house prices. We also have Euro-area GDP and employment, Australian CPI and PPI inflation, and private credit, while from NZ we also have business and consumer sentiment.



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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	64.60					CAD	0.7967
NZD/USD	0.5684	0.0005	0.0015	0.0028	0.0051	CHF	0.4701
NZD/AUD	0.8097	0.0013	0.0034	0.0061	0.0102	CNY	3.7896
NZD/JPY	89.490	-0.16	-0.45	-0.9087	-1.88	DKK	3.7984
NZD/EUR	0.5084	-0.0002	-0.0007	-0.0016	-0.0035	FJD	1.2565
NZD/GBP	0.4259	0.0004	0.0010	0.0020	0.0041	HKD	4.4579
						KRW	753.21
AU TWI	65.10					MYR	2.3211
AUD/USD	0.7019	-0.0005	-0.0011	-0.0020	-0.0030	NOK	5.2940
AUD/NZD	1.2349	-0.0020	-0.0053	-0.0098	-0.0170	SEK	5.6557
AUD/JPY	110.55	-0.36	-1.02	-1.96	-3.75	SGD	0.7275
AUD/EUR	0.6278	-0.0013	-0.0035	-0.0067	-0.0125	TWD	18.50
AUD/GBP	0.5259	-0.0004	-0.0009	-0.0016	-0.0020	ZAR	9.46
USD Index	101.99					EQUITIES	
EUR/USD	1.1179	0.0015	0.0044	0.0087	0.0175		Index
USD/JPY	157.45	-0.41	-1.20	-2.36	-4.69	NZX50	13,734
GBP/USD	1.3344	0.0001	0.0002	0.0001	-0.0010	ASX200	8,810
EUR/GBP	0.8375	0.0011	0.0031	0.0063	0.0134	Dow Jones	52,311
USD/CNY	6.67	-0.0168	-0.0479	-0.0954	-0.1998	S&P 500	7,674
						FTSE100	10,767
						DAX 40	25,411
						Nikkei	62,190
						COMMODITIES	
							USD
						Brent Crude	116.36
						Gold	4,011.39
						Silver	53.90
						Iron Ore	90.83
						CRB Index	536.44
							NZD
						NZ Carbon	49.00

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