Market Alert

Monday 16 November 2026

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5528	0.0037
NZD/AUD	0.8156	0.0073
NZD/JPY	88.255	-0.78
NZD/EUR	0.5011	-0.0008
NZD/GBP	0.4184	0.0027
NZD/CNH	3.6874	-0.0312
AUD/USD	0.6777	-0.0018
AUD/EUR	0.6142	-0.0065
EUR/USD	1.1031	0.0088
USD/CNH	6.6746	-0.0998
GBP/USD	1.3211	0.0000
EUR/GBP	0.8342	0.0065

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.75%	4.85%
90 day bills	3.22%	4.99%
2 year swap	3.82%	4.82%
10 year Govt	4.82%	5.22%

That one was for Taff!

Yes, it's time for a confession … I have a Welsh father, as the name Taff will have surely given away. But for the majority of his life, and all of mine, he lived in New Zealand … and prayed for a Welsh victory in the 15-man code. Unfortunately, he passed away last year, and low-and-behold, the first time after the event that the AB's played the Welsh, it happened. It may have taken 73-years, but at least someone in the great rugby paddock in the sky is having a good old chuckle!

The legacy of Friday the 13th continued over the weekend …

For NZ union, league and cricket supporters … and for the NZD, interest rates, tech-bro's, airline investors, email readers, and even inflation watchers!

Friday's US producer price index set alarm bells ringing after the annual rate accelerated to 6.5% on the year – its highest level since November 2022 - driven by a 1.3% surge in wholesale food costs and a 2.0% jump in transportation/warehousing. The core also printed at a strong 5.0%, while on the month, the headline and core printed at a modest 0.3%.

This set the Fed hawks circling, with Boston Fed member Susan Collins warning of a *"broadening of price pressures"*, while NY Fed John Williams reiterated that, *"Inflation remains too high"*.

Long end yields once again came under selling pressure with 10 and 30-year yields firming 1bps to 5.15% and 5.47% respectively, although short-end yields fell with the policy sensitive 2-years easing 3bps to 4.48%, which will support a steepening bias across the Asian fixed income curves on their openings this morning.

With the US 10-year yield consolidating above 5.00%, the USD-index hit a fresh 19-month high near 103.43. The rate divergence pushed NZD/USD down for a fourth consecutive session to test its 19-month low at 0.5521, putting the 2009-era 0.5470–0.5485 support band firmly in sight ahead of this week's RBNZ Inflation Expectations survey. The AUD/USD fall to 0.6770 wasn't as bad, merely reaching a 10-month low although, interestingly, USD/JPY didn't manage to close above the 160.00 intervention zone!

The US indices closed broadly lower on Saturday amid a renewed selloff in chipmakers as the semiconductor index sank 3.5% while it wasn't an issue to see Microsoft fall after a widespread cloud outage disrupted Outlook and Teams services.

The only real piece of positive news was that fading US-Iran strike fears kept oil prices anchored, with crude at USD88.55 and brent at USD95.85, although the weekends confirmation from the Pentagon that US forces struck Iranian rocket launchers along the Strait of Hormuz will likely see upward pressure emerge on the open.

The other data releases saw Eurozone Q3 GDP hold at 1.3% while China's October New Yuan Loans unexpectedly contracted by CNY100bn - the first-ever October contraction - underscoring sluggish private credit demand despite Beijing's recent stimulus blitz.

The week ahead…

Will no doubt focus on Nvidia's quarterly results. Anthropic is expecting its IPO debut, but more importantly we have the minutes from the FOMC's latest rate hold, retail sales, industrial production, and housing indicators. Elsewhere, the UK will post inflation, unemployment, and retail sales figures. We have Germany's ZEW economic sentiment index and Euro-area consumer confidence and industrial production. We also have Chinese industrial production, retail sales, housing prices, fixed-asset investment, and unemployment data, while the PBoC is also widely expected to keep its 1 and 5-year LPR fixings unchanged. Japan will release its Q3 GDP. We have the RBA minutes, Q3 wage price index data and October employment figures, and NZ PSIs, PPIs, food inflation, trade, and inflation expectations.

Daily Rates

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FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths
NZ TWI	63.50				
NZD/USD	0.5528	0.0006	0.0019	0.0037	0.0070
NZD/AUD	0.8156	0.0014	0.0040	0.0073	0.0128
NZD/JPY	88.255	-0.12	-0.39	-0.7763	-1.61
NZD/EUR	0.5011	-0.0001	-0.0004	-0.0008	-0.0019
NZD/GBP	0.4184	0.0004	0.0013	0.0027	0.0055
AU TWI	63.30				
AUD/USD	0.6777	-0.0005	-0.0011	-0.0018	-0.0023
AUD/NZD	1.2257	-0.0021	-0.0061	-0.0112	-0.0195
AUD/JPY	108.58	-0.33	-1.00	-1.92	-3.63
AUD/EUR	0.6142	-0.0012	-0.0035	-0.0065	-0.0119
AUD/GBP	0.5129	-0.0004	-0.0009	-0.0014	-0.0014
USD Index	103.41				
EUR/USD	1.1031	0.0014	0.0044	0.0088	0.0182
USD/JPY	159.64	-0.38	-1.23	-2.44	-4.92
GBP/USD	1.3211	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	-0.0010
EUR/GBP	0.8342	0.0010	0.0032	0.0065	0.0140
USD/CNY	6.671	-0.0157	-0.0496	-0.0996	-0.2073

	Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
CAD	0.7886	0.9670
CHF	0.4637	0.5675
CNY	3.6904	4.5236
DKK	3.7483	4.5960
FJD	1.2415	1.5222
HKD	4.3359	5.3165
KRW	736.96	903.63
MYR	2.2578	2.7684
NOK	5.2920	6.4888
SEK	5.5668	6.8258
SGD	0.7116	0.8725
TWD	18.18	22.29
ZAR	9.35	11.47

INTEREST RATES	New Zealand Mid	Australia Mid
30 day bank bills	3.02%	4.86%
90 day bank bills	3.22%	4.99%
1 year swap	3.61%	4.95%
2 year swap	3.82%	4.82%
3 year swap	3.93%	4.77%
5 year swap	4.09%	4.76%
10 year swap	4.44%	5.03%
3 year Govt bond	4.05%	4.86%
5 year Govt bond	4.32%	4.90%
10 year Govt bond	4.82%	5.22%

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	14,174
ASX200	9,082
Dow Jones	52,348
S&P 500	7,562
FTSE100	10,903
DAX 40	26,750
Nikkei	61,142

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	95.84
Gold	3,880.04
Silver	48.72
Iron Ore	91.48
CRB Index	500.71

	NZD
NZ Carbon	50.10

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