Market Alert

Tuesday 24 November 2026

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.5447	0.0035
NZD/AUD	0.8217	0.0071
NZD/JPY	86.670	-0.78
NZD/EUR	0.5001	-0.0009
NZD/GBP	0.4181	0.0026
NZD/CNH	3.6314	-0.0303
AUD/USD	0.6628	-0.0015
AUD/EUR	0.6085	-0.0063
EUR/USD	1.0891	0.0088
USD/CNH	6.6672	-0.0981
GBP/USD	1.3025	0.0001
EUR/GBP	0.8360	0.0065

INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	2.75%	4.85%
90 day bills	3.22%	4.96%
2 year swap	3.70%	4.58%
10 year Govt	4.76%	5.01%

The king is dead, long live the king!

Like a good Hollywood movie, you could not make this up … even if you tried!

Despite US federal and state authority investigations into whether advanced Nvidia AI chips were diverted or smuggled to China in violation of export controls, Jensen Huang is back at the helm of Nvidia!

Literally a mere 11 days after resigning over an alleged Chinese spy affair. President Trump, who allegedly has over a USD1.0m invested in Nvidia shares, personally lobbied the board assuring them Huang *"did nothing wrong"* and had *"other chips in his brain that nobody else knows about!"* And with that, the King has retaken his throne.

Equity markets are celebrating the corporate soap opera by splashing out on shares like drunken sailors; The US exchanges have violently bounced out of correction territory with the Dow and S&P500 rallying 3.3% and 5.0% respectively, while the Nasdaq has surged over 6.0% in its biggest single-day surge since April 2025 with Nvidia shares skyrocketing over 30%. Gains on the European and Asian exchanges ranged between 1.0% and 2.5%.

The massive AI risk-on whiplash

Had a knock-on impact beyond equity markets.

The massive equity surge drained safe haven demand out of sovereign debt with a 'Bear Flattening' cure. The 2-year yield jumped 5bps to 4.70% after the Treasury sold USD69.0bn at a high yield of 4.700% (down from 4.708% at last month's auction) with a stronger bid-to-cover ratio of 2.65x (up from 2.59x). Against this, the key 10-year yield remained flat at 4.94%.

The USD-index also surged, gaining 0.6% to a 20-month high just below the 104.50 level. Gains were largely cemented against the EUR, which fell through support at 109.00, weighed down by the dismal French PMI print, while the GBP and NZD fell 0.5%. The NZD/USD extended its losing streak to a 10th consecutive session, dipping to a fresh 17-year low at 0.5433, before posting a modest bounce. Interestingly, the AUD/USD has held up strongly flatlining at 0.6625, which means the NZD/AUD has fallen from a high of 0.8268 to 0.8215.

Commodity markets also had a positive session as precious metals bounced off the canvas with silver surging 4.8% to USD43.15, gold firmed 3.2% to USD3,648, while copper gained 2.5% to USD5.60. Oil prices continued their downward trend despite President Trump setting a New Year diplomatic deadline for Iran amid reports of heightened US-Israeli strike preparations. Crude and Brent are trading 3.1% lower at USD80.60 and USD89.75.

There were some data releases overnight, but let's be honest, who cares! But, for the record …

- US Composite PMI cooled to a 4-month low falling from 55.9 to 54.6 with manufacturing at 54.5 and services at 55.7. Meanwhile, the Chicago Fed national activity index dipped to -0.06.
- Eurozone composite PMIs held steady at 51.7 as stronger German manufacturing (55.0, a 56-month high) offset a deepening downturn in France (46.2, a 6-month low).
- UK composite PMIs eased slightly, from 52.9 to 52.3.

Insightful thinking, or talking his own book?

Billionaire investor Bill Ackman thinks the Federal Reserve is about to make a big mistake by hiking their Fed Funds rate next month stating, *"The Fed's 2% inflation ambition is misguided. Geopolitical risk, the required investment in global military spending, deglobalization, tariffs, and the massive AI infrastructure and related energy investment are features of the world that did not exist when the 2.0% target was set. A 3.0% inflation target is a more realistic ambition in the new world. The Fed will put the US and the world in recession if it continues to raise rates in a failed attempt to drive inflation to 2.0%!"*

Daily Rates

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FX	Spot Mid	FECs (mid) 1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths
NZ TWI	63.10				
NZD/USD	0.5447	0.0006	0.0018	0.0035	0.0065
NZD/AUD	0.8217	0.0015	0.0039	0.0071	0.0118
NZD/JPY	86.670	-0.15	-0.40	-0.7826	-1.63
NZD/EUR	0.5001	-0.0002	-0.0004	-0.0009	-0.0021
NZD/GBP	0.4181	0.0004	0.0013	0.0026	0.0054
AU TWI	61.90				
AUD/USD	0.6628	-0.0005	-0.0010	-0.0015	-0.0015
AUD/NZD	1.2163	-0.0022	-0.0059	-0.0107	-0.0179
AUD/JPY	106.06	-0.37	-0.98	-1.85	-3.48
AUD/EUR	0.6085	-0.0013	-0.0034	-0.0063	-0.0113
AUD/GBP	0.5087	-0.0004	-0.0009	-0.0013	-0.0008
USD Index	104.41				
EUR/USD	1.0891	0.0015	0.0044	0.0088	0.0177
USD/JPY	159.11	-0.43	-1.24	-2.45	-4.91
GBP/USD	1.3025	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	-0.0013
EUR/GBP	0.8360	0.0011	0.0032	0.0065	0.0141
USD/CNY	6.6643	-0.0176	-0.0500	-0.0986	-0.2021

	Spot Mid NZD/...	AUD/...
CAD	0.7824	0.9524
CHF	0.4587	0.5585
CNY	3.6307	4.4204
DKK	3.7364	4.5482
FJD	1.2392	1.5084
HKD	4.2703	5.1981
KRW	730.68	889.42
MYR	2.2433	2.7307
NOK	5.3582	6.5223
SEK	5.5996	6.8162
SGD	0.7034	0.8562
TWD	17.86	21.73
ZAR	9.47	11.53

INTEREST RATES	New Zealand Mid	Australia Mid
30 day bank bills	3.00%	4.86%
90 day bank bills	3.22%	4.96%
1 year swap	3.53%	4.78%
2 year swap	3.70%	4.58%
3 year swap	3.81%	4.51%
5 year swap	3.99%	4.53%
10 year swap	4.35%	4.79%
3 year Govt bond	3.96%	4.59%
5 year Govt bond	4.24%	4.64%
10 year Govt bond	4.76%	5.01%

EQUITIES	Index
NZX50	13,731
ASX200	8,571
Dow Jones	49,611
S&P 500	7,236
FTSE100	10,481
DAX 40	25,337
Nikkei	56,437

COMMODITIES	USD
Brent Crude	89.82
Gold	3,654.41
Silver	43.36
Iron Ore	90.67
CRB Index	479.40

	NZD
NZ Carbon	48.55

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