# **Global Markets Monitor**

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## Global markets remain cautious ahead of Fed meeting

Most equity markets were down this morning and US equity index futures were flat head of tomorrow's Fed meeting. Government bond yields in the euro area were lower, while US Treasury yields were little changed in early trading. The currency market is holding steady and commodity prices displayed a slight upward bias. Volatility remains low, but investors are in a cautious mood as the benchmark US 10-year Treasury yield has risen by 15 bps this month to its highest level since September. Higher interest rates in advanced economies have been flagged as the most prominent risk to markets in a number of investor surveys. Stocks in China underperformed as market participants were disappointed by the lack of specific stimulus proposals emerging from yesterday's Politburo meeting. Mexico is preparing to impose tariffs on Chinese imports to ease trade tensions with the US. Markets in Brazil were unsettled by political developments related to the choice of a Presidential candidate to run against the incumbent next year, although the stock market did well yesterday.

**Key Global Financial Indicators** 

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12/9/25 7:58 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities				9	%		%
S&P 500	many and the same of the same	6847	-0.3	0	2	13	16
Eurostoxx 50	- manuar	5713	-0.2	0	3	15	17
Nikkei 225		50655	0.1	3	-1	29	27
MSCI EM	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	55	-0.2	1	0	22	31
Yields and Spreads				b	ps		
US 10y Yield	man	4.16	-0.2	8	7	-4	-41
Germany 10y Yield	mmm	2.85	-1.2	10	18	73	48
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	and the same	260	2	-6	-11	-71	-65
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%		
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	46.3	-0.1	0	1	5	8
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	and	99.1	0.0	0	0	-7	-9
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	My hamme	62.7	0.3	0	-2	-13	-16
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	mutum	16.9	0.2	0	-2	3	0

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## **Global Equity Markets**

Global equity market sentiment is very bullish. Bank of America's proprietary sentiment measure is at the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of its history since 1987. Strong corporate earnings, expectations of Fed rate cuts and hopes for a stronger global economy in 2026 are among the reasons behind the optimism in the equity market. However, valuations are very expensive and markets are vulnerable to a reversal if circumstances turn adverse. The biggest risk identified in multiple surveys of investors is a resurgence of inflation that forces the Fed and other central banks to end their rate cutting cycles and pivot to rate hikes. This would cause a surge in interest rates that would likely trigger a major selloff in risk assets such as equities and corporate bonds. An unexpected rise in oil prices could also have a similar effect on central bank policy. Market participants are also wary about Japan, where JGB yields are at multi-decade highs and where further increases could result in spillovers to other government bond markets.



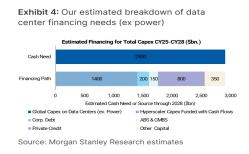
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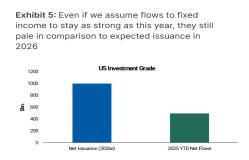
With quantitative tightening having officially ended on December 1, several Fed officials have indicated that the central bank might begin reserve management purchases (RMPs) next year to promote liquidity in money markets. The Fed is already posed to reinvest prepayments from mortgage-backed securities (MBS) into T-Bills, which Barclays projects at \$15 bn per month. Further Fed purchases could significantly reduce the net supply of T-Bills to investors, which might be reassuring to market participants who were worried about absorbing the increased supply of T-Bills that is expected to fund the deficit. Barclays predicts that the Fed will make the RMP announcement at the January FOMC meeting and begin purchases of \$15 bn in T-Bills in February, bringing their total monthly purchases of T-bills to \$30 bn. The objective is to ensure that money market rates such as the Secured Overnight Funding Rate (SOFR) and the Triparty General Collateral Rate (TGCR) remain close to the Fed's interest rate on reserve balances (IORB). In recent weeks, SOFR and TGCR have traded above IORB, creating liquidity strains.



Heavy corporate bond issuance to finance Al-related expenditures are expected to cause credit

spreads to widen in 2026. Morgan Stanley estimates that the great majority of these expenditures lie in the future, and that heavy spending will continue through 2028, with spending of almost \$3 th over fiscal years 2025–28. There will also be a large supply of asset backed securities (ABS) linked to data centers. Unlike in previous years, the share of investment funded by the hyperscalers' own profits is likely to shrink significantly. The analysts forecast that net US investment grade (IG) issuance will double in 2026, leading to upward pressure on credit spreads and investors demand higher returns to absorb the supply. Others agree and go further to predict that funding costs for non-Al related sectors will also go up, acting as a drag on corporate profitability for many companies. Meanwhile, the big question facing market participants is whether these enormous investments will bear fruit. Failure to meet profit targets or a decision to pull back on Al-investments could prove to be highly disruptive to the corporate bond market.





#### **Euro Area**

European equities traded sideways this morning, in absence of major catalysts to give the market a new direction ahead of the Fed meeting tomorrow. The Stoxx 600 index was little changed, with the defense sector outperforming (1.6%) on news that Germany will approve procurement contracts worth a record €52bn next week. Regional bourses were mixed, with Germany (DAX +0.4%) and Italy (FTSE MIB +0.4%) outperforming, while French stocks traded in the red (CAC 40 -0.4%). The euro was steady against the dollar, trading at around \$1.1642/€. Analysts at ING see the euro broadly firm ahead of tomorrow's Fed decision, although subject to vulnerabilities from the possible resurge of political tensions in France in case of failure to pass a social security budget in the French parliament today.

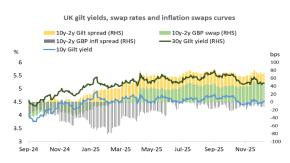
European government bonds (EGBs) rebounded slightly, with yields lower and the curve fractionally bull flattening. The 2y Bund yield was little changed (-1bp) at 2.14%, after yesterday's comments from ECB Executive Board member Schnabel reinforced the view that ECB's easing cycle has ended, with reduced expectations for rate cuts early next year as traders moved to price-in roughly a 10% chance of a 25bps rate hike at the October 2026 ECB meeting (2bps of cumulative rate hikes by October 2026, against -7bps cumulative easing priced-in a week ago). The 10y Bund yield moved -2bps lower to 2.83% this morning, still the highest level since March. Crédit Agricole sees long-end Bunds continuing to cheapen as net issuance rises in 2026 with supply skewed to longer maturities; analysts expect the ECB's balance sheet normalization to increase the free float of all EGBs, steepen the GC repo curve, and support higher forward bond yields. Today's data showed German exports stagnating in October, rising only by 0.1% m/m (vs. est. 0.2%, from prior 1.4%).



## **United Kingdom**

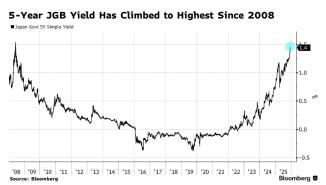
**UK gilt yields remained elevated.** Deutsche Bank sees gilt yields remaining sensitive to weak growth momentum, with the GDP expected to rise only by 0.1% q/q in 4Q 2025, reinforcing the case for the Bank of England (BoE) to lower rates; analysts note that retail sales fell by -1%m/m in October when services output is expected to be flat and industrial production to rebound only partially (+1%m/m, after -2% in September) in Friday's statistical release. Deutsche Bank expects budget uncertainty to weigh on labor-market conditions and investment, keeping 2026 GDP growth near 1.2%. **UBS** expects the BoE to cut (-25bps) in December and two more times in early 2026, taking the Bank Rate to a terminal value of 3.25%, while money markets price-in 56bps of easing (to an implied policy rate of 3.40%) by November.





## Japan

The five-year JGB auction drew weak demand, with the bid-to-cover ratio slipping to 3.17 from 3.33 in the previous auction and well below the 12-month average of 3.64. The 5y yield held near 1.45%, the highest since 2008. Other signs of weak investor appetite included a wider tail at 0.04 vs 0.03 previously, and a cut-off price of 99.80 vs 99.81 in a Bloomberg survey. Analysts think the poor result reflects expectations for yields to grind higher. SMBC Nikko Securities noted the outcome was



"slightly weak but anticipated," citing caution ahead of the BOJ meeting and January's planned increase in auction size. Finance Minister Katayama pledged close communication with markets as 10-year yields hover near 2% (10y: 1.96%), the highest since 2007. BOJ Governor Ueda acknowledged the recent rise in long-term yields as "somewhat fast" but reiterated that rates should remain market-driven, with flexibility to boost bond buying in exceptional cases. Meanwhile, IPO proceeds have reached ¥1.2tn (\$7.7bn) this year, the highest in seven years, according to Bloomberg data. Today, the equity market edged up (Nikkei 225: +0.14%), while the yen was steady (-0.1%) against the dollar after overnight weakness following a 7.5 magnitude earthquake that struck off the northeast coast of Japan.

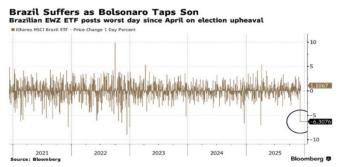
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**EMEA** equities and currencies were trading mixed ahead of tomorrow's FOMC meeting. Equities were mostly higher in CEE, with Czechia (+1.1%) outperforming, led by the insurance sector, while CEE currencies were mostly firmer against the euro. Kenya is expected to cut by 25 bps to 9% later today. **EM** Asian equities broadly declined (EM Asia: -1%) as investors stayed cautious ahead of the Fed's policy decision. EM Asian currencies were mostly range-bound, except the Philippine peso (-0.4%) on concerns over slowing government spending and a more dovish central bank stance. Korea's National Pension Service was reportedly selling dollars in what appears to be tactical FX hedging to counter recent won weakness. In Latin America, Brazil and Mexico saw equity gains, while their currencies held

**steady.** Many Latin American markets were closed for a holiday.

#### **Brazil**

The Brazilian real faces heightened vulnerability to political turbulence following former president Jair Bolsonaro's decision to promote his son as the 2026 presidential candidate. This decision injected uncertainty into an already sensitive pre-electoral environment. The market reaction was swift and broad-based. On Friday, the currency posted its sharpest drop in months. Although the real



pared back some of those losses on Monday, it remains exposed to escalating risks from the political side. This selloff underscored a rapid reassessment of Brazil's status as one of emerging markets' top performers. Heading into 2026, Brazilian assets face a challenging backdrop in which domestic politics may dominate market pricing and keep volatility elevated.

#### China

Chinese stocks declined both onshore (CSI300: -0.51%) and offshore (HSCEI: -1.62%) as investors were disappointed by the lack of strong stimulus signals from Monday's Politburo meeting and turned cautious ahead of the Fed's policy decision. The readout fell short of expectations for concrete measures to support the slowing economy, dampening sentiment after recent gains. Everbright Securities International called the absence of forceful stimulus



announcements is "somewhat disappointing," noting limited upside for equities into year-end without near-term catalysts. Goldman Sachs echoed concerns, highlighting no direct reference to consumption and the property sector, signaling a low probability of strong property stimulus. Analysts expect continued pressure on housing demand, particularly in Tier 1 cities, amid weak buyer sentiment. Property shares led declines (MSMPI: -3.5%), while tech stocks also slipped (HSTECH: -1.9%) on valuation concerns and lack of fresh drivers. Investors now await the annual Central Economic Work Conference later this month for clearer policy direction. In other news, the yuan was little changed against the dollar after the PBOC set the daily fixing at 7.0773 per dollar, marginally weaker than estimates (7.0764).

#### Hungary

The stronger forint pushed inflation lower into the central bank tolerance band. Headline inflation printed at 3.8%y/y in November, below expectations of 3.9% and down from 4.3% in the prior month. Governor Varga said that the forint's appreciation, which is up around 7% against the euro YTD, has helped to bring the inflation rate back to within the central bank's 1ppt tolerance band around the 3% target rate. Despite the

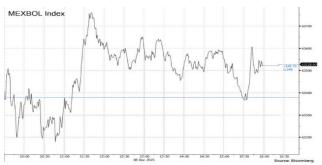


improvement in inflation, money markets have priced out any rate cuts before April's parliamentary elections as pre-election spending as well as the government's agreement to raise minimum wages by 11% next year are expected to push inflation higher. According to the central bank's estimates, the effect of the

measures could raise headline inflation by 1.5ppts. This morning, the forint was trading firmer against the euro (+0.2%) at 384.05/€, while Hungarian government bond yields were lower, reversing yesterday's losses after Fitch cut the country's outlook to negative on Friday, citing a worsening fiscal position.

#### Mexico

Mexico's congress gears up for a vote this week on President Claudia Sheinbaum's proposed tariffs targeting Chinese imports, a strategic maneuver to ease trade tensions with the US. The legislation imposes levies of up to 50% on a broad range of goods, from clothing and footwear to steel, aluminum, and auto parts, aiming to shield domestic industries while signaling alignment with the US. The Finance Ministry



projects that this will generate an additional 51.9 bn pesos (\$2.8 bn) in import revenues for 2026, marking an 8.3% revenue boost compared to the 2024 level. Businesses view tariffs as a bargaining chip, heightening expectations that Washington could ease its own duties on Mexican steel and aluminum, potentially unlocking exports and easing supply chain strains. The stock market rose by 0.24% on Monday.

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12/9/25 8:03 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities					%		%
United States	many manufacture of the same o	6,847	-0.3	0.5	1.7	13.1	16
Europe	- manufar	5,713	-0.2	0.5	2.6	14.6	17
Japan		50,655	0.1	2.7	-0.5	28.7	27
China	Many market	4,598	-0.5	1.0	-2.1	15.1	17
Asia Ex Japan		93	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	21.1	29
Emerging Markets	may make	55	-0.2	0.6	0.1	22.1	31
Interest Rates					points		
US 10y Yield	Way was a	4.2	0	8	7	-4	-41
Germany 10y Yield		2.9	-1	10	18	73	48
Japan 10y Yield	1 M M M	2.0	-1	10	28	91	86
UK 10y Yield	J.M.M.M.	4.5	-1	5	5	25	-5
Credit Spreads US Investment Grade	<u>*</u>	112	0	-3	points -6	-6	-8
US High Yield	my mmm	341	3	-3 -7	-o -11	-o 32	-o 13
Exchange Rates		J4 I	3		%	32	13
USD/Majors	My .	99.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-6.6	-9
EUR/USD		1.16	0.0	0.1	0.7	10.3	12
USD/JPY	Many Market	156.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	3.4	-1
EM/USD	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	46.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	5.3	8
Commodities							
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	mummum .	62.7	0.3	0.3	-1.2	-10.6	-12
Industrials Metals (index)	montheman	155.3	-0.8	1.0	2.4	6.0	11
Agriculture (index)	water many many many many many many many many	55.3	-0.1	-2.0	-1.1	-3.9	-3
Gold (\$/ounce)	www.	4204.8	0.3	0.0	2.2	58.1	60
Bitcoin (\$/coin)	mummy	90606.6	-0.8	-1.7	-13.3	-6.5	-3
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	mullim	16.9	0.2	0.3	-2.2	2.7	-0.5
Global FX Volatility	mulamin	6.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-1.9	-2.5
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Ye	ear spread	vs. Germany	(bps)	
Greece	muntum	62	2	1	-2	-16	-23
Italy	Munch	71	1	-1	-6	-37	-45
France	Amoran Man	72	0	-2	-8	-3	-11
Spain	monthe	47	0	0	-5	-17	-22

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## **Emerging Market Financial Indicators**

	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)								
12/9/2025	Leve		Change (in %)				Level		C							
8:04 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD		
		vs. USD	(-	(+) = EM appreciation					% p.a.							
China	man and a second	7.06	0.1	0.1	0.8	2.7	3.3	mm	1.9	1	5	7	2	23		
Indonesia	muchan	16676	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-4.9	-3.3	Marine Marine	6.1	1	-6	8	-84	-91		
India	manne	90	0.2	0.0	-1.3	-5.7	-4.8	Mund	7.3	4	16	38	21	-8		
Philippines	Many March	59	-0.4	-1.2	-0.4	-2.0	-2.1	Wanger	4.6	0	0	3	-32	-23		
Thailand	nulmmym	32	0.1	0.6	1.5	6.1	7.9	and the same of th	1.8	1	-4	-9	-57	-56		
Malaysia	monday	4.11	0.0	0.4	1.1	7.6	8.7	manus	3.5	-3	-4	#VALUE!	-33	-36		
Argentina	- Branch Appar	1435	-0.1	1.4	-1.1	-29.2	-28.2		30.3	0	-64	-71	80	115		
Brazil	Marken Market	5.47	-0.7	-2.6	-3.1	11.2	12.9	Marriage Mar	13.5	-9	32	-18	-104	-240		
Chile	Mahamma	926	-0.3	-0.4	1.3	4.6	7.6	Manne	5.2	0	-2	-10	-4	-43		
Colombia	man market and the second	3833	0.0	-0.5	-2.0	14.1	14.9	mondani	12.1	0	-38	43	126	25		
Mexico	work	18.27	0.0	0.1	0.6	10.8	14.0	Manney	8.9	7	5	0	-118	-148		
Peru	and the same	3.4	0.1	0.3	0.2	10.6	11.8	montyma	5.8	-6	-12	-23	-73	-83		
Uruguay	m	39	0.0	-0.1	1.4	11.2	11.3		7.8	1	-6	-3	-180	-190		
Hungary	who were	330	0.2	-0.7	0.6	18.3	20.5	mmin	6.6	2	-1	7	37	21		
Poland	Marken	3.63	0.2	0.2	0.8	11.0	13.6	mund	4.6	3	4	-11	-71	-94		
Romania	and the same	4.4	0.0	0.1	0.6	7.7	9.8	mahana	6.8	-2	-2	0	-23	-45		
Russia	Manne	77.0	-0.1	0.3	5.7	29.8	47.4									
South Africa	mulmm	17.1	-0.1	0.3	0.6	4.2	10.4	and the same	8.8	13	-4	-40	-151	-164		
Türkiye		42.58	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	-18.2	-17.0	mmmm	30.9	15	-45	-156	79	120		
US (DXY; 5y UST)	and any	99	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-6.6	-8.7	My Mary	3.75	0	9	6	-33	-63		

	Equity Markets							Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)						
	Leve	Change (in %)				Level		Change (in basis points)						
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	
								basis poi	nts					
China	and a second	4,598	-0.5	1.0	-2.1	15.1	16.9	my	76	-2	-16	-24	-20	
Indonesia	man man	8,657	-0.6	0.5	3.2	16.2	22.3	morting and	87	-5	-1	-15	-4	
India	www	84,666	-0.5	-0.6	1.4	3.9	8.4	monday som	91	-3	1	6	5	
Philippines	March monde	5,977	0.5	-0.2	4.8	-11.1	-8.5	mudyman	75	-4	0	-12	-4	
Thailand	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	1,270	0.7	-0.5	-2.4	-12.0	-9.3							
Malaysia	my	1,614	0.1	-1.0	-0.8	0.3	-1.7	mohamman	61	-2	0	-12	-9	
Argentina	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	3,046,355	-1.6	-0.5	6.3	36.7	20.2	_M_M	640	-16	-5	-132	3	
Brazil		158,187	0.5	-1.8	2.7	24.4	31.5	Munder	205	2	2	-19	-42	
Chile		10,157	0.4	0.1	5.7	51.3	51.4	war harman and a second	92	-5	-10	-26	-21	
Colombia		2,113	-0.2	1.5	1.5	53.2	53.1	morning	276	-2	24	-48	-50	
Mexico	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	63,528	0.2	0.0	0.2	21.7	28.3	modulan	219	-2	-1	-83	-93	
Peru	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	2,449	-0.6	3.9	3.4	34.4	44.5	monthy	96	-2	-8	-42	-45	
Hungary	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	108,529	0.6	-1.2	1.1	36.0	36.8	manh	138	-6	5	-21	-17	
Poland		110,776	0.6	0.1	-0.2	33.6	39.2	marin	86	-5	-2	-28	-26	
Romania		23,701	0.1	3.0	3.7	39.3	41.7	many	186	-8	-9	-37	-49	
South Africa		110,149	-0.6	-0.6	1.2	25.7	31.0	mormon	218	-9	-24	-62	-75	
Türkiye	mhimm	11,223	0.3	0.9	2.7	9.4	14.2	mandham	243	-4	-14	-16	-16	
EM total		55	-0.4	0.6	0.1	22.1	30.6	and the same	274	-2	-11	-91	-90	

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