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Events Round-Up

NZ: Performance of services index, Jan: 50.9 vs. 51.7 prev.

NZ: Card spending (m/m%), Jan: -0.7 vs. -1.3 prev.

JN: GDP (q/q%), Q4: 0.1 vs. 0.4 exp.

EC: Industrial production (m/m%), Dec: -1.4 vs. -1.5 exp.

Good Morning

It has been a very quiet start to the week with many markets closed, including the US for Presidents' Day and some key Asian markets due to the Lunar New Year holidays. Newsflow has been light.

US S&P500 equity futures have traded mostly in positive territory since Asia opened but they are currently flat. The Euro Stoxx 600 index closed up 0.1%. US Treasury futures are slightly higher, implying further downside pressure to yields following the decent fall in rates at the end of last week.

In currency markets, net movements since last week's close have been small. The only notable move has been a weaker yen, with USD/JPY up 0.5% to 153.50 and NZD/JPY up modestly to 92.6. This should be seen in the context of the strong rebound in the yen last week following the decisive Japan snap election result and traders readjusting positions.

Also in the mix, Japan GDP rose by a weaker than expected 0.1% q/q in Q4, following a contraction of 0.7% q/q in Q3, narrowly avoiding falling into technical recession. The weak backdrop will encourage PM Takaichi's plans to offer additional fiscal support and reduce the sales tax on food, with soft consumer spending partly explained by high inflation that has crimped spending power. Pricing for BoJ rate hikes nudged a little lower, with only 4bps priced for the March meeting and 16bps priced for April. BoJ Governor Ueda said Takaichi made no specific requests at their first regular meeting since the election.

The NZD has traded a tight range overnight of 20 pips and currently sits around 0.6035. The AUD is flat from last

week's close at 0.7075 and NZD crosses show little net movement apart from against the yen, as noted.

The latest Bank of America fund manager survey showed their positioning to the US dollar was the most negative since at least 2012, when the survey began. Negative sentiment is consistent with that seen in the options market, where pricing of risk reversals reflect more demand for puts than calls on the USD against various majors, and widespread anecdotal evidence that investors are more inclined to hedge USD exposure than previously.

Domestic rates were pushed lower yesterday, catching up to the rally in offshore bond markets on Friday night. Domestic data were ignored, showing a second consecutive PSI reading above the 50 mark and softer electronic car spending and housing market data, likely influenced by inclement summer weather in January. NZGBs and swaps fell 3bps across the curve. The market is focused on Wednesday's RBNZ MPS update, where there is strong consensus that the Bank will hold policy steady and revise higher its interest rate projections, but lingering uncertainty over the tone and language that Governor Breman will convey at her first policy meeting.

In the day ahead, monthly CPI indicators are released for NZ. Top tier data tonight include the UK labour market and Canadian CPI figures.

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Coming Up

		Period	Cons.	Prev.	NZT
NZ	Monthly CPI indicators	Jan			10:45
UK	Pvt earnings ex bonus (3m/y%)	Dec	3.4	3.6	20:00
UK	Unemployment rate (%)	Dec	5.1	5.1	20:00
US	Empire manufacturing	Feb	6.2	7.7	02:30
CA	CPI (y/y%)	Jan	2.4	2.4	02:30
CA	CPI core (avg trim/med y/y%)	Jan	2.55	2.6	02:30
US	NAHB housing market index	Feb	38	37	04:00

Source: Bloomberg

Currencies					Equities					Commodities				
FX Majors		Indicative overnight ranges (*)			Other FX		Major Indices			Price (Near futures, except CRB)				
	Last	% Day	Low	High		Last	% Day			Last	Net Day			
NZD	0.6033	-0.1	0.6030	0.6048	CHF	0.7695	+0.2	S&P 500	6,836	+0.0	11.8	Oil (Brent)	68.47	+1.1
AUD	0.7074	+0.0	0.7067	0.7097	SEK	8.947	+0.3	Dow	49,501	+0.1	11.1	Oil (WTI)	63.61	+1.2
EUR	1.1850	-0.2	1.1846	1.1871	NOK	9.503	-0.1	Nasdaq	22,547	-0.2	12.6	Gold	4990.0	-0.6
GBP	1.3629	-0.2	1.3626	1.3662	HKD	7.815	-0.0	Stoxx 50	5,979	-0.1	8.8	HRC steel	979.0	+0.0
JPY	153.52	+0.5	153.08	153.64	CNY	6.905	+0.1	FTSE	10,474	+0.3	19.9	CRB	306.5	+0.1
CAD	1.3636	+0.1			SGD	1.263	-0.0	DAX	24,801	-0.5	10.2	Wheat Chic.	548.5	-1.8
NZD/AUD	0.8528	-0.1			IDR	16,824	-0.1	CAC 40	8,317	+0.1	1.7	Sugar	13.78	+0.2
NZD/EUR	0.5091	+0.0			THB	31.12	+0.1	Nikkei	56,806	-0.2	45.0	Cotton	62.11	-0.3
NZD/GBP	0.4427	+0.1			KRW	1,444	+0.0	Shanghai	4,082	-1.3	21.0	Coffee	298.3	+0.3
NZD/JPY	92.62	+0.4			TWD	31.35	-0.3	ASX 200	8,937	+0.2	4.7	WM powder	3680	-0.4
NZD/CAD	0.8227	+0.1			PHP	57.99	-0.1	NZX 50	13,118	-0.6	0.4	Australian Futures		
NZ TWI	68.19	-0.1						VIX Index	21.20	+2.9	+37.9	3 year bond	95.74	0.02
												10 year bond	95.27	-0.02

Interest Rates													
Rates		Swap Yields		Benchmark 10 Yr Bonds		NZ Government Bonds		NZ BKBM and Swap Yields					
	Cash	3Mth	2 Yr	10 Yr	Last	Net Day		Last	Chg	Last	Chg		
USD	3.75	4.85	3.24	3.64	USD	4.05	0.00	15-May-28	3.22	-0.03	BKBM 1-mth	2.41	0.00
AUD	3.85	3.96	4.22	4.81	AUD	4.71	-0.04	20-Apr-29	3.47	-0.03	BKBM 3-mth	2.51	0.00
NZD	2.25	2.51	3.05	4.09	NZD	4.44	-0.03	15-May-30	3.71	-0.03	1 year	2.67	-0.02
EUR	2.00	2.00	2.18	2.76	GER	2.75	-0.00	15-May-31	3.91	-0.03	2 year	3.05	-0.03
GBP	3.75	3.95	3.42	4.00	GBP	4.40	-0.02	15-May-32	4.06	-0.03	3 year	3.31	-0.03
JPY	0.74	-0.03	1.26	1.98	JPY	2.21	-0.01	14-Apr-33	4.16	-0.03	5 year	3.64	-0.03
CAD	2.25	4.97	2.35	3.01	CAD	3.26	-0.03	15-May-34	4.26	-0.03	7 year	3.86	-0.03
								15-May-35	4.36	-0.03	10 year	4.09	-0.03
								15-May-36	4.44	-0.03	15 year	4.35	-0.03
								15-May-37	4.55	-0.03			
								15-May-41	4.82	-0.03			
								15-May-51	5.05	-0.03			
								15-May-54	5.05	-0.03			

Carbon Price				Policy Meeting Run			
	Level	% Day	% Year		NZD	AUD	USD
NZU	40.00	+0.6	-36.9	1st	2.25	3.89	3.63
				2nd	2.26	4.06	3.57
				3rd	2.29	4.08	3.44
				4th	2.32	4.17	3.33
				5th	2.41	4.18	3.19

* These are indicative ranges from 5pm NZT; please confirm rates with your BNZ dealer

Rates are as of: NZT 06:35

Source: Bloomberg

NZD exchange rates

17/02/2026	6:35 am	Prev. NY close
USD	0.6033	0.6039
GBP	0.4427	0.4424
AUD	0.8528	0.8538
EUR	0.5091	0.5088
JPY	92.62	92.22
CAD	0.8227	0.8223
CHF	0.4642	0.4637
DKK	3.8022	3.8009
FJD	1.3359	1.3281
HKD	4.7152	4.7204
INR	54.69	54.74
NOK	5.7301	5.7432
PKR	168.70	168.87
PHP	34.99	35.04
PGK	2.5882	2.5874
SEK	5.3971	5.3883
SGD	0.7617	0.7627
CNY	4.1657	4.1679
THB	18.76	18.77
TOP	1.4043	1.3896
VUV	71.70	71.53
WST	1.6100	1.6124
XPF	60.65	60.67
ZAR	9.6427	9.6296

NZD/USD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	6.10	6.30
3 Months	19.21	19.71
6 Months	36.00	37.00
9 Months	47.38	49.38
1 Year	52.93	55.54

NZD/AUD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	9.54	10.01
3 Months	31.85	33.15
6 Months	68.40	70.90
9 Months	105.30	109.95
1 Year	138.55	145.03



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