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Markets Today

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Events round-up

GE: GfK Consumer Confidence, Oct: -30.6 vs. -27.2 exp.

US: Durable Goods Orders, Aug P: 0.0 vs. -0.3 exp.

US: Durables Ex Transportation, Aug P: 0.3 vs. 0.6 exp.

US: U. of Mich. Sentiment, Sep F: 48.1 vs. 47.5 exp.

US: U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation, Sep F: 3.4 vs. 3.4 exp.

Good morning

US Treasury yields reversed lower at the end of last week amid whipsaw trading conditions, supported by falling oil prices as investors assessed developments in US-Iran negotiations. The moves buoyed risk sentiment, with the S&P 500 gaining more than 0.5%. Eight of its 11 sectors advanced, led by information technology. The US dollar weakened against most G10 currencies, while the yen outperformed as US and Japanese officials signalled concern about its recent weakness.

Brent crude fell towards US$104 per barrel amid renewed optimism that US and Iranian negotiators could reach a phased agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The move followed a New York Times report that Iran had offered to resume nuclear talks in exchange for a ceasefire, relief from sanctions on its oil exports, and an end to the US naval blockade. President Trump offered mixed signals, saying he expected negotiations to resume this week despite rejecting Iran’s proposal. Markets remain cautious, however, after repeated diplomatic setbacks and with physical oil markets still tight.

US Treasuries were volatile, with the curve steepening. 2-year yields fell 5bp to 4.86%, while the longer maturities remained under pressure. The 30-year yield rose as much as 5bp to 5.53%, coinciding with a brief rise in oil prices but with few other obvious catalysts. Consumer sentiment data broadly met expectations. 10-year yields also reached a fresh multi-year high above 5.22% before retracing to 5.16%. European bond markets were broadly stable.

August durable goods orders reinforce the picture of strong US business investment. Core orders and shipments point to equipment spending making a solid contribution to third-quarter GDP growth, supporting expectations for robust growth and resilient activity over coming months. The market impact was modest, however, given the volatility of the data.

The yen was the best-performing G10 currency set against the backdrop of a weaker US dollar after Japanese and US officials pushed back against its recent weakness. President Trump raised the issue with Prime Minister Takaichi, who described an undervalued currency as problematic. US Treasury Secretary Bessent also discussed the desirability of a strong yen with Finance Minister Katayama. Katayama said she would continue coordinating with Bessent on foreign-exchange issues

Outside the yen, currency moves were limited. The NZD traded sideways in a narrow range around 0.5665. After gaining above 90 during the local session, NZD/JPY fell below 89, extending its recent choppy price action. CFTC data showed broad US dollar buying in futures markets, likely reflecting higher US yields and recent dollar strength. Speculative accounts recorded their largest weekly sale of NZD contracts in eight years through last Tuesday, although the aggregate position remains close to flat.

The NZ curve closed steeper in the local session on Friday with offshore driving price action in the absence of domestic catalysts. 2-year rates were little changed at 4.12% and only marginally below the 4.14% highs for last week. Meanwhile the pressure at the longer end continued with 10-year rates increasing 4bp to 4.79%. 10-year NZGBs also ended 4bp higher at 5.11%.

Filled jobs is the only domestic release of note today, while the international calendar is quiet. The Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Update will be the main domestic focus later in the week, alongside business and consumer confidence data. In Australia, the RBA is expected to raise the cash rate to 4.6% on Tuesday, with monthly CPI also due on Wednesday. US labour market data and the Fed’s preferred core PCE inflation measure will be key for global markets, while preliminary euro area CPI is also scheduled.

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Coming up

		Period	Cons.	Prev.	NZT
NZ	Filled Jobs (m/m%)	Aug		0.3	10:45
UK	BOE's Ramsden Speaks on QT in London				23:00
US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Sep	7.3	11.6	03:30

Source: Bloomberg

Currencies

FX Majors — **Indicative overnight ranges (*)**

	Last	% Day	Low	High
NZD	0.5665	+0.0	0.5655	0.5677
AUD	0.7025	+0.2	0.7015	0.7043
EUR	1.1391	+0.1	1.1378	1.1411
GBP	1.3245	+0.2	1.3217	1.3264
JPY	157.30	-1.0	156.94	158.29
CAD	1.4142	+0.0		
NZD/AUD	0.8063	-0.1		
NZD/EUR	0.4973	-0.1		
NZD/GBP	0.4277	-0.1		
NZD/JPY	89.10	-1.0		
NZD/CAD	0.8011	+0.1		
NZ TWI	64.34	-0.2		

Other FX

	Last	% Day
CHF	0.8283	+0.1
SEK	9.918	-0.0
NOK	9.510	+0.0
HKD	7.844	+0.0
CNY	6.713	+0.0
SGD	1.277	-0.2
IDR	17,903	-0.1
THB	33.39	-0.3
KRW	1,354	-1.2
TWD	31.76	-0.2
PHP	62.48	-0.4

Equities

Major Indices

	Last	% Day	% Year
S&P 500	7,743	+0.5	17.2
Dow	51,829	+0.9	12.8
Nasdaq	27,069	+0.5	20.9
Stoxx 50	6,303	+0.5	15.8
FTSE	10,695	+0.1	16.1
DAX	25,409	+0.6	8.0
CAC 40	8,078	-0.0	3.6
Nikkei	66,364	+1.3	46.3
Shanghai	3,888	-1.2	1.6
ASX 200	8,665	-0.4	-1.4
NZX 50	13,811	-0.1	5.3
VIX Index	14.87	-5.1	-11.2

Commodities

Price (Near futures, except CRB)

	Last	Net Day
Oil (Brent)	104.32	-2.1
Oil (WTI)	92.41	-2.3
Gold	4287.8	+0.5
HRC steel	1237.0	+0.0
CRB	418.5	-1.1
SGX Iron Ore	95.10	+0.0
NZ Milk '26	9.69	+0.0
NZ Milk '27	9.95	+0.5
NZ Milk '28	9.97	+0.7
WM powder	3720	+0.5

Australian Futures

	Last	Net Day
3 year bond	94.97	0.02
10 year bond	94.61	0.03

Interest Rates

	Rates Cash	Rates 3Mth	Swap Yields 2 Yr	Swap Yields 10 Yr
USD	4.00	4.85	4.70	4.78
AUD	4.35	4.76	4.99	5.47
NZD	2.75	3.23	4.12	4.79
EUR	2.50	2.61	3.57	3.67
GBP	3.75	3.87	4.62	4.91
JPY	1.24	-0.03	1.98	2.94
CAD	2.25	4.97	3.27	3.71

Benchmark 10 Yr Bonds

	Last	Net Day
USD	5.16	-0.04
AUD	5.37	-0.00
NZD	5.11	0.04
GER	3.60	0.00
GBP	5.37	-0.02
JPY	3.08	0.00
CAD	3.92	-0.08

NZ Government Bonds

	Last	Chg
15-May-28	3.93	0.00
20-Apr-29	4.23	0.00
15-May-30	4.42	0.01
15-May-31	4.59	0.02
15-May-32	4.74	0.03
14-Apr-33	4.83	0.03
15-May-34	4.93	0.04
15-May-35	5.02	0.04
15-May-36	5.11	0.04
15-May-37	5.19	0.04
15-May-38	5.23	0.04
15-May-41	5.43	0.04
15-May-51	5.63	0.04
15-May-54	5.64	0.04

NZ BKBM and Swap Yields

	Last	Chg
BKBM 1-mth	3.00	0.01
BKBM 3-mth	3.23	0.02
1 year	3.76	0.01
2 year	4.12	0.01
3 year	4.28	0.02
5 year	4.47	0.03
7 year	4.62	0.04
10 year	4.79	0.05
15 year	4.99	0.05

NZ Inflation-Indexed Bonds

	Last	Chg
Sept-30	1.95	0.04
Sept-35	2.72	0.04
Sept-40	3.17	0.04

Carbon Price

	Level	% Day	% Year
NZU	51.50	+0.0	-9.6

Policy Meeting Run

	NZD	AUD	USD
1st	2.94	4.58	4.04
2nd	3.14	4.72	4.24
3rd	3.34	4.77	4.36
4th	3.53	4.86	4.53
5th	3.70	4.91	4.62

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

Rates at NY close

Source: Bloomberg

NZD exchange rates

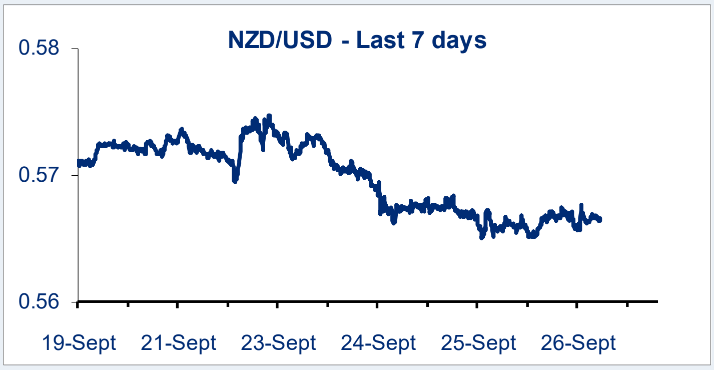
26/09/2026	NY close	Prev. NY close
USD	0.5665	0.5662
GBP	0.4277	0.4283
AUD	0.8063	0.8075
EUR	0.4973	0.4975
JPY	89.10	89.95
CAD	0.8011	0.8005
CHF	0.4691	0.4687
DKK	3.7165	3.7192
FJD	1.2675	1.2684
HKD	4.4421	4.4404
INR	54.26	54.33
NOK	5.3857	5.3838
PKR	156.93	156.91
PHP	35.38	35.52
PGK	2.5202	2.5098
SEK	5.6168	5.6159
SGD	0.7233	0.7244
CNY	3.8015	3.7998
THB	18.89	18.96
TOP	1.3439	1.3363
VUV	67.17	67.12
WST	1.5575	1.5550
XPF	59.26	59.32
ZAR	9.2362	9.3132

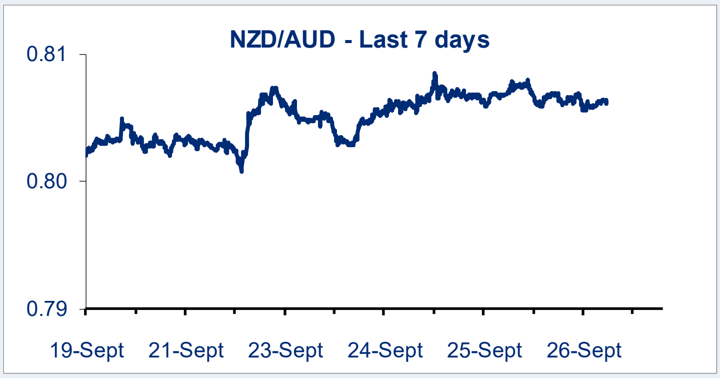
NZD/USD Forward Points

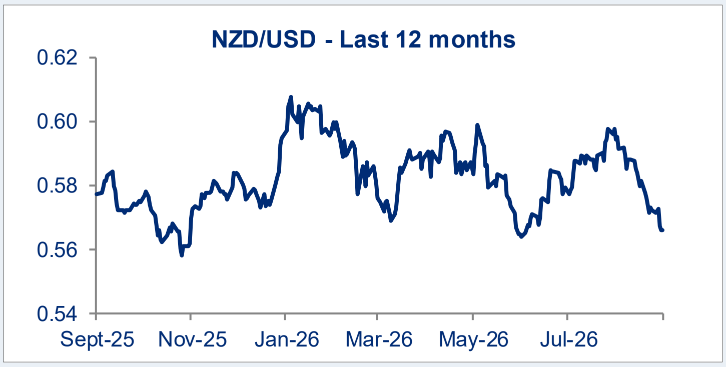
	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	5.40	5.60
3 Months	15.77	16.34
6 Months	30.50	31.62
9 Months	43.15	45.32
1 Year	53.98	57.74

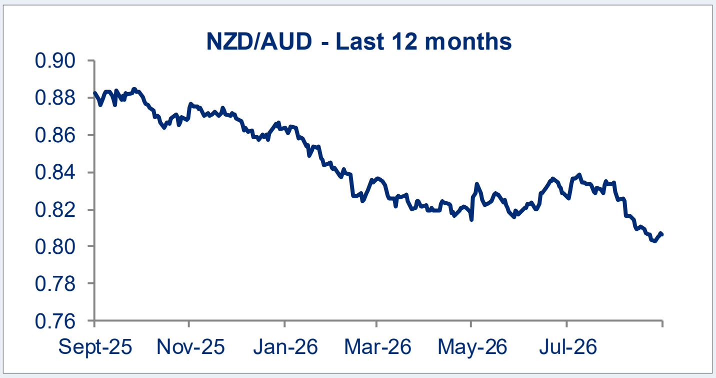
NZD/AUD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	11.10	11.61
3 Months	32.49	33.73
6 Months	60.59	63.13
9 Months	83.92	88.26
1 Year	103.40	110.81









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