

Research Markets Today

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Events round-up

US: Fed Funds rate (upper bd %), Jan: 3.75 vs. 3.75 exp.

NZ: Trade balance (ann \$b), Dec: -2.2 vs. -2.2 prev.

NZ: ANZ activity outlook (net%), Jan: 51.6 vs. 60.9 prev.

EC: Economic confidence, Jan: 99.4 vs. 97.1 exp.

US: Initial jobless claims (k), 24 Jan: 209 vs. 205 exp.

Good morning

There was a risk-off tone across global equity markets led by US technology stocks. Microsoft reported higher-than-expected spending on AI infrastructure, reigniting investor concerns about the vast capital expenditure by large US technology companies. The S&P is down 1% in afternoon trading having rebounded from a larger decline. News of a potential deescalation in the Ukraine conflict contributed to the recovery off the session lows. There were limited moves for government bond markets while the US dollar is broadly firmer against G10 currencies. The AUD and NZD had large swings and traded in a wide range.

Brent crude futures traded above US\$71, and to the highest levels since the middle of last year, after President Trump increased threats against Iran. He said a range of options are being considered, including strikes against the country's leadership, though no final decision had been taken. Precious metals were volatile. Gold surged to a record high just below \$5,600 per ounce before a sharp retracement that corresponded with the fall in equity markets.

Earlier yesterday, the US Federal Reserve kept rates steady as expected. The central bank highlighted continued improvement in underlying economic conditions while signalling a more measured stance toward prospective policy adjustments. The decision was not unanimous, with Governors Waller and Miran dissenting in favour of a 25bp reduction. Chair Powell noted that the economic outlook has strengthened relative to the previous meeting and that labour-market conditions have stabilised. However, he also acknowledged emerging evidence of ongoing cooling across several activity indicators, reinforcing the FOMC's cautious posture.

US treasury yields are marginally lower set against the weak risk backdrop. The market is pricing around 50bp easing by the Fed which is little changed following the

FOMC. There was limited economic data to provide the market with direction. Initial jobless were in line with consensus estimates.

A relaxation in property regulations in China provided support to pro-cyclical exposures. China is no longer requiring regular reporting on the '3 red lines' policy imposed on property developers in 2020. The news contributed to large gains in the stocks of Chinese property developers and supported base metals. Iron ore prices rallied and copper futures traded to a record high.

The US dollar is marginally firmer against the majors in offshore trade while the AUD and NZD have made larger declines amid the volatility in commodity markets. The AUD had gained initially following the developments in China and rally in base metals which saw NZD/USD trade up towards 0.6090. However, both the AUD and NZD dropped sharply alongside equities and the retracement in metals. The NZD is weaker on the major crosses since the local close except for NZD/AUD which has rebounded towards 0.8630.

An initial offshore rally in NZ fixed income which saw 2-year rates dip towards 3.10% retraced with swap rates ending the local session 1bp higher across the curve. The rebound from the session lows corresponded with a move higher in the Australian market. 2-year rates closed at 3.15% and back at the recent peak. Government bonds outperformed swaps at the margin and there was a flattening at the long end of the government curve. The NZGB 10y/30y curve is back at the December lows after the flattening move through this month.

ANZ consumer confidence is released today. Confidence has been moving higher in recent months. A further improvement is required to be consistent with our outlook for spending growth. Preliminary CPI data for Germany is scheduled ahead of the Eurozone release on Monday. Inflation is benign, which relates to a variety of factors, and risks coming in below ECB forecasts in Q1. The advanced reading of Q4 GDP is expected to show the economy expanded 0.2%.

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Coming up

		Period	Cons.	Prev.	NZT
NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Jan	101.5	100:00	
JN	Tokyo CPI (y/y%)	Jan	1.7	2	12:30
JN	Tokyo CPI ExFood, Energy (y/y%)	Jan	2.6	2.6	12:30
GE	Unemployment Claims Rate SA	Jan	6.3	6.3	21:55
GE	GDP SA (q/q%)	4Q P	0.2	0	22:00
EC	GDP SA (q/q%)	4Q A	0.2	0.3	23:00
EC	Unemployment Rate	Dec	6.3	6.3	23:00
GE	CPI (y/y%)	Jan P	1.9	1.8	02:00
GE	CPI EU Harmonized (y/y%)	Jan P	2	2	02:00
CA	GDP (m/m%)	Nov	0.1		02:30
US	PPI ExFood and Energy (m/m%)	Dec	0.2	0	02:30
US	PPI ExFood and Energy (y/y%)	Dec	2.9	3	02:30
US	MNI Chicago PMI	Jan	43.5	43.5	03:45
Saturday					
CH	Manufacturing PMI	Jan	50.1	50.1	14:30
CH	Non-manufacturing PMI	Jan	50.3	50.2	14:30

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	% Day	% Year		Last	Net Day
NZD	0.6059	-0.0	0.6023	0.6089	CHF	0.7671	-0.1	S&P 500	6,917	-0.8	14.5	Oil (Brent)	70.49	+3.1
AUD	0.7023	-0.3	0.6969	0.7089	SEK	8.829	-0.1	Dow	48,987	-0.0	9.6	Oil (WTI)	65.18	+3.1
EUR	1.1948	-0.1	1.1906	1.1996	NOK	9.552	-0.4	Nasdaq	23,491	-1.5	19.7	Gold	5277.8	-0.4
GBP	1.3798	-0.1	1.3743	1.3848	HKD	7.805	+0.1	Stoxx 50	5,892	-0.7	12.6	HRC steel	972.0	+0.0
JPY	152.87	-0.3	152.68	153.54	CNY	6.952	+0.1	FTSE	10,172	+0.2	18.9	CRB	318.9	+0.4
CAD	1.3516	-0.3			SGD	1.265	+0.2	DAX	24,309	-2.1	12.3	Wheat Chic.	546.3	+0.4
NZD/AUD	0.8627	+0.2			IDR	16,755	+0.2	CAC 40	8,071	+0.1	2.5	Sugar	14.64	-0.5
NZD/EUR	0.5071	+0.0			THB	31.30	+0.6	Nikkei	53,376	+0.0	35.1	Cotton	63.39	-0.5
NZD/GBP	0.4391	+0.0			KRW	1,434	-0.1	Shanghai	4,158	+0.2	27.9	Coffee	345.5	-1.6
NZD/JPY	92.62	-0.3			TWD	31.34	+0.2	ASX 200	8,928	-0.1	5.1	WM powder	3430	-2.1
NZD/CAD	0.8189	-0.3			PHP	58.95	+0.3	NZX 50	13,349	-0.5	3.3	Australian Futures		
NZ TWI	68.58	+0.1						VIX Index	18.11	+10.8	+9.4	3 year bond	95.71	-0.01
												10 year bond	95.17	-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	3.39	3.86	USD	4.24	-0.00	15-May-28	3.36	0.01	BKBM 1-mth	2.41	0.01	
AUD	3.60	3.85	4.19	4.88	AUD	4.84	0.02	20-Apr-29	3.63	0.02	BKBM 3-mth	2.51	0.00	
NZD	2.25	2.51	3.15	4.25	NZD	4.62	0.00	15-May-30	3.87	0.01	1 year	2.73	0.00	
EUR	2.00	2.03	2.22	2.86	GER	2.84	-0.02	15-May-31	4.09	0.01	2 year	3.15	0.01	
GBP	3.75	4.00	3.54	4.11	GBP	4.51	-0.03	15-May-32	4.23	0.00	3 year	3.43	0.01	
JPY	0.74	-0.03	1.24	2.02	JPY	2.26	0.02	14-Apr-33	4.34	0.00	5 year	3.77	0.01	
CAD	2.25	4.97	2.45	3.18	CAD	3.41	-0.01	15-May-34	4.45	0.00	7 year	4.00	0.01	
								15-May-35	4.55	0.00	10 year	4.25	0.01	
								15-May-36	4.62	-0.01	15 year	4.51	0.00	
								15-May-37	4.72	-0.02				
								15-May-41	4.98	-0.02	NZ Inflation-Indexed Bonds			
								15-May-51	5.22	-0.02	Sept-30	1.72	-0.01	
								15-May-54	5.22	-0.02	Sept-35	2.53	-0.00	
											Sept-40	2.93	-0.02	
Carbon Price						Policy Meeting Run								
	Level	% Day	% Year			NZD	AUD	USD						
NZU	34.75	+1.8	-45.5		1st	2.26	3.78	3.60						
* These are indicative ranges from 5pm NZT; please confirm rates with your BNZ dealer						2nd	2.26	3.82	3.56					
						3rd	2.32	3.95	3.44					
Rates are as of: NZT 06:19						4th	2.38	3.99	3.36					
Source: Bloomberg						5th	2.51	4.08	3.26					

NZD exchange rates

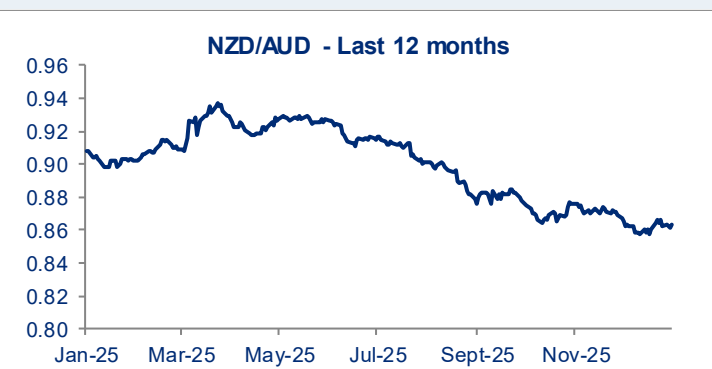
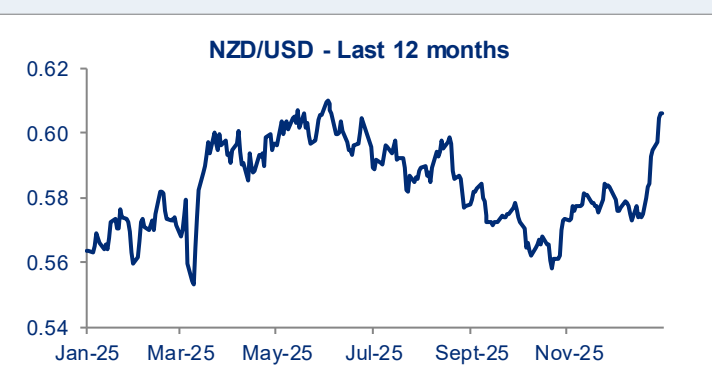
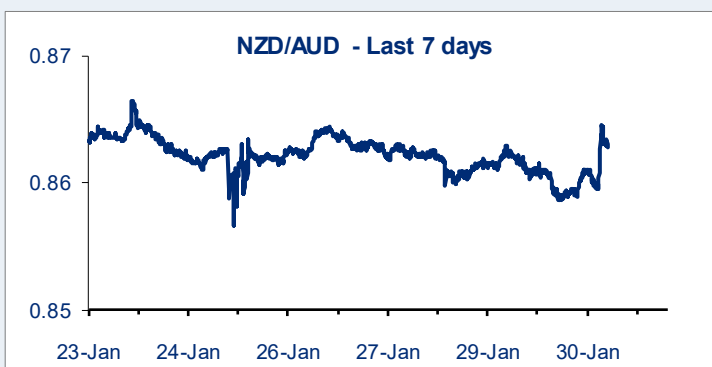
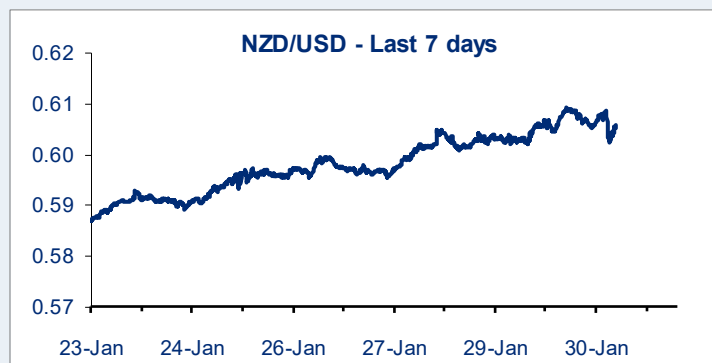
30/01/2026	6:19 am	Prev. NY close
USD	0.6059	0.6061
GBP	0.4391	0.4389
AUD	0.8627	0.8608
EUR	0.5071	0.5070
JPY	92.62	92.98
CAD	0.8189	0.8217
CHF	0.4648	0.4656
DKK	3.7868	3.7856
FJD	1.3438	1.3448
HKD	4.7293	4.7284
INR	55.72	55.63
NOK	5.7877	5.8161
PKR	169.56	169.62
PHP	35.72	35.61
PGK	2.5871	2.5869
SEK	5.3492	5.3567
SGD	0.7666	0.7654
CNY	4.2125	4.2114
THB	18.88	18.82
TOP	1.4176	1.4165
VUV	72.47	72.51
WST	1.6488	1.6452
XPF	61.29	61.29
ZAR	9.5726	9.5601

NZD/USD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	6.30	6.54
3 Months	20.19	20.61
6 Months	37.41	38.41
9 Months	49.20	51.20
1 Year	55.13	58.07

NZD/AUD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	9.34	9.78
3 Months	31.46	32.48
6 Months	66.09	68.67
9 Months	99.33	104.02
1 Year	129.80	136.64



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