Morning Briefing

Today's Outlook:

MARKET SENTIMENT: US November Core PCE Price Index

ASIA MARKETS: Asia-Pacific stocks and currencies fell Thursday, amid a broader market sell-off after the U.S. Federal Reserve delivered its third consecutive rate reduction and signaled fewer rate cuts ahead. Investors assessed the Bank of Japan's decision to keep its policy rate unchanged at 0.25% for the third straight meeting. In response to the central bank's move, the Nikkei 225 lost 0.69% to end at 38,813.58, while Topix was down 0.22%, finishing at 2,713.83. In South Korea, the Kospi index dropped 1.95% to close at 2,435.93 and the Kosdaq index declined 1.89% to 684.36. The South Korean won hovered near its weakest level since March 2009, and was last trading at 1,452.33 on the U.S. dollar. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index declined 0.36% in the final hour of trade, while the mainland China's CSI 300 index edged up slightly to close at 3,945.46. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority on Thursday delivered a 25-basis-point interest rate cut in lock-steps with the Fed. The country's currency is tightly pegged to the U.S. dollar.

CURRENCY & FIXED INCOME: The dollar hovered near its two-year high on Thursday after the Federal Reserve cut interest rates and signaled a much slower monetary policy easing trajectory in 2025, while the yen weakened against the greenback after the Bank of Japan held rates steady. The dollar edged higher from losses early in the session after a stronger-than-expected reading on U.S. third quarter GDP showed the economy grew at a 3.3% annual rate. The number validated the Federal Reserve's cautious new take-it-slow approach to easing, as did a bigger-than-expected fall in the number of applications for unemployment insurance to 220,000 last week. Yields on 10-year Treasuries jumped past 4.5% to the highest level since May and the yield curve steepened to its widest gap in more than two years in the face of the U.S. central bank's more measured approach to interest-rate cuts in the coming year. The yield on benchmark U.S. 10-year notes rose 7.2 basis points to 4.57%, from 4.498% late on Wednesday.

- The Japanese yen dipped 0.74% to 155.94 against the greenback, hitting a one-month low, as BOJ Governor Kazuo Ueda said the central bank will continue raising policy rates if the economy moves in line with its forecast.
- European stocks fell on Thursday, with the benchmark STOXX recording its biggest single-day drop since early November as investors fled riskier assets after the U.S. Federal Reserve signalled a slower pace of interest rate cuts next year. The pan-European STOXX 600 index closed 1.5% lower, hitting a three-week low, with all the major sub-sectors in the red.
- The euro, which tumbled 1.34% on Wednesday, managed to claw back some losses and was last 0.16% higher at \$1.036650 on Thursday. The Bank of England held interest rates at 4.75% as expected on Thursday. Sterling dipped, weakening 0.58% to \$1.25.

COMMODITIES: Oil prices fell on Thursday after central bankers in the U.S. and Europe signaled caution over further easing of monetary policy, fanning concerns that weak economic activity could dent demand for oil next year. Brent crude futures fell by 51 cents, or 0.7%, to settle at \$72.88 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures for January delivery fell 67 cents, or 1%, to \$69.91 per barrel and expired on settlement. The more active WTI February contract fell 64 cents to settle at \$69.38 per barrel.

- **Spot gold** rose 0.35% to \$2,596.60 an ounce. U.S. gold futures fell 1.69% to \$2,592.00 an ounce. Gold advanced but pared earlier gains after U.S. economic data reinforced expectations that the Fed will take a cautious approach to monetary policy in the coming year.

Domestic News

Entrepreneurs Suggest Prabowo Reduce Debt and Give Tax Amnesty Again

The Indonesian Employers Association (Apindo) has asked President Prabowo Subianto's administration to keep the State Budget deficit within a low limit. Thus, the issuance of debt securities can be reduced. "On the fiscal policy side, Apindo considers that the government needs to continue the fiscal consolidation policy by maintaining a deficit of 3% of GDP," said Apindo Chairwoman Shinta Kamdani in a press conference at the Apindo office, Thursday (19/12/2024). In the 2025 State Budget, the deficit has been set at a level of 2.53% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or nominally IDR 616.2 trillion. The deficit arises because the state revenue target is IDR 3,005.1 trillion, while state spending is designed at IDR 3,621.3 trillion. On the other hand, the government also needs to explore sources of tax revenue to increase Indonesia's tax ratio by working on the underground economy, and strengthening the core tax system policy. The business community also proposes to re-conduct tax amnesty, implement Non-Filling Systems (NFS) and institutional reform. (CNBC Indonesia)

Corporate News

MFIN: Mandala Finance to Issue Bonds and Sukuk in 2025

Finance company PT Mandala Multifinance Tbk (MFIN) or Mandala Finance plans to issue bonds and sukuk in 2025 to support the company's strategic initiatives. This step is in line with the growing funding needs in order to expand business coverage and increase access to financing for the people of Indonesia. Mandala Finance Managing Director Christel Lesmana said that the bond and sukuk issuance will be an important part of the company's funding strategy next year. The funds raised will be utilized for various needs, including financing distribution, supporting operational activities, and working capital needs. "The issuance of bonds and sukuk will be carried out in accordance with the company's funding target plan in 2025 which is adjusted to the needs of the financing distribution target to support various initiatives and business operational activities, as well as working capital needs in reaching and distributing appropriate credit to more Indonesians," Christel told Bisnis, Thursday (19/12/2024). Christel added that in this planning process, Mandala Finance will carefully review various factors, such as funding needs, economic conditions, markets, and demand trends. This is done to ensure that the company's strategic steps remain relevant and support sustainable growth. (Bisnis)

Recommendation

US10YT continued its current uptrend and broke out of its resistance of 4.520-4.522%. NHKSI is of the opinion price action will contiue to its next resistance at 4.643% before reaching the following resistance at 4.739%

ID10YT continued it uptrend after forming a flag pattern after rebounding from the uptrend channel pattern support at 6.916%. There is still room for the yield to extend its rally to the uptrend channel resistance area of 7.203-7.213%

Indonesia Macroeconomic Data

Monthly Indicators Last		Prev.	Quarterly Indicators	Last	Prev.
BI 7 Day Rev Repo Rate	6.00%	6.00%	Real GDP	4.95%	5.05%
FX Reserve (USD bn) 150.24 151		151.20	Current Acc (USD bn)	-2.15	-3.02
Trd Balance (USD bn)	2.48	3.26	Govt. Spending Yoy	4.62%	1.42%
Exports Yoy	10.25%	6.44%	FDI (USD bn)	7.45	4.89
Imports Yoy	17.49%	8.55%	Business Confidence	104.82	104.30
Inflation Yoy	1.55%	1.71%	Cons. Confidence*	125.90	121.10



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PRICE OF BENCHMARK SERIES

FR0090: 96.199 (-0.06%) FR0091: 96.109 (-0.11%) FR0092: 99.807 (-0.35%) FR0094: 96.798 (+0.00%)

FR0086: 98.190 (-0.03%) FR0087: 97.068 (-0.12%) FR0083: 103.493 (-0.28%) FR0088: 93.503(-0.12%)

CDS of Indonesia Bonds

CDS 2yr: +2.99% to 36.665 CDS 5yr: +2.40% to 77.273 CDS 10yr: +1.49% to 124.335

Government Bond Yields & FX

	Last	Chg.
Tenor: 10 year	7.09%	0.03%
USDIDR	16.290	1.24%
KRWIDR	11.28	0.77%

Global Indices

Index	Last	Chg.	%
Dow Jones	42.342.24	15.37	0.04%
S&P 500	5.867.08	(5.08)	-0.09%
FTSE 100	8.105.32	(93.79)	-1.14%
DAX	19.969.86	(272.71)	-1.35%
Nikkei	38.813.58	(268.13)	-0.69%
Hang Seng	19.752.51	(112.04)	-0.56%
Shanghai	3.370.03	(12.18)	-0.36%
Kospi	2.435.93	(48.50)	-1.95%
EIDO	18.16	(0.32)	-1.73%

Commodities

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Commodity	Last	Chg.	%
Gold (\$/troy oz.)	2.594.0	8.7	0.34%
Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	69.38	(0.64)	-0.91%
Coal (\$/ton)	127.10	(1.15)	-0.90%
Nickel LME (\$/MT)	15.113	(395.0)	-2.55%
Tin LME (\$/MT)	28.399	(717.0)	-2.46%
CPO (MYR/Ton)	4.508	(21.0)	-0.46%

Global & Domestic Economic Calendar



Date	Country	Hour Jakarta	Event	Actual	Period	Consensus	Previous
Monday	US	20.30	Empire Manufacturing	-	Dec	10.0	31.2
16 – December	US	21.45	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	-	Dec P	49.5	49.7
Tuesday	US	20.30	Retail Sales Advance MoM	-	Nov	0.5%	0.4%
17 – December	US	21.15	Industrial Production MoM	-	Nov	0.3%	-0.3%
Wednesday	US	19.00	MBA Mortgage Applications	-	Dec 13	-	5.4%
18 – December	US	20.30	Housing Starts	-	Nov	1343k	1311k
	US	20.30	CPI MoM	-	Nov	2.7%	2.6%
Thursday	US	20.30	Initial Jobless Claims	-	Dec 14	229k	242k
19 – December	US	20.30	GDP Annualized QoQ	-	3Q T	2.8%	2.8%
	US	22.00	Leading Index	-	Nov	-0.1%	-0.4%
	US	22.0	Existing Home Sales	-	Nov	4.08m	3.96m
Friday	US	20.30	Personal Income	-	Nov	0.4%	0.6%
20 – December	US	20.30	Personal Income	-	Nov	0.5%	0.4%
	US	22.00	University of Michigan Sentiment	-	Dec F	74.0	74.0

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United States 10 Years Treasury



Indonesia 10 Years Treasury





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