

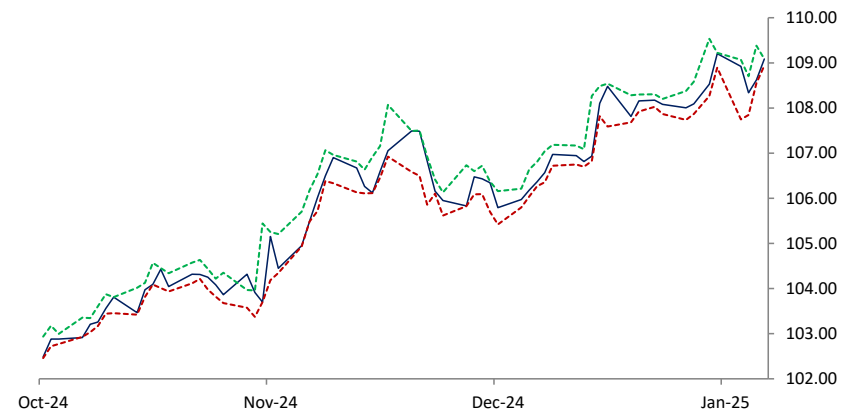
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**Key Market Highlights:**

- The Federal Reserve’s December meeting minutes highlighted concerns over inflation and uncertainty surrounding President-elect Donald Trump’s potential trade and immigration policies. While the FOMC lowered the benchmark rate to 4.25%-4.5%, they indicated a slower pace of future cuts, reducing 2025 projections to two from four. With core inflation at 2.4% in November, driven by strong consumer spending and a stable labor market, policymakers stressed a cautious, data-driven approach. They expect inflation to gradually return to the 2% target by 2027 but noted persistent near-term risks and the need for careful monitoring before making further policy changes.
- Private businesses in the U.S. added 122,000 jobs in December 2024, marking the weakest growth in four months, down from 146,000 in November and below forecasts of 139,000. The labor market showed signs of a slowdown in both hiring and pay gains. The service-producing sector added 112,000 jobs, led by education and health services (+57,000), leisure and hospitality (+22,000), and financial activities (+12,000). Meanwhile, the goods-producing sector contributed only 10,000 jobs, with gains in construction (+27,000) offset by manufacturing losses (-11,000) and natural resources/mining (-6,000). Annual pay growth slowed to 4.6% for job-stayers, the lowest since July 2021, while pay growth for job-changers was 7.1%, slightly lower than November.

**US Dollar Index**  
3-Month Performance



Technical Levels	Support 2	Support 1	Spot	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
EUR	1.0200	1.0250	1.0305	1.0350	1.0400
GBP	1.2220	1.2280	1.2335	1.2380	1.2450
JPY	156.80	157.40	157.85	158.55	159.00
CHF	0.9000	0.9050	0.9110	0.9150	0.9200

Currencies	Closing	YTD %	Closing	YTD %	
EUR/USD	1.0318	0.50	EUR/GBP	0.8345	1.12
GBP/USD	1.2362	1.63	GBP/JPY	195.67	1.10
USD/JPY	158.35	0.81	EUR/JPY	163.38	0.20
USD/CHF	0.9108	0.39	EUR/CHF	0.9398	0.12

**Brief Technical Commentary**

The Pound was the most underperforming currency yesterday falling around 165 pips from yesterdays high. RSI is currently approaching oversold (34.42) on daily, however if the pair can break the 1.23 figure then it may test support at (1.2280) followed by (1.2280). Resistance on the other hand will be at (1.2380) and (1.2450). Friday’s NFP will be the next hurdle for the pair.

USDJPY was unable to maintain above the 158 level. Support for the pair is at (157.40) followed by (156.80). The next resistance is yesterdays high of (158.549) followed by (159.00). Currently the pair is above the 50,100, and 200 day SMA (daily) and short term outlook is bearish, as long as there are no verbal intervention risks from the BoJ.

Commodities	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	78.05	1.55	Dow Jones	42,635.20	0.25
Brent	76.17	0.07	Nikkei 225	39,981.06	0.26
West Texas	73.29	0.05	S&P 500	5,918.25	0.16
Gold	2,661.11	0.04	KuwaitSE	7,486.42	0.39

Economic Events	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
06-Jan-25	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m	0.4%	0.3%	-0.2%
06-Jan-25	USD	Final Services PMI	56.8	58.5	58.5
07-Jan-25	CHF	CPI m/m	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
07-Jan-25	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%
07-Jan-25	USD	JOLTS Job Openings	8.10M	7.77M	7.84M
08-Jan-25	AUD	CPI y/y	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%
08-Jan-25	USD	ADP Non-Farm Employment Change	122K	131K	146K
08-Jan-25	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
09-Jan-25	CNY	CPI y/y	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
10-Jan-25	USD	Non-Farm Employment Change		154K	227K

Local & Global Rates (%)	O/N	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.19	4.38
USD	4.27	4.30	4.29	4.26	4.21
EUR	2.88	2.84	2.79	2.63	2.56
GBP	4.70	4.69	4.59	4.53	4.45

Government Yields (%)	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.14	4.26	4.43	4.66	4.90
Germany	2.34	2.19	2.29	2.52	2.76
United Kingdom	4.64	4.49	4.51	4.79	5.35
Japan	0.48	0.64	0.80	1.17	2.32

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