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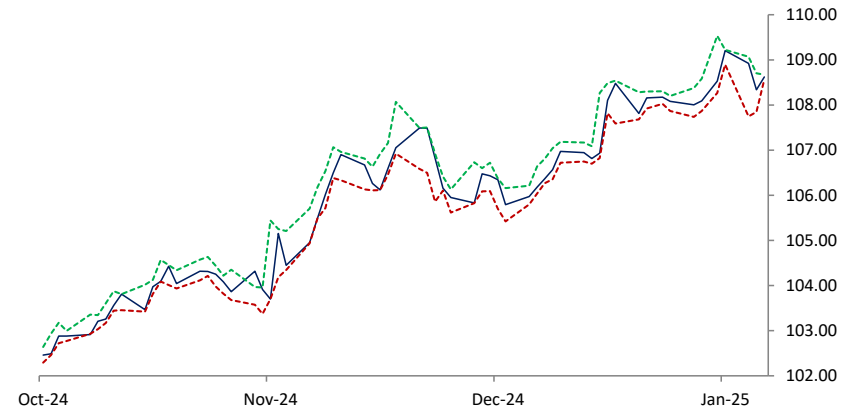
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Key Market Highlights:

- The U.S. job market saw job openings rise by 259,000 to 8.1 million in November 2024, exceeding market expectations of 7.7 million and surpassing October's revised 7.84 million. Gains were noted in professional and business services (+273,000), finance and insurance (+105,000), and private education services (+38,000), while the information sector saw a decline (-89,000). Regionally, job openings increased significantly in the South (+194,000), the Northeast (+49,000), and the West (+32,000) but fell in the Midwest (-16,000). Hires and separations remained steady at 5.3 million and 5.1 million, respectively, with quits dropping by 218,000 to 3.1 million, while layoffs held steady at 1.8 million.
- In November 2024, Australia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 2.3% year-over-year, exceeding forecasts of 2.2% and up from 2.1% in the previous month, marking the highest figure since August. This rise was influenced by the timing of government electricity rebates. Despite this, inflation stayed within the Reserve Bank's target range of 2%-3% for the fourth consecutive month. Electricity prices declined more slowly (-21.5% vs -35.6% in October), as did automotive fuel prices (-10.2% vs -11.5%). Prices rose for alcohol and tobacco (+6.7% vs 6.0%) but remained stable for health and education. Recreation and culture costs eased (3.2% vs 4.3%), while food prices grew at their slowest rate since January 2022 (+2.9% vs 3.3%). Core CPI rose 2.8%, the highest in three months, recovering from a near three-year low of 2.4% in October.

US Dollar Index 3-Month Performance



Technical Levels	Support 2	Support 1	Spot	Resistance 1	Resistance 2
EUR	1.0250	1.0300	1.0350	1.0400	1.0450
GBP	1.2380	1.2430	1.2480	1.2540	1.2600
JPY	157.30	157.75	158.25	158.75	159.20
CHF	0.9000	0.9040	0.9090	0.9140	0.9200

Currencies	Closing	YTD %	Closing	YTD %	
EUR/USD	1.0339	0.01	EUR/GBP	0.8287	0.19
GBP/USD	1.2473	0.20	GBP/JPY	197.12	0.33
USD/JPY	158.02	0.80	EUR/JPY	163.42	0.29
USD/CHF	0.9092	0.21	EUR/CHF	0.9405	0.20

Brief Technical Commentary

The greenback has mostly recovered the losses from Monday. EURUSD went from a high of (1.0437) to trading at (1.0350). Support levels are now at (1.0300) and (1.0250) and resistance is at (1.0400) followed by (1.0450). Medium term outlook is bearish.

USDJPY remains above the 158 handle, which was around the intervention levels warned by the BoJ. Resistance is around (158.75) followed by (159.20). Support is at (157.75). Currently the pair is above the 50,100, and 200 day SMA (daily).

Commodities	Last Price	% Change	Global Indices	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	79.47	0.69	Dow Jones	42,528.36	0.42
Brent	77.25	0.74	Nikkei 225	40,083.30	1.97
West Texas	74.42	0.88	S&P 500	5,909.03	1.11
Gold	2,652.20	0.10	KuwaitSE	7,477.85	0.01

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		131K	146K
08-Jan-25	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
09-Jan-25	CNY	CPI y/y		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	4.25	4.19
EUR	2.90	2.84	2.76	2.59	2.49
GBP	4.70	4.70	4.60	4.53	4.44

Government Yields (%)	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	4.17	4.27	4.45	4.67	4.91
Germany	2.31	2.17	2.27	2.48	2.71
United Kingdom	4.61	4.45	4.44	4.67	5.24
Japan	0.49	0.64	0.80	1.17	2.33

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