Daily Treasury Outlook

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Highlights

Global: Monday was a classic de-risking play ahead of this week's Nvidia's earnings report and US September jobs report (NFP). As market participants looked to reduce exposures into these major risk events, major US stock indices dropped by between 0.8% and 1.2%. S&P 500 closed below the technical support level at 50-day moving average. UST yields were little changed, while Gilt yields retraced some of Friday's gain. Dollar index rose broadly, while USD/JPY was back above the watched level at 155. On central bank front, Fed officials remained split on policy decision for the December FOMC meeting. The known dove Waller said to support another rate cut, calling it a good risk management, while Vice Chair Jefferson said Fed should "proceed slowly". Japan's PM Takaichi is expected to unveil her first economic package as soon as this week. The size of package is rumoured to be around JPY17trn (USD110bn), with part of it going into inflation relief.

On the data front, the US Empire state business conditions index rose 8 points to 18.7 in November (vs consensus at 5.8), the highest level in a year. New orders increased significantly by 12.2 points, while labor market indicators improved, recording modest increase in employment and a longer average workweek. Cheaper gasoline and grocery prices helped bring Canada's inflation down to 2.2% in October (Consensus: 2.1%), as the Canadian government ruled to remove the retaliatory tariffs on the US in September. Japan's 3Q GDP contracted less than expected by 1.8% QoQ annualised (Consensus: -2.4% QoQ), as business spending unexpectedly expanded by 1.0% QoQ (Forecasted: -0.1%) during the quarter, painting a rather resilient picture for the economy.

Market Watch: The economic calendar in APAC mainly comprises of RBA's November minutes, South Korea's 3Q household credit, Hong Kong's October unemployment rate and China's October FDI. Later today, markets will watch US' ADP employment, industrial production, NAHB housing market index durable orders and factory orders.

Commodities: Crude oil benchmarks closed relatively flat on Monday, with WTI and Brent decreasing marginally by 0.3% to USD59.9/bbl and USD64.2/bbl, respectively. Prices edged lower following signs that activity in Russia's strategic Black Sea port of Novorossiysk had resumed after oil loadings were earlier disrupted due to a Ukrainian military strike. Losses were limited by supply risks. Crude oil exports from Sudan were disrupted after a series of attacks on its energy facilities, occurring at a time when the oil market is already grappling with other geopolitical risks, including those in the Strait of Hormuz, Eastern Europe, and Venezuela.

Key Market Movements

Equity	Value	% chg
S&P 500	6672.4	-0.9%
DJIA	46590	-1.2%
Nikkei 225	50324	-0.1%
SH Comp	3972.0	-0.5%
STI	4543.6	-0.1%
Hang Seng	26384	-0.7%
KLCI	1627.4	0.1%
	Value	**% chg**
DXY	99.588	0.3%
USDJPY	155.26	0.5%
EURUSD	1.1592	-0.2%
GBPUSD	1.3156	-0.1%
USDIDR	16729	0.1%
USDSGD	1.3033	0.4%
SGDMYR	3.1879	0.4%
	Value	**chg (bp)**
2Y UST	3.61	0.43
10Y UST	4.14	-0.97
2Y SGS	1.27	-1.80
10Y SGS	1.86	0.83
3M SORA	1.24	-0.69
3M SOFR	4.24	-1.36
	Value	**% chg**
Brent	64.2	-0.3%
WTI	59.91	-0.3%
Gold	4045	-1.0%
Silver	50.22	-0.7%
Palladium	1394	-0.5%
Copper	10779	-0.7%
BCOM	108.88	-0.2%

Source: Bloomberg

Major Markets

CH: In October, Chinese banks purchased USD214.2bn of foreign exchange and sold USD196.5bn, generating a FX-settlement surplus of USD17.7bn—moderating from the previous month. The willingness to sell foreign currency declined to 63%, down from 71% in September and broadly in line with its 10-year average. Meanwhile, onshore foreign-currency deposits rebounded to a record high of USD861bn after a brief dip in September, likely reflecting precautionary positioning during the US–China trade re-escalation in October.

With a truce reached in early November, I would expect the easing of geopolitical uncertainty to offer near-term support to the RMB. The improved backdrop should also help lift FX-selling willingness again, especially if trade-related flows stabilise and market sentiment firms.

ID: Finance Ministry official Febrio Kacaribu said Indonesia will begin imposing 7.5%–15% export duties on gold as early as this month, with higher rates applied to less processed forms, as reported by Bloomberg. The levy, adjusted to global gold prices, supports the government's ongoing push to retain more value-added activities domestically by encouraging miners to build local refineries and deepen the emerging bullion-bank ecosystem. The regulation could be issued this month and take effect in December, though fiscal gains will only materialise in 2026.

MY: The Ministry of Investment, Trade, and Industry (MITI) reported that the core sectors under NIMP 2030, including E&E, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, aerospace and medical devices, attracted MYR29.2bn in approved investments in 1H25, or 42.7% of total manufacturing approvals. These investments include 178 projects and are expected to generate 17,056 jobs. MITI also identified 21,896 high-income managerial, technical and supervisory roles across all sectors, including 8,241 such positions within NIMP industries.

PH: President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has accepted the resignations of Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin and Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman. Their departure followed accusations from former Rep. Elizaldy Co that Pangandama inserted PHP100bn into the 2025 budget from the president, a claim which she denied. Finance Secretary Ralph Recto is appointed as the new executive secretary, while Frederick Go was named finance secretary and Department of Budget and Management Undersecretary Rolando Toledo as the assigned officer-in-charge at the budget department.

TH: GDP growth slowed significantly to 1.2% YoY in 3Q25, down from 2.8% in 2Q25. The details show that demand-side drivers were weak, with the contribution of domestic final demand narrowing to 1.3 percentage points (pp) from 3.2pp in 2Q25. Private consumption expenditures remained stable at 2.6% YoY, while investment spending slowed to 1.1% YoY, down from 5.8% in 2Q25. In contrast, government spending declined to 3.9% YoY, down from 2.2% in 2Q25. Corroborating the weaker domestic demand picture, import growth slowed to 4.6% YoY in 3Q25 versus 10.9% in 2Q25. Similarly, export growth slowed to 6.9% YoY (2Q25: 11.2%), dragged down by worsening services exports. Perceptions of tourist safety, stiffer competition for tourist dollars amongst regional peers and a stronger local currency have led to a decline in tourist inflows particularly from Mainland China and HK SAR. We revised higher our full year 2025 GDP growth forecast to 2.0%, up from 1.8% previously. The growth picture for the 1Q-3Q25 has underscored a divergence between strong goods exports and worsening domestic final demand conditions. GDP growth averaged 2.4% YoY in 1Q-3Q25 from 2.5% in 2024, driven mainly by a frontloading of exports to the US. Looking ahead, GDP growth will likely remain low at 2.0% YoY in 2026, similar to 2025, as cyclical and structural headwinds continue to pose challenges.

VN: Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh and Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah agreed to elevate Vietnam-Kuwait relations to a strategic partnership on 17 November 2025. Both leaders emphasized expanding collaboration in trade, investment, energy, digital transformation, security, education, and cultural exchanges, aiming for bilateral trade of USD12–15bn by 2030. Both leaders committed to enhancing high-level visits, finalizing a free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council, and promoting joint projects like the Nghi Son refinery expansion. They also pledged to strengthen cooperation in regional and global forums, support humanitarian efforts, and foster people-to-people ties through scholarships and cultural events.

ESG

ID: The Indonesian and South Korean governments explored a new cooperation in mangrove restoration and blue carbon development to optimise climate actions sought by the two countries. The cooperation was discussed during a bilateral meeting between the Indonesian ministry and South Korea's Oceans and Fisheries Ministry on the sidelines of the COP30 climate summit. It was highlighted that Indonesia has seen success in rehabilitating more than 165 thousand hectares of its 3.44 mn hectares of mangrove areas, which account for 23% of the global mangrove ecosystem. Both countries agreed to set up a technical team to discuss the proposed cooperation along with South Korea's Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). Indonesia will also serve as a facilitator in drafting and implementing the mangrove restoration and blue carbon development programs.

Credit Market Updates

Market Commentary: The SGD SORA OIS curve traded higher yesterday with shorter tenors trading 1-2bps higher while belly tenors and 10Y traded 1bps higher. Moody's has affirmed Hong Kong & China Gas Co ltd's issuer rating at A1 while outlook to negative from stable. Meanwhile, S&P downgraded Longfor Group Holdings Ltd's long-term rating to BB- from BB- and revised the outlook from negative to stable. The stable outlook reflects the company's adequate liquidity buffer over the next 12 months, supported by its commercial property portfolio, despite weakening contracted sales in its property development segment. In other news by Bloomberg, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") and Hong Kong bankers are increasingly concerned about the city's worst real estate downturn since the Asian financial crisis. HKMA has stepped up scrutiny of lenders' handling of distressed loans and is regularly checking banks' willingness to extend credit to smaller developers. Meanwhile, bankers are reassessing collateral valuations, with some worried that commercial property values used as loan security may be inflated. Bloomberg Asia USD Investment Grade spreads traded flat at 59bps and Bloomberg Asia USD High Yield spreads widened by 2bps to 350bps respectively. (Bloomberg, OCBC)

New issues:

There was one notable issuance in the Asiadollar market yesterday.

- Bank of China Ltd/Dubai priced a USD500mn 3Y FRN at SOFR+43bps.

There was one notable issuance in the Singdollar market yesterday.

- Starhub Ltd priced a SGD300mn 10Y Fixed Bond at 2.55%.

Mandates:

- Bangkok Bank PCL may issue a USD-denominated 5Y and 10Y Fixed Bond.
- Hong Kong Mortgage Corp Ltd/The may issue debt in multiple tranches across various currencies, including a USD-denominated 5Y Social Fixed Bond.

Foreign Exchange

	Day Close	% Change		Day Close
DXY	99.588	0.29%	**USD-SGD**	1.3033
USD-JPY	155.260	0.46%	**EUR-SGD**	1.5108
EUR-USD	1.159	-0.25%	**JPY-SGD**	0.8395
AUD-USD	0.649	-0.67%	**GBP-SGD**	1.7145
GBP-USD	1.316	-0.11%	**AUD-SGD**	0.8462
USD-MYR	4.150	0.42%	**NZD-SGD**	0.7373
USD-CNY	7.108	0.12%	**CHF-SGD**	1.6370
USD-IDR	16729	0.15%	**SGD-MYR**	3.1879
USD-VND	26353	0.01%	**SGD-CNY**	5.4550

Equity and Commodity

Index	Value	Net change
DJIA	46,590.24	-557.24
S&P	6,672.41	-61.70
Nasdaq	22,708.07	-192.52
Nikkei 225	50,323.91	-52.62
STI	4,543.59	-2.48
KLCI	1,627.43	1.76
JCI	8,416.88	46.45
Baltic Dry	2,125.00	48.00
VIX	22.38	2.55

SOFR

Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD SOFR
1M	1.8940	0.96%	**1M**	3.9520
3M	2.0690	0.24%	**2M**	3.9287
6M	2.1410	-0.23%	**3M**	3.8862
12M	2.2350	0.04%	**6M**	3.7970
			1Y	3.6132

Government Bond Yields (%)

Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
2Y	1.27 (-0.02)	3.61(--)
5Y	1.59 (+0.01)	3.73(--)
10Y	1.86 (+0.01)	4.14 (-0.01)
15Y	1.97 (+0.01)	--
20Y	1.97 (+0.02)	--
30Y	2.04 (+0.01)	4.74 (-0.01)

Fed Rate Hike Probability

Meeting	# of Hikes/Cuts	% of Hikes/Cuts	Implied Rate Change	Expected Effective Fed Funds Rate
12/10/2025	-0.42	-42.00%	-0.105	3.774
01/28/2026	-0.825	-40.50%	-0.206	3.672

Financial Spread (bps)

	Value	Change
TED	35.36	--

Secured Overnight Fin. Rate

SOFR	3.95

Commodities Futures

Energy	**Futures**	**% chg**	**Soft Commodities**	**Futures**	**% chg**
WTI (per barrel)	59.91	-0.30%	Corn (per bushel)	4.348	1.0%
Brent (per barrel)	64.20	-0.30%	Soybean (per bushel)	11.573	4.0%
Heating Oil (per gallon)	254.70	0.63%	Wheat (per bushel)	5.443	3.2%
Gasoline (per gallon)	199.01	-1.07%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	45.090	0.5%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	4.36	-4.49%	Rubber (JPY/KG)	309.500	2.8%

Base Metals	**Futures**	**% chg**	**Precious Metals**	**Futures**	**% chg**
Copper (per mt)	10778.50	-0.68%	Gold (per oz)	4045.0	-1.0%
Nickel (per mt)	14650.00	-1.62%	Silver (per oz)	50.2	-0.7%

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters
(Note that rates are for reference only)

Economic Calendar

Date Time	Country Code	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/18/2025 11:00	SK	South Korea Household Credit	3Q	--	--	KR1952.8t	--
11/18/2025 16:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Oct	4.00%	--	3.90%	--
11/18/2025 21:30	US	New York Fed Services Business Activity	Nov	--	--	-23.6	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Nov	37	--	37	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Factory Orders	Aug	1.40%	--	-1.30%	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Factory Orders Ex Trans	Aug	0.30%	--	0.60%	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Durable Goods Orders	Aug F	2.90%	--	2.90%	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Durables Ex Transportation	Aug F	0.40%	--	0.40%	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Aug F	0.60%	--	0.60%	--
11/18/2025 23:00	US	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Aug F	--	--	-0.30%	--
11/18/2025	CH	FDI YTD YoY CNY	Oct	--	--	-10.40%	--
11/17/2025-11/21/2025	US	Federal Budget Balance	Oct	-$228.8b	--	-$257.5b	--

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