Research

Markets Today

30 October 2026

Events round-up

NZ: ANZ activity outlook (net%), Oct: 46.2 vs. 47.9 prev.

EC: Economic confidence, Oct: 96.9 vs. 97.5 exp.

US: Personal income (m/m%), Sep: 0.2 vs. 0.3 exp.

US: Real personal spending (m/m%), Sep: 0.0 vs. 0.1 exp.

US: Initial jobless claims (k), Oct 24: 194 vs. 198 exp.

US: Core PCE deflator (m/m%), Sep: 0.3 vs. 0.3 exp.

US: Core PCE deflator (y/y%), Sep: 3.1 vs. 3.1 exp.

US: GDP (Ann'lsd q/q%), Q3: 3.4 vs. 3.2 exp.

EC: ECB deposit facility rate (%), Oct: 2.5 vs. 2.5 exp.

Good morning

US equities extended the soft tone from Asian trading, as disappointing results from large technology companies revived doubts over whether heavy AI spending will deliver sufficient returns. The S&P is modestly lower, while the Nasdaq is down more than 1%, led by a sharp fall in Alphabet after sales missed expectations. Treasuries were little changed and G10 currencies mixed against the US dollar. Oil held steady despite reports of fresh diplomatic efforts to resolve the Middle East conflict.

The US economy grew at its fastest pace in a year in Q3, supported by business investment and resilient consumer spending. GDP rose an annualised 3.4%, marginally above expectations. September data were softer, with real personal spending flat and personal income up 0.2%, both below consensus. The core PCE deflator - the Fed's preferred inflation gauge - rose 0.3% m/m in line with expectations, lifting the annual rate to 3.1%.

The data did little to shift Fed pricing, which continues to imply around an 80% chance of a December hike. Treasuries were broadly flat, with the 10-year yield near 5.00%, supported at the margin by softer US equities.

The ECB left rates unchanged at 2.5% and struck a dovish tone despite the recent surge in commodity prices. Although a hike was discussed, President Lagarde played down the risk of inflation spreading beyond energy, citing a lack of evidence that higher energy prices are feeding into excessive wage demands or a material lift in inflation expectations. The ECB reiterated its data-dependent, meeting-by-meeting approach, leaving the door open to another hike in December, with markets still pricing around an 80% chance. German yields closed lower, led by the front end, while the euro recovered from an initial post-meeting dip.

Just ahead of the decision, it was announced that Lagarde will step down in February, nine months before the end of her term. Asked about recent turmoil in European bond markets, she said the ECB had "instruments available to respond" but warned that heavily indebted countries "have to factor into their fiscal policy plans the fact that interest rates are higher and will probably remain higher for a period of time".

G10 currencies saw limited net moves, with the euro and pound marginally firmer against the US dollar. The NZD dipped towards 0.5610 during offshore trading before recovering to around 0.5630. On the crosses, NZD/AUD has edged steadily higher and is back above 0.8000.

NZ rates closed lower across the curve yesterday, reflecting some follow-through after the RBNZ Policy Review and a constructive tone in offshore rates markets due to the softer backdrop for risk-sensitive assets. Pricing for the December MPS was little changed, implying close to a 90% chance of a 25bp hike. 2-year swap closed 5bp lower at 3.96%, testing the post-RBNZ low, while 10-year swap fell 6bp to 4.58%.

The government curve matched the move in swaps, with 10-year bonds 6bp lower at 4.87%. Demand at the weekly tender was strong, with solid coverage and both lines clearing below pre-tender mids. The result follows NZ Debt Management's announcement yesterday that weekly tender volumes will be cut from NZ$450m to NZ$350m from next month.

Consumer confidence is the only domestic release today. Tokyo CPI is released ahead of the Bank of Japan policy decision, where rates are expected to be left on hold at 1.25%. The focus will be on any signals on the timing of the next hike, with the market pricing about a 50% chance of a 25bp move by December. In the US, the Q3 employment cost index is released alongside the Chicago PMI.

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Coming up

		Period	Cons.	Prev.	NZT
NZ	ANZ Consumer Confidence	Oct		97.6	10:00
JN	Tokyo CPI (y/y%)	Oct	2.7	2.7	12:30
JN	Tokyo CPI Ex Food, Energy (y/y%)	Oct	2.7	3	12:30
JN	BOJ Target Rate	Oct	1.25	1.25	
GE	Unemployment Claims Rate	Oct	6.4	6.4	21:55
EC	GDP (q/q%)	3Q A	0.2	0.6	23:00
EC	Unemployment Rate	Sep	6.4	6.4	23:00
CA	GDP (m/m%)	Aug	0.2	0	01:30
US	Employment Cost Index	3Q	0.8	0.9	01:30
GE	CPI EU Harmonized (y/y%)	Oct P	3.1	3.3	02:00
US	MNI Chicago PMI	Oct	56.1	58.8	02:45
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CH	Manufacturing PMI	Oct	49.8	50.1	14:30
CH	Non-manufacturing PMI	Oct	50	50.2	14:30

Source: Bloomberg

Currencies

FX Majors

	Last	% Day	Low	High
NZD	0.5630	+0.1	0.5607	0.5632
AUD	0.7038	-0.3	0.7015	0.7049
EUR	1.1161	+0.1	1.1105	1.1174
GBP	1.3373	+0.3	1.3296	1.3380
JPY	157.86	+0.1	157.72	158.13
CAD	1.3981	-0.2		
NZD/AUD	0.7999	+0.3		
NZD/EUR	0.5044	-0.0		
NZD/GBP	0.4210	-0.3		
NZD/JPY	88.88	+0.1		
NZD/CAD	0.7871	-0.1		
NZ TWI	63.93	+0.0		

Indicative overnight ranges (*)

Other FX

	Last	% Day
CHF	0.8268	-0.2
SEK	9.855	-0.5
NOK	9.270	+0.1
HKD	7.847	+0.0
CNY	6.662	-0.1
SGD	1.280	-0.1
IDR	18,137	-0.3
THB	33.71	-0.1
KRW	1,340	-0.2
TWD	32.54	+0.4
PHP	63.85	-0.3

Equities

Major Indices

	Last	% Day	% Year
S&P 500	7,718	-0.3	12.0
Dow	52,333	-0.4	9.9
Nasdaq	26,230	-1.5	9.5
Stoxx 50	6,215	+0.6	8.9
FTSE	10,732	+0.3	10.0
DAX	26,071	+1.3	8.1
CAC 40	7,982	+1.1	-2.7
Nikkei	64,659	+1.1	26.0
Shanghai	3,651	-0.8	-9.1
ASX 200	8,892	+0.5	0.1
NZX 50	13,710	+0.1	1.9
VIX Index	16.49	-2.5	-2.5

Commodities

Price (Near futures, except CRB)

	Last	Net Day
Oil (Brent)	113.56	-0.9
Oil (WTI)	100.66	-1.1
Gold	4035.5	-0.5
HRC steel	1342.0	-0.1
CRB	413.7	+0.4
SGX Iron Ore	90.95	-0.4
NZ Milk '27	10.35	-0.1
NZ Milk '28	10.25	+0.0
NZ Milk '29	9.92	+0.0
WM powder	3935	+0.4
Australian Futures		
3 year bond	95.15	0.06
10 year bond	94.81	0.03

Interest Rates

Rates

	Cash	3Mth
USD	4.00	4.85
AUD	4.60	4.91
NZD	2.75	3.16
EUR	2.50	2.62
GBP	3.75	3.87
JPY	1.25	1.33
CAD	2.50	2.60

Swap Yields

	2 Yr	10 Yr
USD	4.53	4.62
AUD	4.90	5.32
NZD	3.96	4.58
EUR	3.38	3.46
GBP	4.74	4.86
JPY	1.90	2.73
CAD	3.26	3.63

Benchmark 10 Yr Bonds

	Last	Net Day
USD	5.00	-0.02
AUD	5.17	-0.04
NZD	4.93	0.00
GER	3.36	-0.01
GBP	5.30	-0.02
JPY	2.85	0.02
CAD	3.85	-0.01

NZ Government Bonds

	Last	Chg
15-May-28	3.83	0.00
20-Apr-29	4.09	0.00
15-May-30	4.26	0.00
15-May-31	4.41	0.00
15-May-32	4.54	0.00
14-Apr-33	4.64	0.00
15-May-34	4.74	0.00
15-May-35	4.84	0.00
15-May-36	4.93	0.00
15-May-37	5.02	0.00
15-May-38	5.07	0.00
15-May-41	5.28	0.00
15-May-51	5.49	0.00
15-May-54	5.50	0.00

NZ BKBM and Swap Yields

	Last	Chg
BKBM 1-mth	2.93	0.00
BKBM 3-mth	3.16	0.00
1 year	3.66	0.01
2 year	3.96	0.00
3 year	4.09	0.00
5 year	4.26	0.00
7 year	4.40	0.00
10 year	4.58	0.00
15 year	4.78	0.00
NZ Inflation-Indexed Bonds		
Sept-30	1.80	0.00
Sept-35	2.57	0.00
Sept-40	3.01	0.00

Carbon Price

	Level	% Day	% Year
NZU	48.25	+1.1	-8.4

* These are indicative ranges from 5pm NZT; please confirm rates with your BNZ dealer

Rates are as of: NZT 06:15

Source: Bloomberg

Policy Meeting Run

	NZD	AUD	USD
1st	2.98	4.82	4.09
2nd	3.15	4.88	4.18
3rd	3.31	4.95	4.33
4th	3.46	4.95	4.41
5th	3.61	4.96	4.50

NZD exchange rates

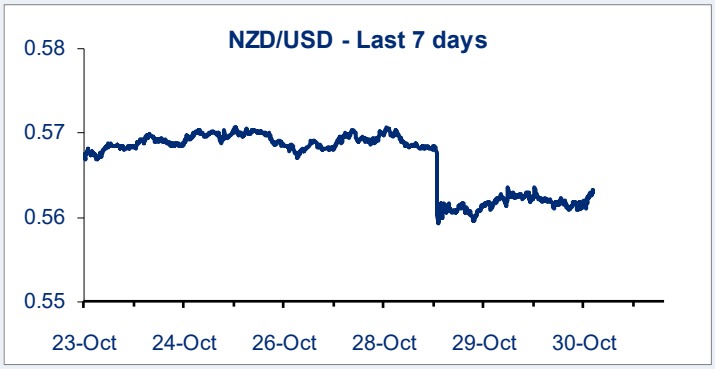
30/10/2026	6:15 am	Prev. NY close
USD	0.5630	0.5626
GBP	0.4210	0.4222
AUD	0.7999	0.7976
EUR	0.5044	0.5044
JPY	88.88	88.80
CAD	0.7871	0.7874
CHF	0.4655	0.4659
DKK	3.7700	3.7697
FJD	1.2615	1.2603
HKD	4.4177	4.4139
INR	53.63	53.58
NOK	5.2189	5.2072
PKR	155.79	155.76
PHP	35.94	36.03
PGK	2.5281	2.5127
SEK	5.5485	5.5730
SGD	0.7208	0.7210
CNY	3.7502	3.7503
THB	19.01	18.99
TOP	1.3244	1.3313
VUV	67.18	67.14
WST	1.5503	1.5484
XPF	60.08	60.15
ZAR	9.3557	9.3421

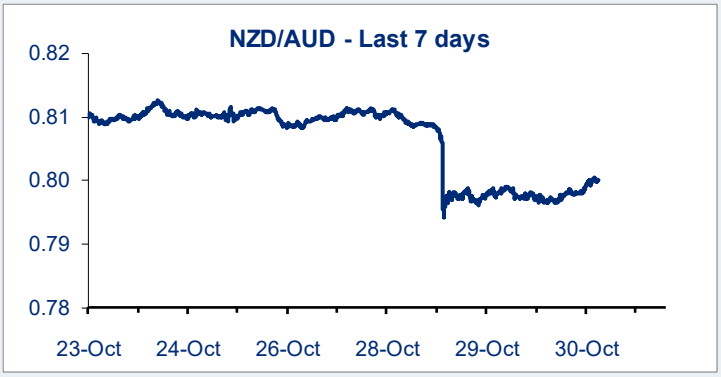
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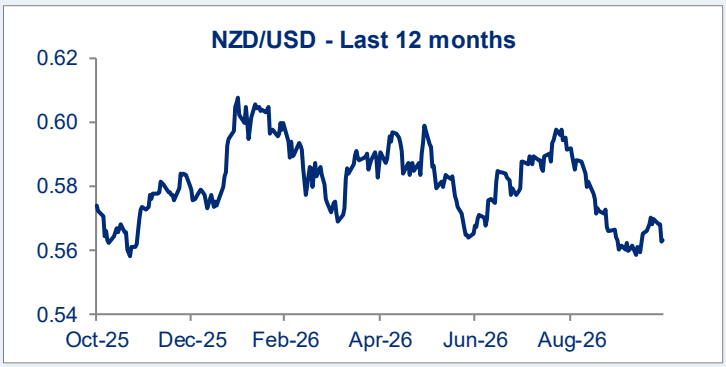
	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	5.90	6.09
3 Months	17.63	18.19
6 Months	32.70	33.80
9 Months	45.71	47.98
1 Year	56.86	60.44

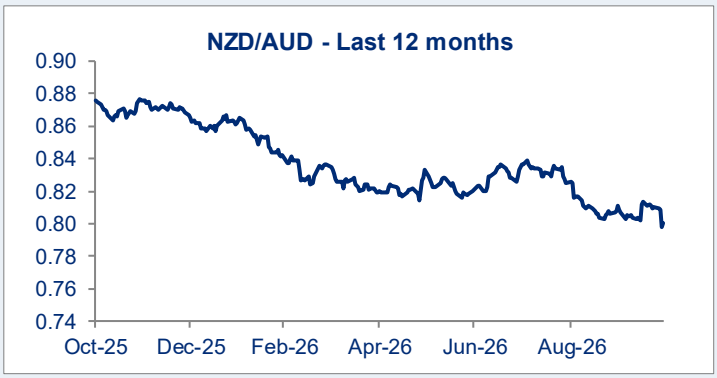
NZD/AUD Forward Points

	BNZ buys NZD	BNZ sells NZD
1 Month	13.56	13.95
3 Months	39.04	40.15
6 Months	72.04	74.53
9 Months	98.80	103.65
1 Year	119.96	127.23









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