

Weekly Market Update

Fiscal clarity in the US boosted markets, while UK caution, EU steadiness, and China's slowdown with geopolitical tensions heightened global risks, leaving emerging markets and commodities sensitive to policy and growth uncertainties.

US

The US Senate passed a compromise funding bill to end the longest-ever government shutdown. On 12 Nov, the House approved the funding package, and President Trump signed it into law, formally ending the shutdown after 43 days.

Equity markets rallied sharply in response: on 10 Nov, the S&P 500 rose ~1.6% and the Nasdaq Composite jumped ~2.4%, led by tech names like Nvidia.

Treasury yields rose – as investors rotated out of safe havens and into riskier assets in response to improved fiscal clarity.

A Fed governor (Stephen Miran) suggested a 50-basis-point rate cut in December could be “appropriate,” which boosted growth plays.

UK

UK markets turned cautious amid a broad tech-sell-off and concerns over global growth, with the FTSE 100 falling ~1.1%.

Politically, reports emerged that Chancellor Rachel Reeves may abandon planned income tax rises, triggering investor jitters: the pound weakened, and 10-year gilt yields ticked up as markets question how the budget gap will be bridge.

A UK auction of inflation linked gilts (2038 maturity) saw record demand, with more than £69 billions of bids –suggesting strong investor appetite for real return government debt despite political uncertainty.

The UK's Q3 economic data was weak: GDP growth slowed sharply, in part due to a cyber attack on Jaguar Land Rover that disrupted manufacturing, undermining confidence in the upcoming Budget.

Europe

On 11 November, ECB officials (such as Frank Elderson) said the current interest-rate setting was “in a good place” and that further cuts were not imminent, reinforcing expectations of no near-term easing.

The euro area economy showed resilience: ECB commentary noted growth hadn't fallen as much as feared and inflation risks were “balanced”.

European equity markets reflected global jitters: on 14 Nov, the Stoxx 600 fell ~0.9% amid a tech sell off and China growth worries.

European officials took note of US dollar dominance and considered measures such as pooling dollar reserves to reduce dependence on the US monetary system.

Global

Data released on 14 November showed that China's factory output, retail sales and exports all disappointed, with exports down 1.1 % year-on-year in October. The weak data reinforced concerns about a domestic investment slump and mounting regional local-government debt – suggesting structural headwinds remain for China's economy.

On 15 November, China issued a warning to its citizens against travelling to or studying in Japan after Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi commented that Japan might intervene if China attacked Taiwan.

Oil prices climbed (Brent up ~0.8%) on expectations that a reopened US government would support demand, particularly for aviation and consumer spending.

Emerging market equities and currencies remain exposed to both the US policy path and China's economic trajectory – the combination of US fiscal uncertainty and China's slowdown increases tail risk for emerging markets.



Performance

| Asset Class/Region | Currency | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| | | Week ending 14 Nov 2025 | Month to date | YTD 2025 | 12 Months |
| Developed Market Equities | | | | | |
| United States | USD | 0.1% | -1.5% | 15.4% | 14.2% |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 0.2% | 0.2% | 22.7% | 24.5% |
| Continental Europe | EUR | 2.4% | 1.0% | 16.4% | 16.0% |
| Japan | JPY | 1.8% | 0.8% | 23.5% | 27.5% |
| Asia Pacific (ex Japan) | USD | 0.0% | -1.5% | 27.9% | 26.9% |
| Australia | AUD | -1.3% | -2.5% | 9.1% | 8.4% |
| Global | USD | 0.5% | -1.0% | 18.6% | 17.3% |
| Emerging Markets Equities | | | | | |
| Emerging Europe | USD | 1.2% | 1.1% | 46.6% | 45.8% |
| Emerging Asia | USD | 0.1% | -1.7% | 30.3% | 30.4% |
| Emerging Latin America | USD | 1.7% | 4.3% | 50.6% | 35.6% |
| BRICs | USD | 1.1% | 1.4% | 25.3% | 24.4% |
| China | USD | 0.5% | 0.9% | 37.4% | 39.1% |
| MENA countries | USD | -1.3% | -3.2% | 3.2% | 5.6% |
| South Africa | USD | 5.2% | 4.7% | 63.9% | 55.9% |
| India | USD | 1.6% | 0.9% | 7.0% | 6.2% |
| Global emerging markets | USD | 0.3% | -1.1% | 31.4% | 30.6% |
| Bonds | | | | | |
| US Treasuries | USD | -0.2% | -0.2% | 5.9% | 5.7% |
| US Treasuries (inflation protected) | USD | -0.1% | -0.3% | 6.9% | 6.5% |
| US Corporate (investment grade) | USD | -0.2% | -0.4% | 7.0% | 6.8% |
| US High Yield | USD | 0.1% | -0.3% | 7.0% | 7.1% |
| UK Gilts | GBP | -0.8% | -1.1% | 3.5% | 3.0% |
| UK Corporate (investment grade) | GBP | -0.6% | -1.0% | 5.3% | 6.1% |
| Euro Government Bonds | EUR | -0.1% | -0.3% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| Euro Corporate (investment grade) | EUR | -0.1% | -0.5% | 3.0% | 3.4% |
| Euro High Yield | EUR | -0.1% | -0.3% | 4.4% | 5.2% |
| Global Government Bonds | USD | -0.2% | -0.2% | 6.6% | 5.9% |
| Global Bonds | USD | -0.1% | -0.1% | 8.1% | 7.4% |
| Global Convertible Bonds | USD | -2.0% | -3.1% | 20.5% | 20.0% |
| Emerging Market Bonds | USD | 0.1% | -0.3% | 11.6% | 11.1% |

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| | | Week ending 14 Nov 2025 | Month to date | YTD 2025 | 12 Months |
| Property | | | | | |
| US Property Securities | USD | -1.3% | 0.2% | 2.3% | -1.5% |
| Australian Property Securities | AUD | -2.6% | -4.9% | 3.7% | -1.0% |
| Global Property Securities | USD | -0.2% | 0.8% | 11.0% | 7.9% |
| Currencies | | | | | |
| Euro | USD | 0.3% | 0.8% | 12.2% | 10.0% |
| UK Pound Sterling | USD | -0.1% | 0.2% | 5.1% | 3.6% |
| Japanese Yen | USD | -1.0% | -0.3% | 1.8% | 0.7% |
| Australian Dollar | USD | 0.9% | 0.1% | 5.8% | 1.0% |
| South African Rand | USD | 1.0% | 1.2% | 10.3% | 6.2% |
| Swiss Franc | USD | 1.2% | 1.3% | 14.3% | 11.8% |
| Chinese Yuan | USD | 0.3% | 0.3% | 2.8% | 1.8% |
| Commodities & Alternatives | | | | | |
| Commodities | USD | 1.0% | 0.6% | 6.5% | 10.3% |
| Agricultural Commodities | USD | -0.4% | -1.2% | -5.5% | -3.9% |
| Oil | USD | 1.2% | -1.0% | -13.7% | -11.3% |
| Gold | USD | 2.1% | 2.0% | 55.6% | 58.7% |

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.



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