Weekly economic report

24 November 2025

The week that was

- There was a 'risk off' tone in markets last week again, with global equity markets falling sharply. The S&P500 fell 1.9%, with the technology sector weighing. Investors are becoming increasingly nervous about the high valuations of AI companies and whether they can earn the expected return on the enormous amount of investment they are undertaking. This is despite Nvidia's Q3 earnings exceeding expectations and the company providing a strong outlook.
- The risk aversion saw 10-year US Treasury yields end the week 9bps lower. Also contributing was a rise in the US unemployment rate in September, from 4.3% to 4.4%. However, employment growth in the month was much strong than expected. The mixed and delayed data are unlikely to shed much light for the US Federal Reserve ahead of their December policy meeting.
- The Australian dollar depreciated by 1.3%, as global risk aversion saw the US dollar appreciate against a broad range of currencies. The ASX200 fell by 2.5%.
- Australian wages growth in Q3 was in line with the RBA's expectations. Public sector wages continue to grow at an elevated rate, largely reflecting the delayed pass-through of previous high inflation into new enterprise bargaining agreements. In contrast, private sector wage growth continues to slow, which signals a further easing in inflationary pressures.

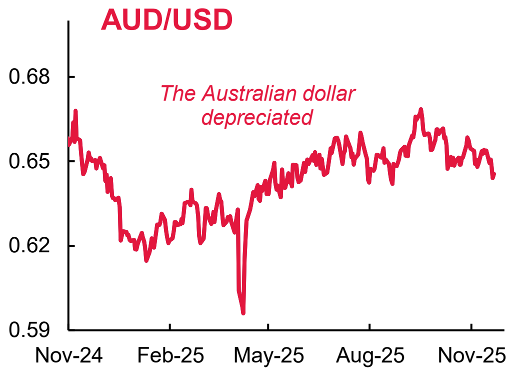
Economic calendar

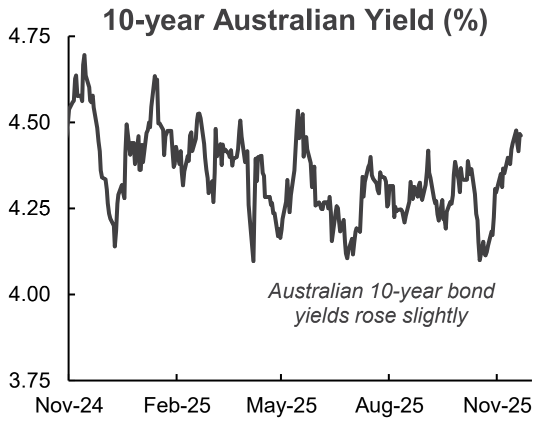
Monday 24/11	
Tuesday 25/11	US: Retail sales, Sep; PPI, Sep
Wednesday 26/11	AU: Monthly CPI, Oct; Construction work done, Q3 NZ: Reserve Bank of NZ meeting
Thursday 27/11	
Friday 28/11	AU: Private capital expenditure, Q3 CA: GDP, Q3

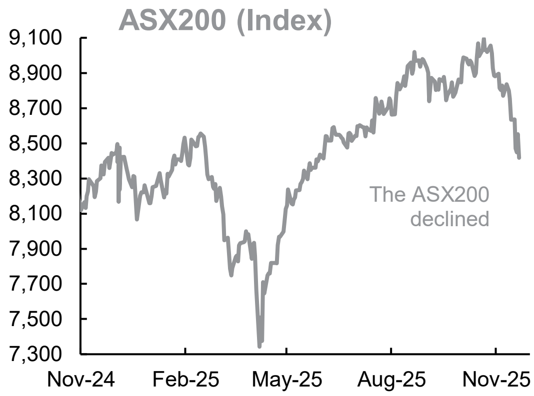
The week ahead

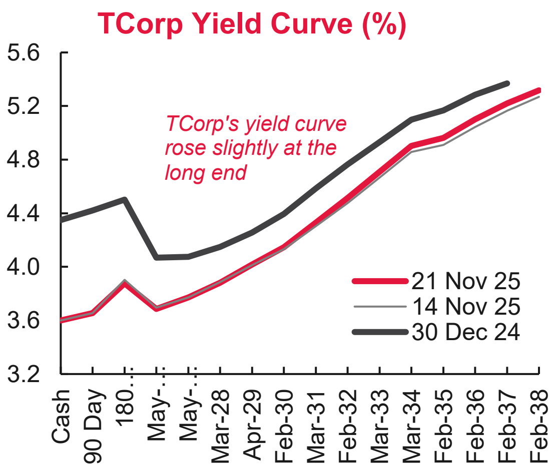
- The first complete monthly consumer price inflation data will be released in Australia for October. The RBA is likely to be cautious with the new monthly series until seasonal adjustment issues are resolved.
- Locally, the first partial indicators of economic activity in the September quarter will be released, ahead of the GDP data in early December.
- The Reserve Bank of New Zealand is widely expected to cut rates by another 25bps, to 2.25%.

Financial markets charts









Financial markets data: Week ending 21 November 2025

INTEREST RATES	CLOSE (%)	1 WEEK (BPS)		YTD (BPS)	
RBA Cash Rate	3.60	0	–	-75	▼
90-day BBSW	3.65	0	▼	-76	▼
3-year Australian Bond Yield	3.75	-1	▼	-7	▼
10-year Australian Bond Yield	4.46	2	▲	10	▲
20-year Australian Bond Yield	5.01	5	▲	19	▲
10-year Australian Break-Even Inflation	2.30	-3	▼	-3	▼
10-year Australian Real Yield	2.16	5	▲	13	▲
Fed Funds Rate (lower bound)	3.75	0	–	-50	▼
2-year US Treasury Yield	3.51	-10	▼	-73	▼
10-year US Treasury Yield	4.06	-9	▼	-51	▼
30-year US Treasury Yield	4.71	-4	▼	-7	▼
10-year German Bund Yield	2.70	-2	▼	34	▲

NSW TCorp Bonds	Close (%)	1 Week (bps)		YTD (bps)	
4.00% 20 May 2026	3.69	-1	▼	-32	▼
3.00% 20 May 2027	3.77	0	▼	-22	▼
3.00% 20 March 2028	3.88	-1	▼	-19	▼
3.00% 20 April 2029	4.02	1	▲	-15	▼
3.00% 20 February 2030	4.15	2	▲	-16	▼
2.00% 20 March 2031	4.33	3	▲	-16	▼
1.50% 20 February 2032	4.51	4	▲	-16	▼
2.00% 8 March 2033	4.71	4	▲	-12	▼
1.75% 20 March 2034	4.90	5	▲	-10	▼
4.75% 20 February 2035	4.96	5	▲	-10	▼
4.25% 20 February 2036	5.10	6	▲	-9	▼
4.75% 20 February 2037	5.22	6	▲	-5	▼
5.25% 24 February 2038	5.32	5	▲	--	--
2.50% 20 November 2035 CIB	2.61	-9	▼	-18	▼
10-year NSW TCorp Bond Yield	5.05	6	▲	0	▼
10-year TCV (Victoria) Spread	0.05	-1	▼	-2	▼
10-year QTC (Queensland) Spread	0.04	1	▲	2	▲

Equities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
S&P/ASX200 (Australia)	8,417	-2.5%	▼	3.2%	▲
S&P500 (US)	6,603	-1.9%	▼	12.3%	▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	9,540	-1.6%	▼	16.7%	▲
DJ Stoxx600 (Europe)	562	-2.2%	▼	10.7%	▲
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	48,626	-3.5%	▼	21.9%	▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,835	-3.9%	▼	14.4%	▲

Currencies	Close	1 Week		YTD	
AUD/USD	0.646	-1.3%	▼	4.3%	▲
EUR/USD	1.151	-0.9%	▼	11.2%	▲
USD/JPY	156.41	1.2%	▲	-0.5%	▼
GBP/USD	1.31	-0.5%	▼	4.7%	▲
US$ Index	100.18	0.9%	▲	-7.7%	▼

Commodities	Close	1 Week		YTD	
Brent Oil (US$/bbl)	62.56	-2.8%	▼	-16.2%	▼
Iron Ore (US$/t)	104.33	0.7%	▲	0.7%	▲
Coking Coal (US$/t)	142.50	-13.2%	▼	2.2%	▲
Gold (US$/oz)	4,065.14	-0.5%	▼	54.9%	▲

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