

# Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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## Global Update

Asian stocks dropped, followed losses in US equities, as investors sold tech shares amid concern valuations have become excessive. Oil trimmed gains after US President Donald Trump avoided adding to geopolitical angst in a television address. MSCI’s regional equity benchmark slid 0.7%, with South Korea’s Kospi and Japan’s Nikkei 225 Stock Average both dropping more than 1%. That was after the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 slipped 1.9% Wednesday with Nvidia Corp. slid 3.8% to its lowest since September. The S&P 500 declined 1.2%, breaching its 50-day moving average. Gold and silver steadied in Asia after jumping on Wednesday as investors sought alternatives to government bonds and key currencies. US stock futures edged higher after Micron Technology Inc., the largest US maker of computer memory chips, gave an upbeat forecast late Wednesday. The selloff in tech is a further sign investors are further questioning whether companies at the vanguard of the artificial intelligence boom can keep justifying their expensive valuations and ambitious spending. Concerns over the cost and viability of data center expansion, such as Oracle Corp.’s financing plans in Michigan, fueled broader unease about the sector’s outlook.

EUR/USD hovers around its Wednesday’s opening price at around 1.1750, virtually unchanged amid a scarce economic docket in the US that witnessed a Dollar recovery. Meanwhile, inflation figures from the Eurozone (EZ) and business confidence deterioration in Germany kept the single currency pressured. In the US, Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic crossed the wires, saying that he expects GDP growth to be solid and that he expects the trend to continue in 2026. Earlier, Fed Governor Christopher Waller struck neutral to dovish comments, saying that he supports further easing the next year. Ahead, the US docket will feature inflation figures and the US, and Initial Jobless Claims for the week ending December 13. Across the pond, inflation in EZ dipped a relief for the European Central Bank (ECB) which hinted that the easing cycle was done. Germany’s IFO Business Confidence poll reported that sentiment deteriorated for the second straight month. Traders’ eyes shift to the ECB’s December monetary policy meeting, which is expected to be an event that would not move the needle, as President Christine Lagarde and Co. are expected to hold rates unchanged for this meeting and for the whole next year.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

| Currencies |        |          |        | Rates         |            |                    |
|------------|--------|----------|--------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
|            | Open   | High     | Low    |               | Last Price | Previous Day Close |
| EURUSD     | 1.1741 | 1.1746   | 1.1735 | O/N SOFR      | 3.690      | 0.000              |
| GBPUSD     | 1.3376 | 1.3381   | 1.3362 | 1 month SOFR  | 3.734      | 3.734              |
| USDJPY     | 155.69 | 155.8100 | 155.43 | 3 month SOFR  | 3.701      | 3.701              |
| USDINR     | 90.37  | 90.46    | 90.32  | 6 months SOFR | 3.628      | 3.628              |

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|-------|-------|
| USDCNY | 7.0439 | 7.0458 | 7.0422 | 12 month SOFR   | 3.469 | 3.469 |
| USDCHF | 0.7956 | 0.7956 | 0.7948 | 3 years IRS   | 3.308 | 3.321 |
| AUDUSD | 0.6605 | 0.6612 | 0.6593 | 5 years IRS   | 3.418 | 3.434 |
| NZDUSD | 0.5774 | 0.5778 | 0.5755 | S&P 500 futures were little changed as of 1:19 p.m. Tokyo time. |       |       |

The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index was little changed. The euro was little changed at \$1.1740. The Japanese yen was little changed at 155.73 per dollar. The offshore yuan was little changed at 7.0376 per dollar. Bitcoin rose 0.9% to \$86,716.92. Ether rose 0.6% to \$2,834.47. West Texas Intermediate crude rose 0.7% to \$56.35 a barrel. Spot gold fell 0.2% to \$4,330.07 an ounce

Nikkei 225 futures (OSE) fell 1.5%. Japan’s Topix fell 0.5%. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 was little changed. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng fell 0.4%. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.2%. Euro Stoxx 50 futures fell 0.3%. The yield on 10-year Treasuries declined one basis point to 4.14%. Japan’s 10-year yield was unchanged at 1.975%. Australia’s 10-year yield was little changed at 4.74%

|                                 |  |  |                | Global Markets          |       |                  |         |
|---------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-------------------------|-------|------------------|---------|
|                                 |  |  | Current Levels |                         | Level | 1-Day Change (%) | YTD (%) |
| CBO Repo Rate                   |  |  | 4.5            |                         |       |                  |         |
| O/N OMIBOR                      |  |  | 4              | S&P 500                 | 6721  | -1.159           | 14.28   |
| *Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years |  |  | 4.00           | Euro Stoxx 600          | 580   | -0.002           | 14.22   |
|                                 |  |  |                | ShanghaiComposite Index | 3876  | 0.158            | 15.65   |
| Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years  |  |  | 4.00           | MSX-30                  | 5935  | 0.112            | 29.68   |
| *Amount>500k OMR                |  |  |                | NIFTY-50                | 25819 | 0.001            | 9.19    |
|                                 |  |  |                | Brent Crude (\$/bbl)    | 60.08 | 0.687            | -15.71  |
|                                 |  |  |                | Gold (\$/oz.)           | 4334  | -0.097           | 65.14   |
|                                 |  |  |                | DXY                     | 98    | 0.027            | -9.30   |
|                                 |  |  |                |                         |       |                  |         |
|                                 |  |  |                | Silver(\$/oz.)          | 66    | 0.221            | 129.78  |

| Calendar                    |            |          |       |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|-------|
| Key Data Watch              | Time (GST) | Expected | Prior |
| Bank Of England Bank Rate   | 16:00      | 4.0%     | 4.0%  |
| Initial Jobless Claims (US) | 17:30      | 220k     | 191k  |

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