

**Fundamentals:**

Global financial markets were on a steadier footing on Wednesday, helped by a modest bounce in equities, a record high for copper and as the recent selloff in government bonds - and a far lengthier rout in cryptocurrencies - relented.

Overnight news that U.S. President Donald Trump's administration had abruptly cancelled interviews with finalists for the Fed chair job firmed up the view that Kevin Hassett - seen as an interest rate-cutter - will replace Jerome Powell next May.

Traders' response to that potentially dovish influence was to sell the dollar for a ninth straight day, steepening government bond yield curves and lifting risk assets from shares to metals to bitcoin after its recent woes.

Retailers led Europe's equity bounce. Zara owner Inditex leapt 8.6% after it reported a strong start to winter sales while defence stocks and oil prices both climbed over 1% after Russia said the U.S.-led Ukraine peace plan did not satisfy its requirements yet.

"The market is, more than anything else, still being driven by expectations about the new Fed chair and that Hassett might get the job," Societe Generale's FX strategist Kit Juckes said.

"The view is that Trump is going to appoint someone that is going to keep rates low no matter what," Juckes added, given the desire to keep the U.S. economy motoring.

Wednesday's relative calm also meant beaten-up Japanese government bonds were more orderly overnight, though the 10-year JGB yield - which moves inversely to price - still hit its highest since June 2008 at 1.89%.

Benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury yields were just above 4%, 2-year yields dipped to 3.5% as U.S. trading loomed, while Germany's 10-year Bund yield steadied at 2.75% after climbing to its highest since September on Tuesday.

"With the weaker dollar, dollar/yen has been tamed but your eyes continue to be pinned to the Japanese government bond yields," Saxo Bank strategist John Hardy said.

Bitcoin, which has crashed by almost a third since early October, reclaimed the \$92,000 level to hit a two-week high in the crypto markets.

Wall Street futures also pointed to modest gains for the Nasdaq and S&P 500 later, with ISM services index and ADP employment figures due before PCE inflation data on Friday and next week's key meeting of the U.S. central bank's Federal Open Market Committee, at which markets are now 90% priced for a cut.

"I just can't see any reason why (equities) won't be well supported into the FOMC rate cut next week," said Tony Sycamore, a markets analyst at IG.

"And I think then you start to hit that really nice sweet spot in mid-December when equity markets just rally."

Investors have been pricing in their more dovish Fed outlook, on the view that White House economic adviser Hassett would deliver further rate reductions if he succeeded Powell.

Trump said on Tuesday he would announce his Fed chief nominee early next year, and that he had narrowed the list down to one person.

That kept the dollar on the back foot, lifting the yen to 155.60, sterling 0.5% higher to \$1.3280 and the euro to \$1.1642 as upbeat euro zone business activity data also boosted sentiment.

That was not the case in China overnight, however, where services activity printed at the slowest pace in five months and led both Chinese and Hong Kong stocks lower.

In commodities, the 1% rise in oil prices came as markets weighed faltering Russia-Ukraine peace hopes. An end to the war would likely lead to sanctions changes and ultimately more Russian oil in global markets.

Brent crude futures were at \$63 a barrel in London trading, with U.S. crude just above \$59 per barrel.

Spot gold was little changed at \$4,201 an ounce, while industrial bellwether metal copper jumped 1.7% to a record high of \$11,338 a ton.

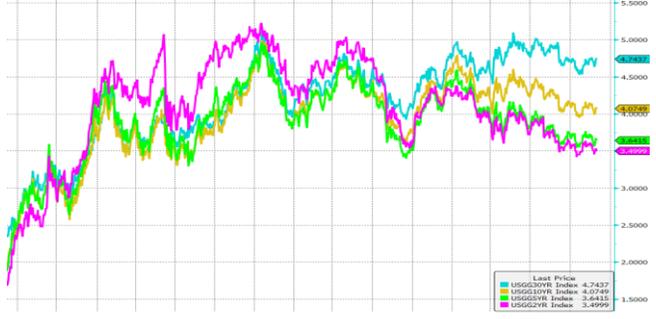
"Copper is looking quite bullish," Dan Smith, managing director of Commodity Market Analytics, said. "There's a decent chance prices could climb toward \$12,000 a ton from here."

(Source: Reuters)

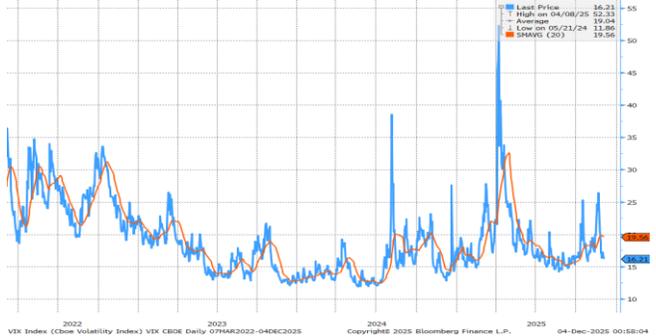
Contract	Close	Change	High	Low
E-Mini Dow DEC 25	47,954.00	498.00	48,081.00	47,428.00
E-Mini S&P DEC 25	6,862.00	23.250	6,873.25	6,817.50
E-Mini NASDAQ DEC 25	25,657.50	41.50	25,685.25	25,421.50
Micro Russell 2K DEC 25	2513.6	43.9	2516.1	2467.9
USD Nikkei DEC 25	49,880.0	310.0	50,170.00	49,310.00
US Dollar Index	98.91	-0.444	99.29	98.82
DJIA	47,882.90	408.440	47,969.64	47,371.62
S&P 500	6,849.72	20.350	6,862.42	6,810.43
NASDAQ	23,454.09	40.420	23,499.93	23,271.83
Nikkei 225	49,864.68	561.230	50,138.60	49,521.23
Hang Seng	25,760.73	-334.320	25,996.88	25,724.82
Straits Times	4,554.52	16.560	4,557.21	4,542.01
DAX	23,693.71	-17.150	23,838.05	23,646.43
CAC	8,087.42	12.810	8,103.14	8,051.45
FTSE100	9,692.07	-9.730	9,711.34	9,677.67

Historical Volatility	10 Days	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
E-Mini Dow Futures	8.62	10.33	10.01	10.30
E-Mini S&P Futures	10.56	12.73	10.67	10.26
E-Mini Nasdaq Futures	15.95	29.01	24.31	23.61

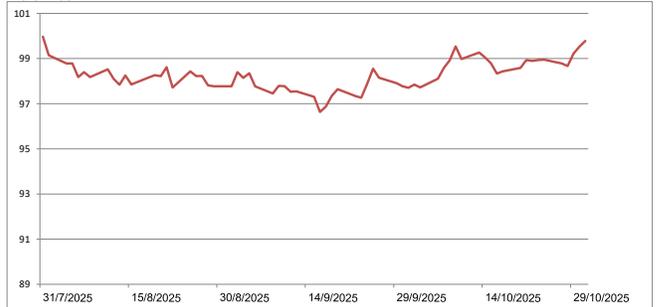
**U.S. Government Treasuries Yield**



**CBOE Volatility Index (VIX)**



**Dollar Index**



Economic Releases	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
12/01/2025 22:45 S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Nov F	51.9	52.2	51.9	--
12/01/2025 23:00 ISM Manufacturing	Nov	49	48.2	48.7	--
12/01/2025 23:00 ISM Prices Paid	Nov	57.5	56.5	58	--
12/01/2025 23:00 ISM New Orders	Nov	--	47.4	49.4	--
12/01/2025 23:00 ISM Employment	Nov	--	44	46	--
12/03/2025 21:15 ADP Employment Change	Nov	10k	-32k	42k	47k
12/03/2025 22:45 S&P Global US Services PMI	Nov F	55	54.1	55	--
12/03/2025 22:45 S&P Global US Composite PMI	Nov F	--	54.2	54.8	--
12/03/2025 23:00 ISM Services Index	Nov	52	52.6	52.4	--
12/03/2025 23:00 ISM Services Prices Paid	Nov	68	65.4	70	--
12/03/2025 23:00 ISM Services New Orders	Nov	--	52.9	56.2	--
12/03/2025 23:00 ISM Services Employment	Nov	--	48.9	48.2	--
12/05/2025 23:00 PCE Price Index MoM	Sep	0.30%	--	--	--
12/05/2025 23:00 PCE Price Index YoY	Sep	2.80%	--	--	--
12/09/2025 23:00 JOLTS Job Openings	Oct	--	--	--	--
12/09/2025 23:00 JOLTS Job Openings Rate	Oct	--	--	--	--
12/09/2025 23:00 JOLTS Quits Level	Oct	--	--	--	--
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12/09/2025 23:00 JOLTS Layoffs Level	Oct	--	--	--	--
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**E-Mini Dow Index Futures Daily Chart**



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**E-Mini NASDAQ 100 Index Futures Daily Chart**



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**Micro E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures Daily Chart**



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**Technical Analysis**

Dow		S&P		Nasdaq		Micro Russell									
1st Resistance:	48673	2nd Resistance:	49393	1st Resistance:	6964.93	2nd Resistance:	7067.86	1st Resistance:	26042.36	2nd Resistance:	26427.23	1st Resistance:	2551.30	2nd Resistance:	2589.01
1st Support:	47235	2nd Resistance:	46515	1st Support:	6759.07	2nd Resistance:	6656.14	1st Support:	25272.64	2nd Resistance:	24887.78	1st Support:	2475.90	2nd Resistance:	2438.19
MACD:	73.452			MACD:	9.584303			MACD:	8.139			MACD:	2.190		
MACD DIFF:	63.063			MACD DIFF:	13.238338			MACD DIFF:	59.739			MACD DIFF:	12.081		
RSI:	55.446			RSI:	56.028261			RSI:	56.774			RSI:	53.934		

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