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	Spot	6mths
NZD/USD	0.6220	0.0007
NZD/AUD	0.9257	-0.0057
NZD/JPY	86.91	-2.11
NZD/EUR	0.5989	-0.0073
NZD/GBP	0.5148	-0.0018
NZD/CNH	4.4674	0.0000
AUD/USD	0.6721	0.0046
AUD/EUR	0.6464	-0.0043
EUR/USD	1.0393	0.0138
USD/CNH	7.1960	0.0000
GBP/USD	1.2074	0.0056
EUR/GBP	0.8598	0.0073
INT RATES	NZ	Australia
OCR/Cash	4.25%	2.85%
90 day bills	4.43%	3.15%
2 year swap	5.22%	3.85%
10 year Govt	4.19%	3.67%

I put my line in the sand ...

... over the weekend and refused to hit the Black Friday sales, but looking at the credit card this morning, that may have been a mistake!

I guess we should expect a bump in retail sales in Q4, which won't please RBNZ Governor Adrian Orr, especially when Q3 saw a 0.4% increase following on from Q2's -2.3% contraction. Sales were up 3.9% on the year. While we are spending more, we're not feeling as confident after November's Roy Morgan consumer confidence fell to 80.7 from October's 85.4. But it's a different story in Germany after the GfK consumer indicator survey 'soared' to -40.2 from its previous -41.9 with expectations at -39.6. The latest headline print suggested a further consolidation at its base with both economic conditions and income expectations improving. The German final Q3 GDP printed at 0.4%, ahead of expectations at 0.3%.

Over the weekend, the PBoC cut the Reserve Requirement Ratio (RRR) for financial institutions by 25bps. The lowering of the RRR to 11.0%, for the larger banks, lowered the ratio to its lowest level since mid-2007 releasing around CNY500 billion of liquidity into the local economy. The central bank also added that it will keep liquidity 'reasonably' ample, which is appropriate given Chinese industrial profits fell by 3.0% in the 10-months to October. This was a steeper decline than the 2.3% drop in the previous period.

In Japan, consumer inflation in Tokyo increased to 3.8% on the year from October's 3.5%, its fastest rise in 40 years. Excluding fresh food, the CPI index rose 3.6% signalling further price gains for the rest of the nation.

The Bank of Korea, which was the first of the central banks to hike interest rates in 2021, emphasised it needs to see "strong" signs that inflation is under control before discussing any prospective pivot away from its current tightening cycle, furthermore, it is "premature" to discuss any rate cuts. Things are looking pretty grim in the UK after nurses joined rail drivers and announced industrial action in the runup to Christmas after the government rejected proposed wage increases of 5.0% above inflation. UK car production increased 7.4% in the 12-months to October. Just to emphasise staffing shortages, Cranswick, a UK pork supplier, is flying in 400 butchers from the Philippines to resolve a staffing crisis, at a cost of GBP10,000-GBP12,000 per butcher.

As most American's took Friday off to make for a long Thanksgiving break, equity markets were quiet and flat. Commodity markets were also largely unchanged although oil weakened despite the Saudi and Iraqi energy ministers stressing, "the importance of working within the OPEC+ framework" as Asian oil demand slumped to a 7-month low as hopes faded for a Chinese recovery. As you would expect, bond markets also 'flatlined' with the US 10-year at 3.69%. The USD-index firmed back over the 106 level, which saw the NZD/USD and AUD/ USD ease a touch.

In the US, the payrolls report will take central stage followed by speeches by several Fed officials, an estimate of GDP growth, ISM manufacturing PMI, CB consumer confidence, and personal income and spending. Also, attention will be given to inflation rate releases for Euro Area, Germany and France, and manufacturing PMIs for Australia.











	Spot	Spot FECs (mid)					Spot	Mid
FX	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		NZD/	AUD/
NZTWI	72.80					CAD	0.8330	0.9018
NZD/USD	0.6220	0.0001	0.0008	0.0007	0.0014	CHF	0.5880	0.6369
NZD/AUD	0.9257	-0.0007	-0.0022	-0.0057	-0.0115	CNY	4.4641	4.8243
NZD/JPY	86.91	-0.29	-0.96	-2.11	-4.51	DKK	4.4492	4.8076
NZD/EUR	0.5989	-0.0012	-0.0035	-0.0073	-0.0151	FJD	1.3631	1.4729
NZD/GBP	0.5148	-0.0003	-0.0008	-0.0018	-0.0040	HKD	4.8597	5.2511
						KRW	830.05	896.90
AU TWI	62.70					MYR	2.7835	3.0076
AUD/USD	0.6813	0.0006	0.0024	0.0046	0.0078	NOK	6.1137	6.6061
AUD/NZD	0.6535	0.0007	0.0024	0.0058	0.0124	SEK	6.4772	6.9989
AUD/JPY	93.82	-0.24	-0.82	-1.77	-3.78	SGD	0.8551	0.9239
AUD/EUR	0.6464	-0.0008	-0.0023	-0.0043	-0.0085	TWD	19.24	20.79
AUD/GBP	0.5563	0.0001	0.0004	0.0011	0.0026	ZAR	10.66	11.52
USD Index	106.06					EQUITIES		
EUR/USD	1.0393	0.0022	0.0072	0.0138	0.0255			Index
USD/JPY	139.31	-0.49	-1.71	-3.55	-7.23	NZX50		11,383
GBP/USD	1.2074	0.0009	0.0033	0.0056	0.0086	ASX200		7,260
EUR/GBP	0.8598	0.0011	0.0036	0.0073	0.0150	Dow Jo	nes	34,347
						S&P 50	0	4,026
INTEREST		New Zealand		Australia		FTSE100		7,487
RATES		Mid Mid		DAX 30		14,541		
						Nikkei		28,283
30 day bank bills 4.35		4.35%	2.97%					
90 day bank bills			4.43%		3.15%	COMMODITIES		
1 year swap			5.31%		3.68%			USD
2 year swap	5.2		5.22%	3.85%		Brent Crude		83.63
3 year swap		4.96		3.82%		Gold		1,756.14
5 year swap		4.60%		3.78%		Silver		21.59
10 year swap		4.41%			4.03%		Iron Ore	
3 year Govt bond		4.63%			3.30%	CRB In	CRB Index	
5 year Govt bond		4.40%			3.41%			NZD
10 year Govt l	year Govt bond		4.19%		3.67%	NZ Car	bon	86.20

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