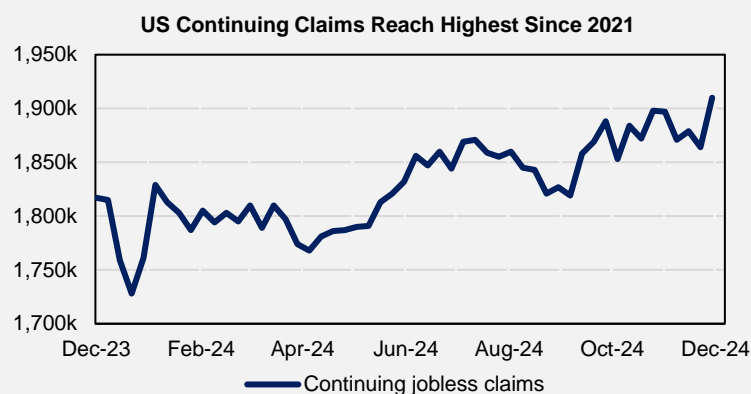


## Stock rally wanes on thin trading

- ▶ US continuing claims rose to 1.91m, highest in 3 years.
- ▶ US initial jobless claims ticked down to 219k last week.
- ▶ Japanese index Nikkei 225 rose over 1% on weaker Yen.

Chart of the day: US continuing claims rose to 1.91m.



## Macroeconomic news

- ▶ According to data from the US Labor department, US initial jobless claims ticked down to 219k in the week ended Dec. 21, versus expected 223k and prior figure of 220k.
- ▶ Recurring applications rose to the highest in more than three years, adding to signs that it is taking longer for out-of-work people to find a job. US continuing claims for the week ending Dec 14 rose to 1.91m, versus expected 1.88m and 1.87m prior figure.
- ▶ Japan industrial production fell less than expected by 2.3% MoM and 2.8% YoY versus an expected 3.5% MoM and 3.2% YoY decline.

## Rates and Fixed Income

- ▶ The 10Y UST yields inched lower while short term UST bill yields rose.
- ▶ Fixed income indexes had mixed performances on Thursday. Global HY outperformed while EM LCY Sovereign underperformed.

## Currencies

- ▶ The USD index fell on Thursday. The EUR rose against the USD while the GBP and JPY weakened against the USD.

## Equities

- ▶ US equities were relatively unchanged on thin trade. The Nikkei 225 rose over 1%. European and Hong Kong markets were closed for public holiday.
- ▶ GCC had mixed performances, DFM outperformed while DSM underperformed.

## Commodities

- ▶ Oil prices declined in thin end-of-year trading as investors assessed the outlook for 2025.
- ▶ Gold prices rose driven by safe-haven demand in light trading after the Christmas holiday.

## Key events in the day ahead

- ▶ US wholesale inventories

## Performance snapshot\*

Rates	Latest	1D (bp)	1M (bp)	3M (bp)
SOFR	4.40	0.00	-17.00	-44.00
UAE Eibor 3m	4.26	-11.32	-26.40	-42.48
UAE Eibor 12m	4.36	-6.82	-0.23	34.47
US 3m Bills	4.32	1.25	-17.35	-29.55
US 10yr Treasury	4.58	-0.60	31.93	79.78
German 10yr Bund	2.32	0.00	16.30	14.80
UK 10yr Gilt	4.58	0.00	28.00	58.50
Fixed Income		1D (%)	1M (%)	3M (%)
Global Agg. Index	463	-0.01	-1.68	-4.99
Global Treasuries	195	-0.08	-1.98	-5.84
Global Corporate	276	0.08	-1.41	-3.78
EM USD Sovereign	406	0.01	-1.25	-1.28
EM LCY Sovereign	149	-0.11	-0.16	-4.03
Global High Yield	1,663	0.10	-0.37	-0.08
Currencies				
Dollar Index	108.13	-0.12	1.93	7.15
EUR USD	1.0422	0.14	-1.36	-6.39
GBP USD	1.2525	-0.29	-1.22	-6.00
USD JPY	157.99	0.42	4.57	9.15
Equities				
S&P 500	6,038	-0.04	0.65	5.51
Dow Jones	43,326	0.07	-3.12	3.37
NASDAQ	20,020	-0.05	5.04	10.72
STOXX 600	504	0.00	-0.23	-2.95
DAX	19,849	0.00	3.05	4.92
Nikkei 225	39,568	1.12	3.76	4.48
FTSE 100	8,137	0.00	-1.66	-1.59
SENSEX	78,472	0.00	-2.20	-7.86
Hang Seng	20,098	0.00	2.53	5.07
MSCI World	3,779	0.00	-0.19	2.24
MSCI EM	1,085	-0.11	-0.27	-4.58
Regional Equities				
ADX	9,377	-0.41	0.98	-1.47
DFM	5,112	0.56	6.39	13.89
Tadawul	11,859	-0.28	2.32	-3.92
DSM	10,413	-0.50	0.50	-1.23
MSM30	4,468	-0.26	-1.37	-5.47
BHSE	1,986	0.04	-2.26	-1.63
KWSE	7,351	0.07	1.63	2.05
Commodities				
BBG Commodity Index	98.0	-0.17	0.30	-2.13
Brent USD/bbl	73.3	-0.43	0.59	-0.27
Gold USD/t oz	2,633.6	0.64	-0.09	-0.88
Copper USD/MT	8,847.5	0.00	-0.56	-8.02
Volatility				
VIX	14.73	3.22	4.47	-4.41
MOVE	95.20	-1.81	-2.60	3.88

Source: Bloomberg, and ADCB Asset Management

Notes: Data as at 8AM UAE time – December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Performance in local currency terms.

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