Daily Market View

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Qualcomm surges, gold slips, Trump-Xi talks loom

Macro headlines

President Trump met Japan's new Prime Minister Takaichi in Tokyo on Tuesday, marking their first encounter since she took office last week. Takaichi, closely aligned with former Prime Minister Abe, is expected to seek reassurances on trade and security as Trump continues his six-day Asia tour. In Mexico, President Sheinbaum said Washington has given her government "a few more weeks" to address 54 trade barriers or face 30% tariffs, underscoring the White House's aggressive stance. Domestically, Trump also signaled he may announce his pick to succeed Fed Chair Powell before year-end, with five finalists under consideration. The government shutdown entered its 27th day on Monday, with the largest federal workers' union urging Congress to act, while air travel chaos deepened as 5,600 flights were delayed due to staff shortages. In Argentina, President Milei's sweeping midterm victory boosted investor sentiment, though structural reforms remain daunting. Germany's Ifo index rose to 88.4, signaling modest improvement in business morale despite trade headwinds. Meanwhile on the corporate front, Amazon is preparing to cut up to 30,000 jobs, about 10% of its corporate workforce, in a major cost-cutting move. Qualcomm shares surged after unveiling new AI accelerator chips, intensifying competition with Nvidia.

Market performances

Global markets rallied Monday, buoyed by optimism over a potential US-China trade deal framework and anticipation of central bank decisions. US stocks closed at record highs: the Dow gained 0.7% to 47,545, the S&P 500 rose 1.2% to 6,875, and the Nasdaq surged 1.9% to 23,637. Qualcomm led tech gains, soaring after unveiling new AI chips, while investors looked ahead to earnings from Microsoft, Alphabet, Apple, Amazon, and Meta. MSCI's global index climbed 1.1%, hitting an intraday record, while Europe's STOXX 600 also closed at a fresh high. Argentina's Merval index jumped nearly 22% after President Milei's midterm win, with bonds and currency strengthening on hopes of reform momentum. GCC stock markets ended mixed on Monday, as indications of easing US-China trade tensions that supported risk sentiment coincided with corporate earnings reports that provided limited uplift to investor confidence and weak oil prices. Commodities were mixed: gold fell below USD4,000/oz, as froth came out of the market after a record run, while oil prices steadied after last week's sanctions-driven surge. In currencies, the dollar weakened against the euro, yuan, and Australian dollar, with the yuan boosted by a stronger-than-expected midpoint fix from the PBoC. Treasury yields eased slightly, the 10-year at 3.98%, as markets priced in a 97.8% chance of a Fed rate cut this week. Investors remain focused on trade diplomacy, central bank policy, and megacap earnings to sustain momentum.

What's next

This week is packed with pivotal events. The APEC CEO Summit opens in Korea, featuring high-profile speakers including Nvidia's Jensen Huang and JD.com's Sandy Ran Xu, setting the stage for discussions on technology, trade, and supply chains. In the US, the Conference Board's consumer confidence index will provide fresh insight into household sentiment, while the Federal Reserve is widely expected to cut rates by 25 basis points at its October 28–29 meeting. The European Central Bank and Bank of Japan also meet this week, with the ECB expected to hold steady and the BoJ debating whether conditions justify a rate hike. In Europe, Germany's GfK consumer confidence and the ECB's bank lending survey will be closely watched, while Chile announces its interest rate decision. Corporate earnings dominate the calendar, with reports due from a wide range of global heavyweights including HSBC, BNP Paribas, Novartis, PayPal, Visa, UnitedHealth, and Waste Management. Amazon's planned layoffs and Qualcomm's AI push will also remain in focus as investors assess the tech sector's trajectory. With Trump and Xi set to meet Thursday in South Korea, markets are bracing for signals on tariffs, rare earths, and trade commitments that could shape sentiment into year-end.

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Global markets' performance snapshot

Performance snapshot*				
Rates	**Latest**	**1D (bp)**	**3M (bp)**	**YTD (bp)**
SOFR	4.24	0.00	12.00	-12.00
UAE Eibor 3m	3.78	2.01	-18.12	-43.83
UAE Eibor 12m	3.68	0.53	-11.94	-51.07
US 3m Bills	3.81	-3.14	-11.14	-53.28
US 10yr Treasury	3.98	-2.12	-12.66	-40.83
German 10yr Bund	2.62	-1.00	-13.30	-10.20
UK 10yr Gilt	4.40	-3.00	-27.80	-23.30
Fixed Income		**1D (%)**	**1M (%)**	**3M(%)**
Global Agg. Index	502	0.13	0.17	1.71
Global Treasuries	209	0.10	-0.16	0.92
Global Corporate	304	0.18	0.64	2.89
EM USD Sovereign	455	1.07	2.37	5.87
EM LCY Sovereign	160	0.14	-0.21	0.93
Global High Yield	1,839	0.67	0.54	2.93
Currencies				
Dollar Index	98.78	-0.17	1.56	1.17
EUR USD	1.1638	0.09	-1.41	-0.89
GBP USD	1.3334	0.17	-1.38	-0.77
USD JPY	153.06	0.13	3.58	3.64
Equities				
S&P 500	6,875	1.23	3.28	7.62
Dow Jones	47,545	0.71	2.70	5.89
NASDAQ	23,637	1.86	4.71	11.98
STOXX 600	577	0.22	3.98	4.92
DAX	24,309	0.28	2.95	0.38
Nikkei 225	50,512	2.46	11.03	21.84
FTSE 100	9,654	0.09	4.67	5.85
SENSEX	84,779	0.67	3.26	4.07
Hang Seng	26,434	1.05	1.05	4.12
MSCI World	4,419	1.08	2.91	7.05
MSCI EM	1,408	1.34	4.56	11.94
Regional Equities				
ADX	10,192	-0.09	0.82	-1.43
DFM	6,041	-0.41	1.38	-1.78
Tadawul*	11,620	0.23	1.08	6.93
DSM*	10,896	-0.15	0.30	-3.94
MSM30*	5,432	0.67	4.90	9.50
BHSE*	2,045	1.94	4.71	5.91
KWSE*	8,864	-0.50	1.03	2.28
Commodities				
BBG Commodity Index	106.7	-0.61	2.90	3.14
Brent USD/bbl	65.6	-0.49	-2.97	-4.12
WTI USD/bbl	61.3	-0.31	-3.31	-5.91
Gold USD/t oz	4,006.6	-2.59	6.02	20.06
Silver USD/t oz	46.9	-3.65	6.43	22.78
Platinum USD/t oz	1,589.0	-1.28	7.56	13.00
Aluminum	2,873.9	0.57	8.97	8.97
Copper USD/MT	10,987.0	1.67	10.98	12.25
Digital Assets				
Bitcoin	114,469.6	3.20	2.19	-2.25
Ether	4,129.1	4.80	-1.16	12.00
Solana	198.8	2.67	-7.67	8.13
XRP	2.6	4.47	-8.04	-15.87
Volatility				
VIX	15.79	-3.54	-5.11	5.76
MOVE	66.87	-3.00	-11.62	-18.54

Source: Bloomberg, and ADCB Asset Management | Notes: *Data as at 8AM UAE time - October 28, 2025 unless stated otherwise. Performance in local currency.

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