

Equities rebound, as positive sentiment returns to markets

Weekly Snapshot



World Equities
Copper
Corporate Bonds



Sovereign Bonds
Gold
Oil

Week in Review

- Stocks rebounded strongly from oversold levels last week, as markets reacted positively to **solid economic data and optimism over the potential for a US-China trade deal**. Presidents Trump and Xi spoke on Thursday and all eyes are now on a face to face meeting later in the month.
- **Nonfarm payrolls surprised to the upside** on Friday, with 250,000 jobs created in October, easily surpassing the already lofty expectations of 200,000. **Wage growth also rose** above 3% for the first time since 2009.
- **Headline earnings were mixed, with Apple disappointing**. However, the underlying figures for the market as a whole were positive, with US economic data also painting an optimistic picture. Within monetary policy, both the **Bank of England** and the **Bank of Japan** left interest rates **unchanged**.

	1 Week Return 26.10.18 to 02.11.2018		Year to Date Return 31.12.17 to 02.11.2018	
	Local Currency %	Euro %	Local Currency %	Euro %
Global (euro)	2.9%	2.9%	-0.1%	3.4%
US	2.4%	2.6%	1.8%	7.4%
Europe	3.3%	3.3%	-6.7%	-6.7%
Ireland	4.1%	4.1%	-11.6%	-11.6%
UK	2.2%	3.5%	-7.7%	-6.6%
Japan	3.9%	2.9%	-8.7%	-4.3%
Hong Kong	7.2%	7.7%	-11.5%	-6.6%
Bonds	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%

The **global index** was up almost 3% in euro terms last week, led by eurozone and Asian stocks.

Oil moved lower once again, and closed at \$63/barrel, as global supply

side worries eased further. **Gold** closed higher at \$1233 per troy ounce, and was relatively flat across the week. **Copper** finished the week at \$6,319 per metric tonne, as it moved off recent lows.

The **ten year US bond yield** finished at 3.21%, on the back of strong US wage growth data whilst the **German equivalent** also closed higher at 0.43.

The **EUR/USD** rate was at 1.14.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 6 November	Thursday 8 November	Friday 9 November
The US mid-term elections take place, with results expected Wednesday. If the Democrats gain either the House or the Senate it may stymie President Trump's agenda over the coming years.	The Fed FOMC meets for their latest interest rate decision, where no change is expected. However, the proceedings will be closely watched for confirmation of the expected rate hike in December.	Chinese CPI data goes to print, where the consensus expects the latest figure to come in at 2.4% (YoY) from a previous reading of 2.5%.

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