

# Bank Dhofar Morning Market Update



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## Global Update

Japanese shares outperformed in Asia on Thursday after more evidence of a slowing US job market boosted the case for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates next week. A sale of the Asian nation's 30-year government bonds drew the strongest demand since 2019. The Topix and Nikkei 225 rose more than 1.5% each versus a gain of 0.3% for MSCI Inc.'s broader gauge of Asian equities. Indexes in South Korea and Taiwan snapped a two-day advance. US stock futures were steady after the S&P 500 climbed 0.3% overnight, while Bitcoin hovered near \$93,500 after a two-day rally. Data on Wednesday showed US companies shed payrolls in November by the most since early 2023, reinforcing concerns about a more pronounced labor market weakening. Swaps pricing indicated rising expectations for a December cut Wednesday, with traders assigning more than a 90% chance to a 25-basis-point reduction. In commodities, silver fell but continued to trade near an all-time high on the reinforced bets of a Fed cut. Gold edged lower. Oil held a modest gain as investors weighed the outlook for a ceasefire in Ukraine and the fallout from tensions between the US and Venezuela.

Gold has entered a phase of upside consolidation, oscillating in a familiar range around the \$4,200 mark, awaiting more US jobs data for fresh hints on the US Federal Reserve's interest rate outlook beyond the December monetary policy meeting. In the daily chart, XAU/USD trades at \$4,197.02. The 21-, 50-, 100-, and 200-day Simple Moving Averages (SMAs) rise in bullish sequence, with the 21-day above the longer tenors. Price holds above all these gauges, keeping the near-term bias upward. The 21-day SMA at \$4,126.81 offers nearby dynamic support. The Relative Strength Index (14) stands at 59.83, signaling firm momentum while staying short of overbought. Measured from the \$4,381.17 high to the \$3,885.84 low, the 61.8% retracement at \$4,191.95 is being reclaimed, and a sustained close above it would weaken the preceding bearish leg. Further strength would put the 78.6% retracement at \$4,275.16 in play as resistance. Holding above the short-term average would keep the path skewed to the upside, while a rejection back below the 61.8% retracement could trigger a pullback toward the medium-term trend.



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg

Currencies				Rates		
	Open	High	Low		Last Price	Previous Day Close
EURUSD	1.1671	1.1675	1.1653	O/N SOFR	4.010	0.000
GBPUSD	1.3353	1.3353	1.3328	1 month SOFR	3.835	3.835
USDJPY	155.25	155.5400	155.02	3 month SOFR	3.772	3.772
USDINR	90.41	90.42	90.26	6 months SOFR	3.699	3.699
USDCNY	7.0682	7.0710	7.0675	12 month SOFR	3.526	3.526
USDCHF	0.7996	0.8009	0.7994	3 years IRS	3.272	3.256

AUDUSD	0.6601	0.6614	0.6598	5 years IRS	3.345	3.331
NZDUSD	0.5774	0.5776	0.5761			

In currency markets, a gauge of the dollar rose 0.1% after dropping 0.4% in the previous session.The euro fell 0.1% to \$1.1656.The Japanese yen fell 0.1% to 155.44 per dollar.The offshore yuan fell 0.1% to 7.0661 per dollar.The Australian dollar rose 0.1% to \$0.6609.

		Global Markets			
Current Levels			Level	1-Day Change (%)	YTD (%)
CBO Repo Rate	4.5				
O/N OMIBOR	4	S&P 500	6850	0.298	16.46
*Bank Deposit Rates for 1 years	4.00	Euro Stoxx 600	576	0.099	13.51
		ShanghaiComposite Index	3880	0.039	15.75
Bank Deposit Rates for 5 years	4.00	MSX-30	5837	1.107	27.53

\*Amount>500k OMR

Calendar			
Key Data Watch	Time (GST)	Expected	Prior
Challenger Job Cuts YoY	16:30	48%	175%
Initial Jobless Claims	16:30	220k	216k

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