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Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets positive, bond yields down, and USD up. Risk appetite keeps improving supported today by good quarterly earnings from the tech sector and ahead of the decision of the Fed in which we expect a pause period to begin after a cumulative rate cut of 100bps last year
- The Federal Reserve's decision will also include Powell's press conference.
 Today's agenda besides includes monetary policy decisions in Brazil and Canada. We expect the Copom to increase the Selic rate in 100bp
- Bank of England governor Bailey will appear at the Treasury Select Committee, the European Capital Markets Forum will be held in Warsaw and Asia celebrates the Lunar New Year
- Regarding economic figures, the US will report the trade balance data
- In Mexico, INEGI released December's employment report. The unemployment came in at 2.43%, with 683.5k jobs lost. With sa figures the rate came in at 2.59%. In the year, 174.7k jobs were created. Same-store sales from ANTAD will be released later

The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
	Markets closed in Asia by Lunar New Year celebration				
Eurozone					
4:00	Monetary aggregates (M3)* - Dec	% y/y		3.9	3.8
Mexico					
7:00	Unemployment rate - Dec	%	2.54	2.54	2.64
United Sta	tes				
8:30	Trade balance* - Dec	US\$bn		-105.0	-102.9
14:00	FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound)	%	4.50	4.50	4.50
14:00	FOMC Rate Decision (Lower Bound)	%	4.25	4.25	4.25
14:00	Interest Rate on Excess Reserves (IOER)	%	4.40	4.40	4.40
14:30	Fed Chair Powell Holds Post-Meeting Press Conference				
Brazil					
16:30	Monetary policy decision (Central bank of	%	13.25	13.25	12.25

Source: Bloomberg and Banorte. (P) preliminary data; (R) revised data; (F) final data; * Seasonally adjusted, ** Seasonally adjusted annualized rate.

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A glimpse to the main financial assets

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	Last	Daily chg.			
Equity indices					
S&P 500 Futures	6,097.50	0.0%			
Euro Stoxx 50	5,235.57	0.8%			
Nikkei 225	39,414.78	1.0%			
Shanghai Composite	3,250.60	0.0%			
Currencies					
USD/MXN	20.53	-0.1%			
EUR/USD	1.04	-0.3%			
DXY	108.16	0.3%			
Commodities					
WTI	73.46	-0.4%			
Brent	77.12	-0.5%			
Gold	2,757.22	-0.2%			
Copper	424.80	0.0%			
Sovereign bonds					
10-year Treasury	4.52	-1pb			

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Positive stock markets, with investors assimilating a greater flow of corporate reports with favorable signals. This, ahead of the Fed's monetary policy meeting and awaiting the results of three of the 'Magnificent Seven' (Meta, Microsoft and Tesla) at markets close
- In the US, futures anticipate a positive opening, with the Nasdaq up 0.4%. Europe trades with gains. ASML shares rise (+8.8%) after order bookings beat estimates. The report dismissed concerns about chip demand, boosting tech stocks. Meanwhile, the luxury sector is dragged down by weak sales of LVMH (-5.0%). China remains closed for holiday
- In Mexico, Gcc reported figures in line with expectations and positive 2024 guidance. Profitability in the US was surprising, although challenges continue in Mexico. Bbajio's results are expected at markets close

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Positive bias in sovereign bonds, particularly in Europe, where 10-year benchmarks are posting gains of ~3bps. Treasuries are trading more steadily, with minimal changes across the curve, which is pricing in combined -50bps of implied cuts for 2025
- The dollar is advancing modestly in index terms, driven by gains against most G10 currencies and a generally favorable performance against EM FX.
 Within the latter, some currencies are lagging, including the MXN, which is appreciating 0.1% to 20.53
- Oil is down by less than 1%, with recent sessions proving sensitive to headlines on potential tariffs from the US. Today, focus turns to the DOE's weekly inventory report after the API signaled a build. Gold is edging lower as other metals outperform

Corporate Debt

- Moody's Local Mexico upgraded Grupo Minsa's rating to 'A-.mx' from 'BBB+.mx' with Stable outlook. The upgrade is based on the recent consolidation of operations of Almacenadora Mercader, which diversifies the company's businesses while increasing the consolidated entity's current and potential revenues
- HR Ratings affirmed FHipo's ratings at 'HR AA+' with a Stable outlook, based on the Trust's high solvency position, which closed with a capitalization ratio of 87.8%, a leverage ratio of 0.6x and an outstanding portfolio to net debt ratio of 2.5x as of 3Q24

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.		
Equity indices				
Dow Jones	44,850.35	0.3%		
S&P 500	6,067.70	0.9%		
Nasdaq	19,733.59	2.0%		
IPC	51,535.96	-0.3%		
Ibovespa	124,055.50	-0.6%		
Euro Stoxx 50	5,195.71	0.1%		
FTSE 100	8,533.87	0.4%		
CAC 40	7,897.37	-0.1%		
DAX	21,430.58	0.7%		
Nikkei 225	39,016.87	-1.4%		
Hang Seng	20,225.11	0.1%		
Shanghai Composite	3,250.60	0.0%		
Sovereign bonds				
2-year Treasuries	4.19	0pb		
10-year Treasuries	4.53	0pb		
28-day Cetes	9.87	11pb		
28-day TIIE	10.28	-1pb		
2-year Mbono	9.47	4pb		
10-year Mbono	10.04	-3pb		
Currencies				
USD/MXN	20.56	-0.6%		
EUR/USD	1.04	-0.6%		
GBP/USD	1.24	-0.4%		
DXY	107.87	0.5%		
Commodities				
WTI	73.77	0.8%		
Brent	77.49	0.5%		
Mexican mix	69.63	0.6%		
Gold	2,763.51	0.8%		
Copper	424.65	0.4%		

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