The Week Ahead

Week Ahead Dec. 11-17

Focus: The Federal Reserve meeting is front and center on Wednesday after Powells recent hawkish comments to accelerate tapering at a Congressional. Besides assessing whether the Fed (and Powell) leans dovish/hawkish into 2022, the market will also be watching the dot plots for 2022 & 2023, as well as how Omicron risk factors into the rate / tapering projections. The BOE & ECB then meet on Thursday, with Central banks of Japan, Turkey, Chile, Mexico, Philippines, Indonesia and Russia also deciding rates in the coming days. Theres also a range of inflation data (Eurozone, UK, and many others). Other data includes US reports on producer price inflation, retail sales & industrial production, while its also a key week for China's economy (release of retail sales, industrial production and home prices).

Monday, Dec. 13

- U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken travels to Indonesia and will also visit Malaysia and Thailand during his Asian swing.
- Economic data: India CPI. Hong Kong industrial production & PPI

Tuesday, Dec. 14

- Brazil central bank releases the minutes of its last policy meeting.
- The U.S. Federal Open Market Committee starts its two-day policy meeting.
- Economic data: Eurozone and Japan industrial production. U.K. jobless claims, unemployment. U.S. PPI

Wednesday, Dec. 15

- FOMC rate decision and Powell news conference
- Economic data: CPI for Argentina, Canada, France, Israel, Italy, Nigeria, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, & U.K. Canada housing starts & existing home sales. China industrial production, retail sales, property prices, fixed assets & surveyed jobless. U.S. retail sales & empire manufacturing.

Thursday, Dec. 16

- Rate decisions for, BOE, ECB, Switzerland, Norway Taiwan, Turkey, Indonesia, Philippines & Mexico.
- EU Leader Summit starts in Brussels. Through Dec. 17.
- Economic data: Markit manufacturing PMI: Eurozone, France, Germany, U.K & Australia. Trade: Italy, Singapore & Japan. U.S. housing starts, initial jobless claims, industrial production

Friday, Dec. 17

- Rate decisions for BOJ and Bank of Russia:
- "Quadruple witching" day in the U.S. market, the simultaneous expiration of stock index futures, stock index options, stock options and single stock futures.
- Economic data: Eurozone CPI & new car registrations. Germany IFO business climate

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