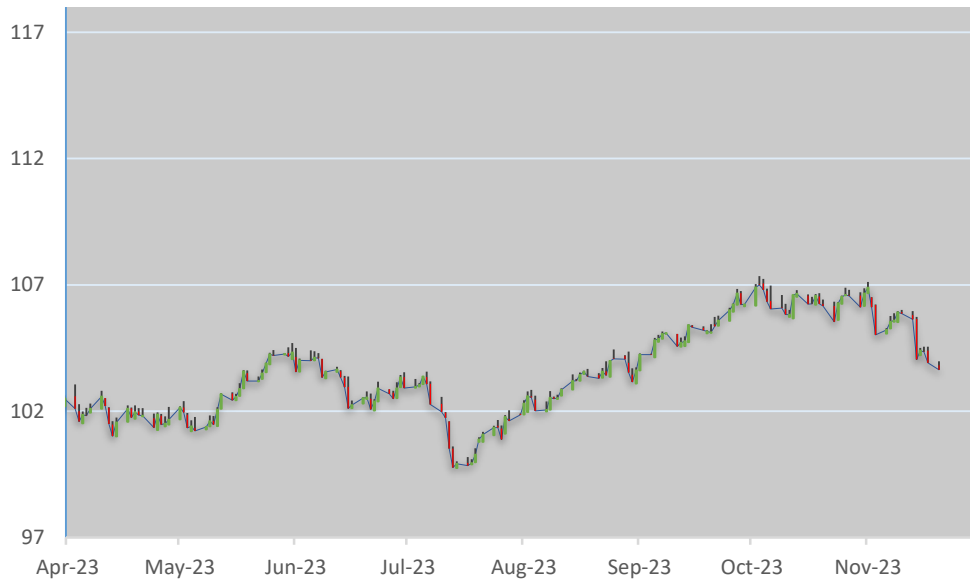


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Dollar Index
Dollar Index Graph


Source: Thomson Reuters

Dollar Outlook

- It's a holiday-shortened week ahead, as Americans will be celebrating Thanksgiving day on Thursday (23/11), which could lead to minimal volatility and thin trading heading into black Friday.
- However, we will look forward to the Minutes of the Federal Reserve's November meeting and the US existing home sales on Tuesday (21/11) for any impact on the US Dollar valuations.
- Wednesday (22/11) will be a busy day, with a couple of top-tier US data releases in the jobless claims and durable goods orders.
- For Friday (24/11, the S&P global preliminary manufacturing and services PMIs will be release.

Lower Bound	103.00	Upper Bound	104.50
Forecast	Depreciation		

Dollar News

- The dollar fell more than 1% against major currencies after U.S. consumer price data showed the pace of inflation moderating further in October, increasing the odds that the Federal Reserve is done hiking interest rates. In the 12 months through October, the CPI grew by 3.2% after rising 3.7% in September. The benchmark 10-year fell below 4.5%, removing a major support to the dollar's strength this year.
- Moreover, both initial jobless claims and industrial production coming in worse than expected. Initial jobless claims rose to 231k for the week ended November 11, while industrial production contracted by 0.6% for the month of November. The data continued to weigh on the US Dollar as market bets that the Federal Reserve will trim interest rates by mid-2024.

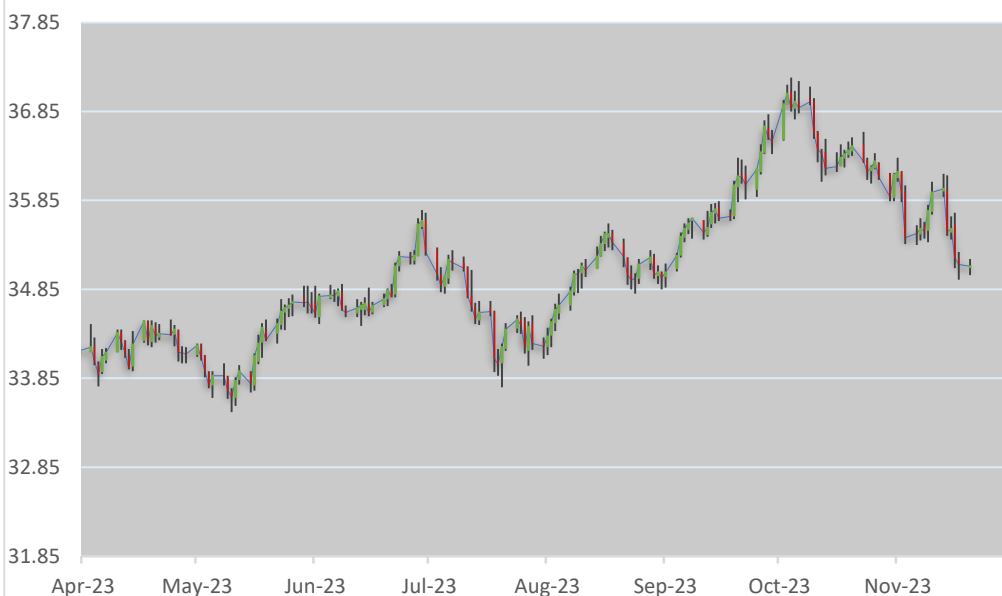
Dollar Index Performance

Last Week Close	105.86	Monthly High	107.11
Week Open	105.80	Monthly Low	103.54
Week Close	103.92	30 Days Average	105.79
Weekly High	106.01	90 Days Average	104.47
Weekly Low	103.81	YTD Change	+0.11%

Next Week's Dollar Index Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Existing Home Sales	Oct	21-Nov	3.93M	3.96M
Durable Goods	Oct	22-Nov	-3.0%	4.6%
U Mich Sentiment Final	Nov	22-Nov		60.4
S&P Global Mfg PMI Flash	Nov	24-Nov		50.0
S&P Global Svcs PMI Flash	Nov	24-Nov		50.6
S&P Global Comp Flash PMI	Nov	24-Nov		50.7
Initial Jobless Clm		13 Nov, w/ 22-Nov		231k

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Thai Baht
Thai Baht Graph


Source: Thomson Reuters

Thai Baht News

- At the beginning of last week, the Thai Baht weakened to above 36 against the dollar as renewed concerns surfaced over Thailand's fiscal discipline, after Mr Srettha Thavisin unveiled the government's plan to seek parliament approval for a borrowing bill worth 500 billion baht to fund the 10,000 baht digital wallet stimulus handout on Friday (10/11), leading to outflows from Thai bond and stock markets. Moreover, Fed chair Jerome Powell said on Friday (10/11) that the central bank is leaving the door open for additional interest rate hikes to combat inflation.
- However, the Thai baht appreciated against the dollar after US CPI missed forecasts, increasing investor bets that rates could come back down sooner. In addition, China's August retail sales, jump 7.6% YoY versus 7.0% expected and 5.5% previous. Broader markets have flipped the risk appetite switch to on.

Thai Baht Performance

Last Week Close	35.73 THB/USD	Monthly High	36.33 THB/USD
Week Open	35.96 THB/USD	Monthly Low	35.01 THB/USD
Week Close	35.13 THB/USD	30 Days Average	35.99 THB/USD
Weekly High	36.15 THB/USD	90 Days Average	35.57 THB/USD
Weekly Low	34.96 THB/USD	YTD Change	+1.42%

Thai Baht Outlook

- The national economic and social development council is scheduled to announce GDP growth for the third quarter on Monday (20/11), with the rate expected to grow on a quarter-on-quarter and a year-on-year basis. For the second quarter this year, growth was lower than anticipated because of uncertainty surrounding the formation of a new government. Improving economic growth in the third quarter would also support a stronger Thai baht against the US dollar.
- The market expects the Fed to cut its policy rate by one percentage point next year. If the Fed reduces its rate earlier than projected, it would ease the bond market's volatility and show clearer signs for the baht's appreciation

Next Week's Thai Baht Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
GDP Growth YY	Q3	20-Nov	2.4%	1.8%
GDP Growth QQ SA	Q3	20-Nov	1.2%	0.2%
Custom-Based Export Data	Oct	20-Nov		2.10%
Custom-Based Import Data	Oct	20-Nov		-8.30%
Customs-Based Trade Data	Oct	20-Nov		2.10B

Lower Bound	34.50	Upper Bound	35.50
Forecast	Appreciation		

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Euro Graph


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Euro Outlook

- This week, Eurostat will release the final reading of the October Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is expected to show no surprises. Moreover, European Central Bank (ECB) President Christine Lagarde will speak at the Frankfurt European Banking Congress, but her words are unlikely to have a significant impact as the market expects the central bank to keep rates unchanged in the next meetings.
- The euro may remain stuck in the range between 1.0800-1.1000 USD/EUR without a catalyst to keep the euro advance against the greenback going.

Lower Bound	1.0800	Upper Bound	1.1000
Forecast	Appreciation		

Euro News

- At the beginning of last week, the euro gained against the US dollar after ECB President Christine Lagarde said on Friday (10/11) that European Central Bank interest rates kept at a record high for long enough could return inflation to the bank's 2% target.
- However, the euro climbed above 1.0700 USD/EUR as the US dollar recedes after US CPI inflation showed sign of cooling.
- Euro area final inflation data was released last week with no surprises or adjustments to the preliminary number. Despite positives reflected in falling inflation, ECB Member Holzmann refuses to commit to rate cuts or call an end to rate hikes.

Euro Index Performance

Last Week Close	1.0681 USD/EUR	Monthly High	1.0935 USD/EUR
Week Open	1.0682 USD/EUR	Monthly Low	1.0518 USD/EUR
Week Close	1.0907 USD/EUR	30 Days Average	1.0663 USD/EUR
Weekly High	1.0915 USD/EUR	90 Days Average	1.0766 USD/EUR
Weekly Low	1.0663 USD/EUR	YTD Change	+2.05%

Next Week's Euro Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Producer Prices MM	Oct	20-Nov	-0.1%	-0.2%
Producer Prices YY	Oct	20-Nov		-14.7%
Consumer Confid. Flash	Nov	22-Nov	-17.5	-17.9
HCOB Mfg Flash PMI	Nov	23-Nov	43.5	43.1
HCOB Services Flash PMI	Nov	23-Nov	48.0	47.8
HCOB Composite Flash PMI	Nov	23-Nov	46.7	46.5
GDP Detailed QQ SA	Q3	24-Nov	-0.1%	-0.1%
GDP Detailed YY NSA	Q3	24-Nov		-0.8%
Ifo Business Climate New	Nov	24-Nov	87.5	86.9

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Pound Sterling
Pound Sterling Graph


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Pound Sterling Outlook

- Following the top-tier UK data releases, market participants added to their bets on the Bank of England (BoE) cutting interest rate next year, with three 25 basis points (bps) reductions in Bank Rate fully priced in by December 2024 and a first cut fully priced in for June.
- At the start of the week on Monday, BoE Governor Andrew Bailey is due to speak at the Henry Plumb memorial lecture.
- Moreover, the market will be eyes on the preliminary manufacturing and services PMI reports from the United Kingdom on Thursday (23/11).

Pound Sterling News

- The pound sterling was pressured as the UK GDP in the third quarter remained stagnant while investors forecasted a contraction by 0.1%. In the second quarter, the economy grew by 0.2%.
- However, the pound sharply gained against the US dollar to the highest level since mid-September after a US economic data dominated expectations that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is done with its interest rate hiking cycle. The market sentiment surrounding the Fed policy expectations kept the US Dollar in the back seat alongside US Treasury bond yields, helping the GBP/USD pair regain some of the lost ground.
- The UK CPI rose 4.6% from a year earlier in October, down sharply from the 6.7% rate in September and registering the slowest pace since 2021, the Office for National Statistics said Wednesday (15/11). Meanwhile, the UK ILO Unemployment Rate held steady at 4.2% in the quarter to September.

Pound Sterling Performance

Last Week Close	1.2222 USD/GBP	Monthly High	1.2505 USD/GBP
Week Open	1.2217 USD/GBP	Monthly Low	1.2097 USD/GBP
Week Close	1.2461 USD/GBP	30 Days Average	1.2242 USD/GBP
Weekly High	1.2505 USD/GBP	90 Days Average	1.2462 USD/GBP
Weekly Low	1.2210 USD/GBP	YTD Change	+3.17%

Next Week's Pound Sterling Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Flash Composite PMI	Nov	23-Nov		48.7
Flash Manufacturing PMI	Nov	23-Nov		44.8
Flash Services PMI	Nov	23-Nov		49.5
GfK Consumer Confidence	Nov	24-Nov		-30
Nationwide house price mm	Nov	24-Nov		0.9%
Nationwide house price yy	Nov	24-Nov		-3.3%

Lower Bound **1.2400** **Upper Bound** **1.2600**
Forecast **Appreciation**

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 **Australian Dollar**

Australian Dollar Graph



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Australian Dollar Outlook

- This week, the focus will be on manufacturing and service PMI data on Thursday (23/11).
- Last week, Australian labor market numbers left the door open for more RBA rate hikes.
- Australian wage growth and employment numbers tilted monetary policy divergence toward the Australian dollar. However, signs of a deteriorating global macroeconomic environment could cap the upside over the near term.

Australian Dollar News

- Last week, the Australian dollar gained against the US dollar after recent US economic data is showing signs of weakness, the US continuous jobless claims data rose to levels last seen roughly two years ago alongside an initial claims beat.
- Australian jobs market stays strong but not enough to extend AUD upside.
- Data from Australia showed that employment rose by 55,000 in October, surpassing the consensus estimate of 20,000 and significantly higher than the revised figure of 7,800 from the previous month (originally reported as 6,700). Most of the job gains were in part-time positions. The unemployment rate rose from 3.6% to 3.7% as expected.

Australian Dollar Performance

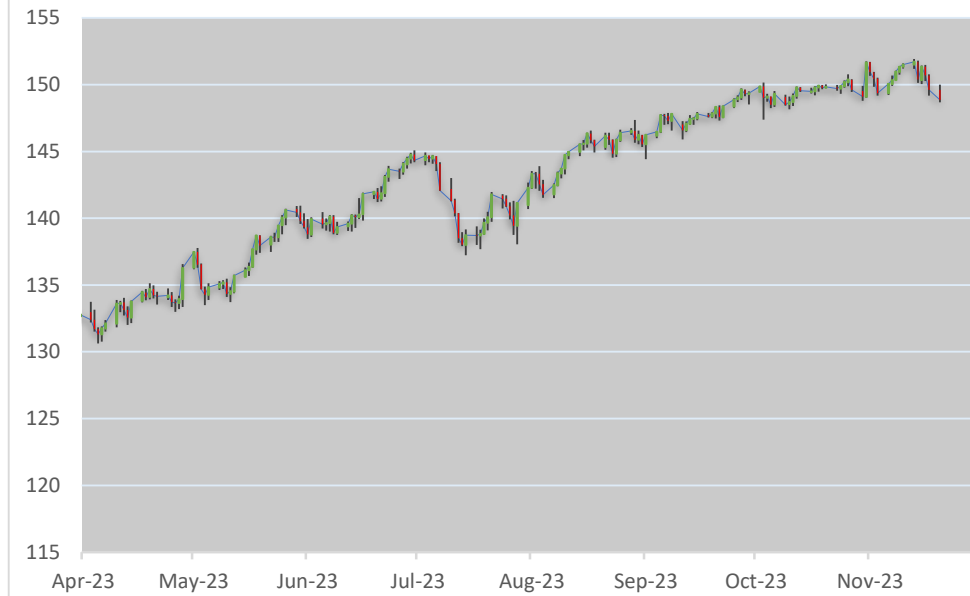
Last Week Close	0.6364 USD/AUD	Monthly High	0.65620 USD/AUD
Week Open	0.6343 USD/AUD	Monthly Low	0.63190 USD/AUD
Week Close	0.6508 USD/AUD	30 Days Average	0.64265 USD/AUD
Weekly High	0.6541 USD/AUD	90 Days Average	0.65886 USD/AUD
Weekly Low	0.6342 USD/AUD	YTD Change	-3.80%

Next Week's Australian Dollar Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
Composite Leading Idx MM	Oct	22-Nov		0.07%
Judo Bank Mfg PMI Flash	Nov	23-Nov		48.2
Judo Bank Svs PMI Flash	Nov	23-Nov		47.9
Judo Bank Comp PMI Flash	Nov	23-Nov		47.6

Lower Bound	0.6450	Upper Bound	0.6650
Forecast	Appreciation		

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Japanese Yen Graph


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Japanese Yen Outlook

- This week, Japanese inflation will be key due to its significance in determining BoJ policy going forward. The BoJ has frequently reinforced the fact that they need to see inflation consistently above the 2% target rate before looking to alter policy, and with forecasts scheduled to push higher, this may stoke easing policy measures from the central bank.

Japanese Yen News

- At the beginning of the week, the Japanese yen weakened above 151.60 against the dollar, the highest since Nov. 1. Traders remained on alert for potential intervention in the Japanese currency, which is near a one-year low of 151.74 reached last week. The yen is on track for its worst week since August, with the dollar gaining 1.48% against the currency last week.
- However, the Japanese yen gained towards to 150.90 against the dollar amid soft US CPI data, which fueled a decline in US Treasury yields and hawkish bets on the Federal Reserve.
- But Bank of Japan Governor Kuzuo Ueda on Friday (17/11) stressed on the need to maintain an ultra-dovish stance, presenting little near-term relief for the yen. Ueda's comment also came just a few days after data showed Japan's economy shrank much more than expected in the September quarter

Last Week Close	151.50 JPY/USD	Monthly High	151.92 JPY/USD
Week Open	151.51 JPY/USD	Monthly Low	148.70 JPY/USD
Week Close	149.62 JPY/USD	30 Days Average	141.74 JPY/USD
Weekly High	151.92 JPY/USD	90 Days Average	138.44 JPY/USD
Weekly Low	149.18 JPY/USD	YTD Change	+13.52%

Next Week's Japanese Yen Economic Events

Events	Period	Date	Forecast	Previous
CPI, Core Nationwide YY	Oct	24-Nov		2.8%
CPI, Overall Nationwide	Oct	24-Nov		3.0%
JibunBK Mfg PMI Flash SA	Nov	24-Nov		48.7
JibunBK Comp Op Flash SA	Nov	24-Nov		50.5
JibunBK SVC PMI Flash SA	Nov	24-Nov		51.6
Leading Indicator Revised	Sep	24-Nov		-0.5

Lower Bound	148.00	Upper Bound	150.00
Forecast	Appreciation		

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