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The World is smoldering,...

Gold Rally Points to Eroding Faith in Central Banks Worldwide

https://www.wsj.com/economy/central-banking/gold-price-central-bank-28eac30f?mod=hp_lead_pos2

On Saturday, Japan got a new prime minister. On Tuesday, gold topped \$4,000 for the first time.

It wasn't a coincidence. Sanae Takaichi, the <u>surprise nominee</u> to lead Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, is a fiscal and monetary dove. She wants more economic stimulus, and the <u>Bank of Japan</u> to help by not raising rates too much. News of her selection sent the yen down and Japanese stocks and bond yields up. The news also added to <u>gold's epic run this year</u>, with a further 2.6% jump Monday and Tuesday. It turns out the U.S. isn't the only country where massive debts and populist politics threaten the value of "fiat" currencies like the dollar—i.e., those backed by nothing tangible—and the central banks that issue them.Last month, Nigel Farage, leader of the populist Reform UK party, now <u>ahead in polls in Britain</u>, criticized the Bank of England for selling bonds, because the resulting losses and upward pressure on interest rates were costing taxpayers. The European Central Bank, designed with near total independence from politicians, looks secure for now. But pressure on it could build, too. France just <u>lost its fourth prime minister</u> in a little over a year amid an impasse over taming its debt. In both France and Germany, populists who in the past advocated abandoning the euro are leading the polls.

How China Threatens to Force Taiwan Into a Total Blackout

https://www.wsj.com/world/asia/chinese-blockade-taiwan-d5b241c7?mod=world_lead_pos3

Chinese military exercises around Taiwan have sparked an urgent effort in Taipei and Washington to address a critical vulnerability on the island: It is almost entirely dependent on imported fuel.

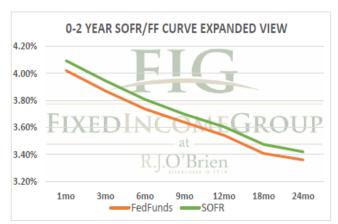
Recent Chinese drills showed <u>how China would encircle and strangle Taiwan</u> by blocking its life-sustaining shipping lanes, a strategy with potentially less risk than staging <u>a full-scale invasion</u>, as Beijing pursues its stated goal of gaining control of the self-ruled island, by force if necessary.

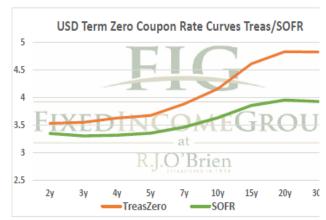
The challenge of steeling Taiwan against a blockade starts with energy, in particular the liquefied natural gas used to generate nearly half of Taiwan's electricity.

Some 97% of <u>Taiwan's energy is imported</u> by sea. If completely cut off, its LNG inventory would be fully depleted within days, crippling the island's ability to produce electricity.

Term SOFR	Ticker	Settle	Yest	Change
1 Month	TSFR1M Index	4.07888	4.08372	-0.004840
3 Month	TSFR3M Index	3.92738	3.93532	-0.007940
6 Month	TSFR6M Index	3.79561	3.79652	-0.000910
12 Month	TSFR12M Index	3.59782	3.6014	-0.003580

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^{**} Futures indicative prices supplied for analytics purposes only. Rates are not intended as a real-time offer to buy or sell.

Term SOFR from 1-day Returns								
4.09423%	3.94437%	3.80606%	3.69664%	3.60343%	3.47309%	3.41847%	3.43684%	
1.00352559	1.010080058	1.019241731	1.028032852	1.036534746	1.052771743	1.069319064	1.104632758	
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo	18mo	24mo	36mo	
10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	
11/7/2025	1/7/2026	4/7/2026	7/7/2026	10/7/2026	4/7/2027	10/7/2027	10/7/2028	
31	92	182	273	365	547	730	1096	

Term FedFunds from 1-day Returns								
4.02130%	3.86912%	3.73562%	3.63640%	3.54075%	3.40630%	3.35871%		
100.34628%	100.98877%	101.88856%	102.75760%	103.58992%	105.17569%	106.81073%		
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo	18mo	24mo		
10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	10/8/2025		
11/7/2025	1/7/2026	4/7/2026	7/7/2026	10/7/2026	4/7/2027	10/7/2027		
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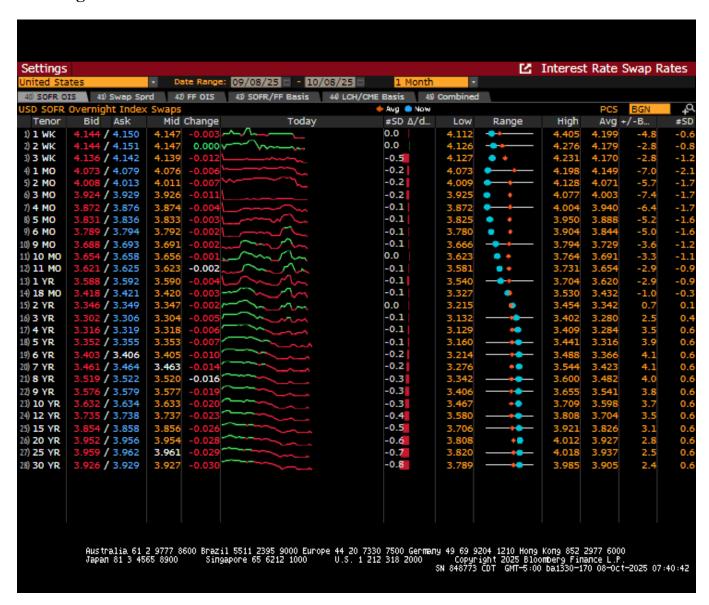
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Getting Granular

The Fed watches 1-month bills v. 1-month bills 6-months forward. Below is a chart of 1-month SOFR v. 1-month SOFR 6-months forward.



Federal Reserve economists s watching forward rates relative to those on current Treasury bills has served traders well in the past.

When the short term forward spread inverts, it indicates easier Fed policy in the near future.



SFRZ5: 96-33[^] is the pivot point. Above the pivot you should be long, below short. Resistance is 96-33[^] and 96-39** Support is 96-27** [^]Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point.



UXYZ5: 115-14[^] is the pivot point. Above the pivot you should be long, below short.

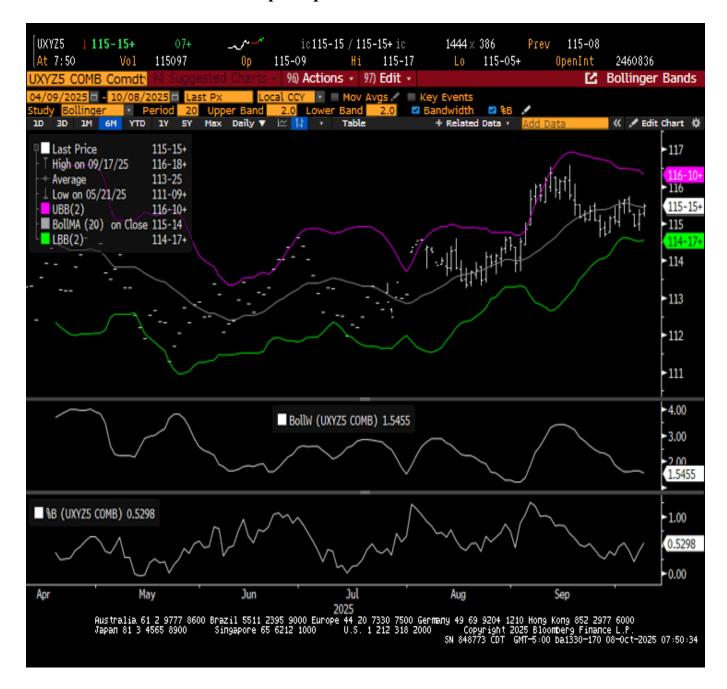
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Resistance is 115-14[^] and 116-100*

Support is 114-18**

^Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average.

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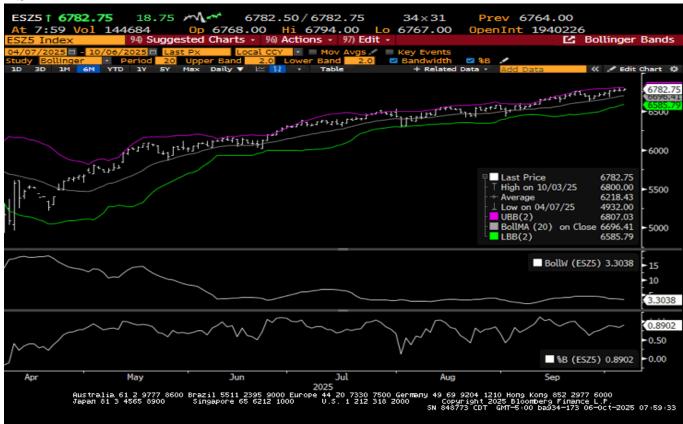


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GT10 Notes 4.10% is the pivot point. Above the pivot you should be long, below short. Resistance is 4.24%** Support is 4.10% and 4.0%** Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point.



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The S&P is +9 and the NASDAQ is +25

Earnings: www.moneycentral.msn.com/investor/market/earncalendar
On Bloomberg type in ACDR <GO>

UK

In the UK the FTSE is +0.87%. BOE Rate 4.0% (.25 BP Cut). Next meeting 11/06/25. The CAX Index is +0.89%. The DAX Index is +0.71%. ECB

Main Refinancing Operations Rate 2.40% (.25 bp Cut). Marginal Lending Facility Rate 2.50%. Next meeting 11/06/25

Japan:

The TOPIX closed at +0.25%. The NIKKEI closed at -0.45%. BOJ Policy Balance Rate +0.50% Next meeting 07/31/25

China:

The Hang Seng closed -0.48%.

The Shanghai Composite closed +0.52%.

PBOC

Deposit Rate: 1.50%

1-Year Prime Rate: 3.00% 7-Day Repo Rate: 1.5291%

Reserve Requirement Ratio: 9.50% (50 BP Cut)

S&P Dow Jones Indices

Historical Index Data



 $\underline{ttps://emma.msrb.org/ToolsAndResources/SNPIndices}$

The Fundamentals

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Bureau of Labor and Statistics

http://www.bls.gov/news.release/

CPI, ECI, Employment situation PPI, CPI, Productivity and Costs, Real Earnings and US import/exports.

Average Hourly Earnings y/y Department of Labor Department.



Bureau of Labor Statistics

https://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesnaicsrev.htm

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Revisions between over-the-month estimates, 1979-present

KC Federal Reserve Agricultural Finance Update

August 26, 225

Weakness in Crop Sector weighs further on Farm Finances

Farm income and credit conditions deteriorated steadily throughout the Midwest and plains states in the second quarter of 2025 as profit opportunities in the crop sector remained weak. According to Federal Reserve Surveys of Agricultural Credit Conditions, farm borrower income and loan repayment rates deteriorated at a pace similar to last quarter. Weakness was most pronounced in regions heavily concentrated in crop production while strength in cattle and other livestock industries provided support to finances in some areas. Reduced working capital continued to drive higher demand for financing and interest rates on agricultural loans remained elevated. Farm real estate values declined slightly in some regions, but remained strong, which continued to bolster balance sheets and help limit financial stress for many producers.

How do Farm Incomes Compare to the average population

https://www.ers.usda.gov/faqs/#Q1

Charge-off Delinquency Rates on Loans and Leases at Commercial Banks

https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/chargeoff/delallsa.htm

Baker Hughes Rig Count Overview and Summary Count

https://bakerhughesrigcount.gcs-web.com/rig-count-overview?c=79687&p=irol-rigcountsoverview

What is U.S. electricity generation by energy source?

https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm table grapher.php?t=epmt es1b

Biofuels International

https://biofuels-news.com/home/

Renewable Fuels Association

http://www.ethanolrfa.org/

How Many Electric Vehicles are on the Road in America

https://usafacts.org/articles/how-many-electric-cars-in-united-states/

How do Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles Work Using Hydrogen

https://afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/how-do-fuel-cell-electric-cars-work

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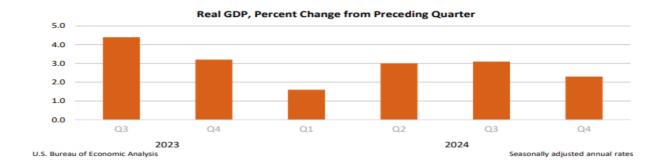
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of economic analysis

http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/national/gdp/gdpnewsrelease.htm

GDP, Personal Income, Outlays, Consumer Spending, Corporate Profits and Fixed Assets

Gross Domestic Product, 4th Quarter and Year 2024 (Advance Estimate)

Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024 (October, November, and December), according to the advance estimate released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the third quarter, real GDP increased 3.1 percent.



The increase in **real GDP** in the fourth quarter primarily reflected increases in consumer spending and government spending that were partly offset by a decrease in investment. Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, decreased. For more information, refer to the "Technical Notes" below.

Latest estimate: 3.8 percent — October 01, 2025

The GDPNow model estimate for real GDP growth (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the third quarter of 2025 is **3.8 percent** on October 1, down from 3.9 percent on September 26. After this morning's release from the Institute for Supply Management, a decrease in the nowcast of third-quarter real personal consumption expenditures growth from 3.4 percent to 3.2 percent was partially offset by an increase in the nowcast of real gross private domestic investment growth from 4.1 percent to 4.2 percent. The US Census Bureau construction spending report was not released this morning because of the government shutdown. We plan on maintaining the release schedule throughout the shutdown but will skip updates if there are no monthly data releases since the last GDPNow update.

The next scheduled GDPNow update is **Tuesday, October 7.**

https://www.atlantafed.org/cqer/research/gdpnow

MANUFACTURING AT A GLANCE

August 2025

Index	Series Index Aug	Series Index Jul	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (Months)	
Manufacturing PMI [®]	48.7	48.0	+0.7	Contracting	Slower	6	
New Orders	51.4	47.1	+4.3	Growing	From Contracting	1	
Production	47.8	51.4	-3.6	Contracting	From Growing	1	
Employment	43.8	43.4	+0.4	Contracting	Slower	7	
Supplier Deliveries	51.3	49.3	+2.0	Slowing	From Faster	1	
Inventories	49.4	48.9	+0.5	Contracting	Slower	4	
Customers' Inventories	44.6	45.7	-1.1	Too Low	Faster	11	
Prices	63.7	64.8	-1.1	Increasing	Slower	11	
Backlog of Orders	44.7	46.8	-2.1	Contracting	Faster	35	
New Export Orders	47.6	46.1	+1.5	Contracting	Slower	6	
Imports	46.0	47.6	-1.6	Contracting	Faster	5	
	OVERALL	Growing	Faster	64			
	Manufacti	Contracting	Slower	6			

ISM[®] Manufacturing PMI[®] Report data is seasonally adjusted for the New Orders, Production, Employment and Inventories indexes.
*Number of months moving in current direction.

<u>US Census Bureau (Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders).</u> <u>http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/</u>

Ranking of Countries by Military might.

www.military.com

Our Nation in numbers

The Constitution gives us four missions...

- 1. Establish Justice and Ensure Domestic Tranquility.
- 2. Provide for the Common Defense.
- 3. Promote the General welfare.
- 4. Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and Our Posterity.

www.usafacts.org

US Foreign Assistance

http://foreignassistance.gov/

How much aid do we give around the world?

https://usaid.gov

https://www.usfunds.com/resource/periodic-table-of-commodities-returns-2024/

Explore how natural resources have performed over the last 10 years on the interactive chart I Click a commodity to see its trend or the sidebar to reveal the historical pattern of your choice.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
187.05%	103.67%	56.25%	18.59%	54.20%	47.89%	442.80%	72.49%	13.10%	26.62%
Li	Pa	Pd	Pd	Pd	Ag	Li	Li	Au	Au
-2.50%	60.59%	40.51%	17.86%	34.46%	26.02%	160.61%	43.13%	1.19%	20.57%
Pb	Zn	Li	44		Cu	1	Ni	Cu	Ag
-9.63%	59.35%	32.39%	6.91%	31.55%	25.86%	55.01%	19.97%	-0.17%	13.75%
₩		AI	-	Ni	Pd			Al	
-10.42%	45.03%	31.19%	-0.44%	21.48%	25.12%	46.91%	14.37%	-0.66%	12.23%
Au		1		Pt	Au		-	Ag	Zn
-10.72%	20.96%	30.49	-1.58%	18.31%	24.82%	42.18%	10.90%	-7.67%	5.52%
	Pd	Cu	Au	Au	- ♦	AI	Pt	Pt	Cu
-11.75%	17.37%	30.49%	-8.53%	15.21%	19.73%	31.53%	6.71%	-9.97%	5.44%
Ag	Cu	Zn	Ag	Ag	Zn	Zn		1	Al
-17.79%	14.86%	30.49%	-14.49%	11.03%	18.66%	26.14%	2.77%	-10.73%	-6.25%
AI	Ag	Ni	Pt	華華	Ni	Ni	Ag		Pb
-19.11%	13.58%	27.51%	-16.54%	3.40%	15.99%	25.70%	2.76%	-12.10%	-8.37%
	AI	Pb	Ni	- ♦		Cu	44	Zn	Ni
-20.31%	13.49%	24.27%	-17.43%	3.36%	14.63%	22.57%	-0.05%	-12.93%	-9.38%
集集	Ni	Au	AI	Cu	44	- ♦	Pb	Pd	Pt
-26.07%	11.27%	13.09%	-17.46%	-4.38%	13.15%	20.34%	-0.28%	-20.71%	-10.97%
Pt	Pb		Cu	AI	Li	44	Au	44	-
-26.10%	8.56%	12.47%	-19.23%	-4.66%	10.92%	18.32%	-5.89%	-30.55%	-13.80%
Cu	Au	Ag	Pb	Pb	Pt	Pb	Pd	- ♦	##
-26.50%	1.16%	6.42%	-22.16%	-9.49%	10.80%	-3.64%	-14.13%	-38.63%	-16.79%
Zn	Pt	華華	静	Zn	Al	Au	Cu	Pb	1948
-29.43%	-1.88%	4.66%	-24.54%	-18.02%	3.25%	-9.64%	-16.27%	-43.82%	-17.05%
Pd	•	Pt	Zn	22	Pb	Pt	AI		Pd
-30.47%	-8.69%	2.99%	-24.84%	-25.54%	-1.29%	-11.72%	-16.34%	-45.21%	-26.23%
	Li	-			1	Ag	Zn	Ni	
-41.75%	-13.19%	-0.36%	-54.70%	-38.50%	-20.54%	-22.21%	-48.34%	-81.42%	-57.34%
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