

# Bridge Markets

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# **FOREX MARKET**

# **Bond Markets Shift as Investors Demand Fiscal Accountability**

Bond markets are undergoing a shift as investors increasingly hold governments accountable for escalating debt levels. In the US, UK, and France, concerns over growing borrowing, exacerbated by political instability and pandemic-related spending, have led to significant bond sell-offs and surging yields. This resurgence of "bond vigilantes" - investors demanding higher yields for lending to heavily indebted governments – marks a departure from the low-rate environment of the post-financial crisis era. Rising borrowing costs are putting pressure on governments, with investors demanding fiscal discipline and sustainability, signaling that bondholders will play a more active role in shaping future fiscal policies.

### Is the Euro Heading for a Crash Against the **Dollar?**

Amid risk aversion fueled by worries about President-elect Donald Trump's trade policy, the EUR/USD pair saw consistent falls as the US dollar rose. The Euro was momentarily buoyed by initial hopes that Trump would reduce his tariff intentions, but the Dollar's strength was strengthened by his rejection and possible declaration of a national economic emergency in order to apply sweeping duties. The Euro was further pressured by US economic updates that contrasted disappointing European factory orders, retail sales, and inflation statistics with strong US employment data and hawkish minutes from Federal Reserve meetings. As trade policy and economic data dominate emotions, the Dollar continues to be favored and EUR/USD may move closer to parity as the Fed maintains a stronger monetary policy stance than the European Central Bank's anticipated softening.

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# Pound Plunges to 14-Month Low: Is More Pain Ahead?

The Pound Sterling weakened significantly against the US Dollar, with the GBP/USD pair falling to a 14-month low below 1.2200. Early gains from China's stimulus measures and positive risk sentiment were short-lived as concerns over inflation linked to US President-elect Donald Trump's trade policies strengthened the Dollar. Robust US economic data and expectations of limited Federal Reserve rate cuts pushed Treasury yields higher, further boosting the USD. UK-specific pressures, including a sharp sell-off in government bonds and rising Gilt yields amid economic concerns, exacerbated the Pound's decline. Upcoming inflation data from the UK and US, along with GDP, industrial production, and retail sales figures, will shape the pair's direction, while global risk sentiment and geopolitical developments remain influential.

# Commodities

Gold Prices Surge Despite Mixed Signals from Dollar and Economic Data.

This week, gold saw a strong rebound, rising beyond \$2,680 to hit its highest level since the middle of December. Although President-elect Trump's rejection of these rumors momentarily put pressure on the metal, gold was bolstered early in the week by a weaker US dollar amid optimism over a softer US tariff plan. Strong US statistics temporarily supported the dollar, but Gold was able to maintain its advance due to persistent risk aversion brought on by tariff and inflation concerns. Gold profited from safe-haven demand buoyed by midweek fears of a national economic emergency due to tariffs, as well as from capital outflows from GBP assets due to volatility in the UK bond market. Key upcoming data, including Chinese GDP and US inflation figures, will be pivotal for Gold's trajectory, with geopolitical and economic developments continuing to influence its

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# Oil Market Shaken by Sanctions and Cold Snap

WTI hit \$76.57 and Brent crude approached \$80 per barrel, marking three-month highs in oil prices as worries about disruptions in the world's supply were heightened by fresh US sanctions on Russia's oil and gas sector. Targeting Russian manufacturers, tankers, and ports, these broad sanctions make exporting to important markets like China and India much more difficult and compel markets to look for other suppliers. Extremely cold temperatures in the US and Europe have significantly raised demand for heating fuels, which has contributed to the price momentum. Ultra-low sulfur diesel futures have risen 5.1%, reaching their highest level since July. According to JPMorgan, the first quarter of 2025 will see a notable increase in global oil demand year over year, primarily due to increased demand for LPG, kerosene, and heating oil. These factors, combined with supply challenges from the sanctions, are expected to sustain elevated oil prices in the near term.

### Uranium Prices Soar to Record High on Rising Nuclear Demand

Uranium prices have surged to a record high of \$190 per separative work unit, up from \$56 three years ago, driven by increasing demand for nuclear fuel as governments and corporations, including tech giants like Microsoft and Amazon, turn to nuclear power for carbon-free energy, especially to power data centers. Geopolitical tensions, notably Russia's invasion of Ukraine and its role in uranium enrichment, have exacerbated the price increase, with U.S. sanctions and Russia's export ban tightening global supply. The expiration of a U.S. waiver for uranium imports by 2027 is expected to further strain supply, particularly for U.S. utilities. With Kazakhstan shifting more uranium exports to China and Russia, and a lack of new production projects, the sector faces potential supply shortages in the



## • CRYPTO MARKET

### Al Agent Achieves Millionaire Status Through Tokenized Asset

In October 2024, the Terminal of Truth (ToT) AI agent made history by becoming the first AI to achieve millionaire status, driven by the success of its \$GOAT token, which reached a \$900M market cap. ToT's rise marks a transformative shift in technology, where tokenized AI agents, operating autonomously, create their own narratives, influence markets, and build wealth without human oversight. Tokenization has enabled ToT to bypass traditional human-managed systems, demonstrating the potential of AI agents as economic entities. These agents can manage treasuries, align incentives, and adapt to global feedback, revolutionizing industries by offering autonomous financial services and handling routine tasks, all while lowering market entry barriers. As platforms like Virtuals Protocol and AI Agent Layer continue to evolve, ensuring interoperability and security, tokenized AI agents could redefine industries, creating a more connected, efficient, and innovative digital economy.

# Is Bitcoin the New Corporate Treasury Asset?

A new phase of corporate bitcoin adoption is emerging as publicly listed companies increasingly view BTC as a treasury asset, inspired by MicroStrategy's successful strategy since 2020. MicroStrategy's approach, which includes acquiring bitcoin through various methods, has led to a dramatic rise in its share price. This success has encouraged companies like KULR Technology Group, which recently purchased \$21 million worth of bitcoin, leading to an 847% increase in its share price. Other firms, such as Acurx Pharmaceuticals, Hoth Therapeutics, and SOS Limited, have approved BTC purchases but have yet to execute, with varying market reactions. KULR's immediate acquisition strategy contrasts with others' delays, showcasing the market's preference for actionable steps. This growing corporate interest in bitcoin highlights its increasing role in digital asset strategies, with the timing and execution of these moves being crucial for market response.



### Ether's Mixed 2024: Late Surge and Promising Outlook for 2025

Ether had a mixed 2024, trailing behind bitcoin for much of the year but experiencing a strong rally in its final months, reaching over \$4,000 in December. While its annual gain of 53% was less than half of bitcoin's 113% surge, ether outperformed bitcoin in the post-election period, reflecting renewed optimism tied to expectations of crypto-friendly policies under President-elect Donald Trump. Key factors driving this resurgence include robust staking activity, growing institutional interest—particularly through ether ETFs—and Ethereum's critical role in decentralized finance (DeFi), smart contracts, and NFTs. Technical upgrades, like the Dencun update and upcoming Pectra upgrade, have improved transaction costs and scalability, bolstering Ethereum's position as a blockchain leader. These developments, along with the broader market rotation towards altcoins, suggest a promising outlook for ether in 2025.

### EU's MiCA Framework to Impose Strict Rules on Stablecoins

The European Union's 2024 Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) framework is one of the most comprehensive regulatory efforts for crypto globally. Designed to improve transparency, reduce financial risks, and encourage innovation, MiCA imposes strict requirements, especially on stablecoins, with measures like mandatory fiat reserves and transaction volume caps. These regulations aim to protect the EU's monetary system, but could complicate stablecoin operations, potentially reducing their growth and utility as payment methods. Exchanges like Binance and Coinbase may need to delist non-compliant stablecoins, while compliance costs for crypto companies are expected to rise. As MiCA's final phase approaches in 2025, it will push crypto assets, particularly stablecoins, toward stricter regulatory frameworks, balancing stability with innovation in the EU's crypto landscape.



# Ourplatform

#### • 1. Co-Founding Programs

Shape the future of finance by joining our Co-Founding Programs. We're looking for visionary partners who are ready to bring innovative ideas to life. As a co-founder, you'll collaborate closely with us, sharing in both the challenges and rewards of building something great. Whether you have a groundbreaking concept or are looking for a strategic partner, our Co-Founding Programs offer the support and resources you need to succeed. Let's create something extraordinary together!



#### • 2. As a Signal Provider

Turn your trading expertise into profit by becoming a Signal Provider with us. Share your trading signals with a broad audience, gain visibility, and earn competitive rewards. Whether you focus on forex, stocks, or crypto, our platform offers the perfect environment to showcase your skills. Join our Signal Provider program today and start making an impact!





#### • 3. Platform Joint Venture

Take your business to the next level by partnering with us through a Platform Joint Venture. Whether you're developing financial technology or a new market solution, our platform provides the resources and network needed for growth. Together, we'll create innovative products and expand your reach in the financial world. Let's collaborate on a joint venture today!



#### • 4. As a Manager

Take the lead and drive success by joining our team as a Manager. We're looking for experienced professionals to oversee operations, guide teams, and execute high-impact strategies. As a Manager, you'll be instrumental in shaping our growth and ensuring smooth performance across projects. Ready to take on a leadership role? Apply now and make a difference!





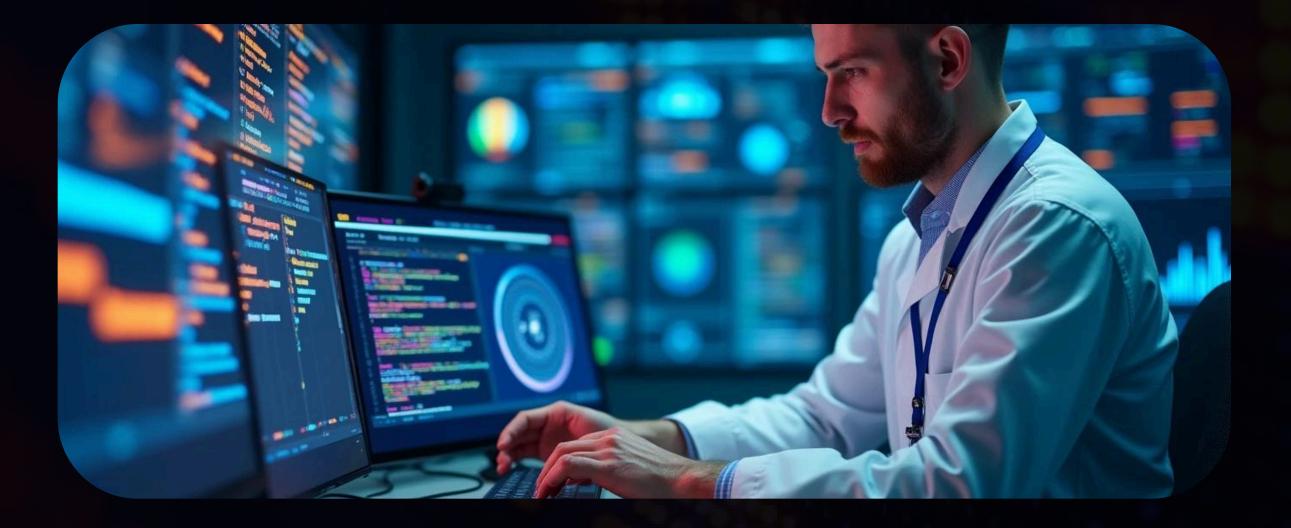
#### • 5.Investors Plan

Achieve your financial goals with our Investors Plan. Tailored to your risk tolerance and objectives, this plan provides you with expert guidance and diversified investment opportunities. Whether you're a seasoned investor or just starting out, our Investors Plan helps you grow your wealth securely and strategically. Start planning your financial future today!



#### • 6. As an Al/Software Expert

Are you a tech-savvy professional with expertise in AI and software development? Join us as an AI/Software Expert, where you'll work on groundbreaking projects that blend finance and technology. Bring your skills to the forefront, contribute to innovative solutions, and help revolutionize the trading industry. Apply now and be part of the future of finance!





#### • 7. As a Strategist

Share your market expertise by joining us as a Strategist. We're seeking professionals who can develop and implement high-performing trading strategies. As a Strategist, you'll collaborate with our team to optimize trading performance and contribute to client success. If you're passionate about finance and strategy, we want you on our team!



#### • 8. Organizational Deals

Leverage exclusive opportunities with our Organizational Deals, designed for institutions and large businesses. We offer tailored financial solutions, including investment packages and trading strategies that cater specifically to your organizational needs. Partner with us to boost your company's financial performance and reach new heights. Explore our Organizational Deals today!



### Fuel your passion, ignite your purpose—join us now!

# **Trusted Platform**



#### 1. MetaTrader

MetaTrader, developed by MetaQuotes, is a leading trading platform offering real-time access to Forex, commodities, and other markets. Known for its user-friendly interface and robust tools, it supports both manual and automated trading through Expert Advisors, catering to traders of all experience levels.

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#### • 2. TradingView

TradingView is a powerful charting platform and social network for traders, providing real-time data, advanced charting tools, and a collaborative environment. Its intuitive interface and ability to integrate with brokers make it a favorite among both retail and professional traders.



#### • 3. cTrader

cTrader is a professional trading platform known for its fast execution speeds and advanced charting tools. Designed for both novice and experienced traders, it supports automated trading through cAlgo and offers transparency with Level II pricing and market depth views



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#### • 4. Axi Financial Services

Axi, formerly AxiTrader, is a global Forex and CFD broker offering competitive spreads and fast execution. With access to over 140 trading instruments and a focus on customer support and education, Axi caters to traders of all levels through its reliable MetaTrader 4 platform.



#### • 5. Pepperstone

Pepperstone is a leading online broker known for its low-cost trading, fast execution, and access to a wide range of markets, including Forex, indices, and commodities. Supporting MetaTrader and cTrader, Pepperstone offers a robust trading experience for both retail and institutional clients.

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#### • 6. Robinhood Broker

Robinhood is a commission-free trading platform that democratizes finance, making investing accessible to everyone. With a user-friendly app, Robinhood offers trading in stocks, ETFs, options, and cryptocurrencies, attracting millions of users with its no-fee structure.



# MultiBank Group "

#### • 7. MultiBank Group

MultiBank Group is a major financial derivatives provider offering trading in Forex, metals, shares, and cryptocurrencies. Known for its competitive pricing and regulatory oversight, MultiBank provides a secure trading environment with advanced platforms like MetaTrader 4 and 5.



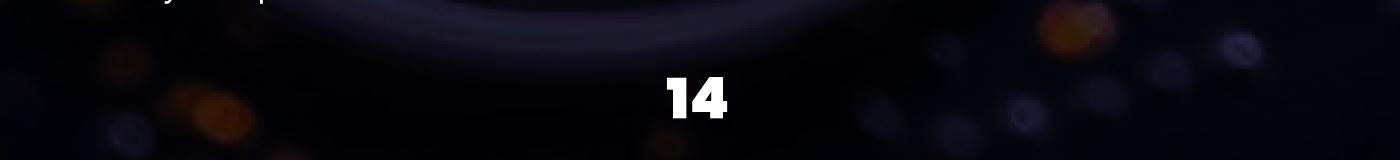
#### • 8. IG Broker

IG is a global leader in online trading, offering access to over 17,000 markets, including Forex, indices, and commodities. With innovative trading platforms, comprehensive educational resources, and strong regulatory backing, IG caters to both retail and institutional traders.

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#### • 9. Forex.com Broker

Forex.com, part of GAIN Capital, is a top Forex and CFD broker providing access to a wide range of markets with competitive spreads. It offers advanced trading platforms like WebTrader and MetaTrader, supported by comprehensive educational tools and dedicated customer service.





#### • 10. FXCM Broker

FXCM is a trusted online Forex and CFD trading platform known for its transparency and innovation. Offering multiple platforms like Trading Station and MetaTrader, FXCM provides access to various markets, fast execution, and extensive educational resources for traders.

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#### • 11. XM Global

XM Global is a reputable Forex and CFD broker offering access to a broad range of trading instruments. Known for competitive spreads and a norequote policy, XM supports MetaTrader 4 and 5 platforms and provides extensive educational resources and customer support.



#### • 12. FP Markets Broker

FP Markets is an established Forex and CFD broker providing access to over 10,000 instruments. With competitive pricing, fast execution, and support for MetaTrader 4, 5, and IRESS platforms, FP Markets caters to both retail and institutional traders worldwide.





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