

# The Week Ahead

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## Key Macro Events 4 – 8 November 2024

- **United States** – The upcoming week is dominated by the US presidential election, whose outcome is likely to have an immediate effect on various markets. In the shadows of the election, Thursday will see the conclusion of the Fed meeting, in which we expect the FOMC to decrease the policy rate by 25bps. Finally, on Tuesday the ISM services index is likely to drop back a bit relative to last month's surprisingly large increase.
- **Eurozone** – A number of ECB officials are due to speak, and markets will be watching closely for hints on the outlook for rate cuts following the upside surprise in GDP. [The data](#) supports our view that the ECB will stick to a 25bp pace, and further lowers the chance of a 50bp cut in December.
- **Germany** – Next week data on Germany's industrial sector will be released for September. Factory orders (Wednesday) are expected to hold steady on a monthly basis. The German manufacturing PMI, released earlier, already signalled a slight deterioration in the new order subcomponent for September. Similarly, based on the manufacturing PMI we may expect a small contraction in industrial production figures for September (Thursday) compared to August. Overall, the German industrial sector remains a drag on overall growth and this is not expected to turn any time soon.
- **China** – Most important event to watch in the week ahead will be the gathering of the NPC's Standing Committee (4-8 November), which is expected to provide more details about the scale and timing of Beijing's fiscal stimulus plans. Allegedly, the Chinese government is weighing the issuance of CNY 10trn ( $\pm$  EUR 1.3 trn) in additional debt over the next few years, but this may be increased should Donald Trump win the US presidential elections on 5 November.
- **UK** – We expect the Bank of England to lower its policy rate by another 25bp. However, its updated projections in the Monetary Policy Report are likely to be more consequential for markets. Following the highly expansionary Budget announcement, the BoE is likely to forecast a positive output gap next year, leading to renewed upward inflationary pressure, and further reducing the scope for aggressive rate cuts. This would be consistent with our base case for a slower pace of one rate cut per quarter.

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	Date	Time	Country	Market indicator	Period	Latest outcome	Expectation consensus	ABN AMRO
Monday	04/11/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI manufacturing - index	Oct F	45.9	45.9	
Monday	04/11/2024	14:00:00	EZ	ECB's Holzmann Gives Introduction at SUERF Conference				
Monday	04/11/2024	16:00:00	US	New durable goods orders - % mom	Sep F	-0.8		
Monday	04/11/2024	16:00:00	US	Factory orders - % mom	Sep	-0.2	-0.5	
Tuesday	05/11/2024	02:45:00	CN	Services PMI - index (Caixin)	Oct	50.3	50.7	
Tuesday	05/11/2024	04:30:00	AU	Policy rate - %	Nov 5	4.35	4.35	
Tuesday	05/11/2024	14:30:00	US	Trade balance - USD bn	Sep	-70.4	-74.5	
Tuesday	05/11/2024	16:00:00	US	ISM non-manufacturing, index	Oct	54.9	53.5	<b>53.8</b>
Tuesday	05/11/2024		US	Presidential elections				
Wednesday	06/11/2024	08:00:00	DE	Manufacturing orders - % mom	Sep	-5.8		
Wednesday	06/11/2024	10:00:00	EZ	Composite PMI output	Oct F	49.7	49.7	
Wednesday	06/11/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI services - index	Oct F	51.2	51.2	
Wednesday	06/11/2024	15:45:00	US	Markit - Composite PMI - final	Oct F	54.3		
Wednesday	06/11/2024	15:45:00	US	S&P Services PMI	Oct F	55.3		
Wednesday	06/11/2024	15:45:00	US	S&P Composite PMI	Oct F	54.3		
Wednesday	06/11/2024	22:30:00	BR	Policy rate - %	Nov 6	10.8	11.3	
Wednesday	06/11/2024		PL	Reference rate - %	Nov 6	5.8	5.8	
Thursday	07/11/2024	08:00:00	DE	Industrial production - % mom	Sep	2.9	-1.7	
Thursday	07/11/2024	08:35:00	EZ	ECB's Stournaras Speaks				
Thursday	07/11/2024	09:00:00	CH	Foreign currency reserves - CHF mln	Oct	715,699		
Thursday	07/11/2024	09:10:00	EZ	ECB's Schnabel Speaks in Frankfurt				
Thursday	07/11/2024	09:30:00	SE	Policy rate - %	Nov 7	3.3	2.8	
Thursday	07/11/2024	10:00:00	NO	Policy rate - %	Nov 7	4.5	4.5	
Thursday	07/11/2024	11:00:00	EZ	Retail sales - % mom	Sep	0.2		
Thursday	07/11/2024	13:00:00	GB	Policy rate - %	Nov 7	5.00	4.75	<b>4.75</b>
Thursday	07/11/2024	14:30:00	CZ	Repo rate - %	Nov 7	4.3	4.1	
Thursday	07/11/2024	14:30:00	EZ	ECB's Lane Speaks in Athens				
Thursday	07/11/2024	15:30:00	EZ	ECB's Lane, Stournaras Speak in Athens				
Thursday	07/11/2024	16:45:00	EZ	ECB's Stournaras Speaks in Athens				
Thursday	07/11/2024	20:00:00	EC	FOMC Rate decision upper bound - %	Nov 7	5.00	4.73	<b>4.75</b>
Thursday	07/11/2024	20:00:00	US	FOMC Rate decision lower bound - %	Nov 7	4.75	4.48	<b>4.50</b>
Thursday	07/11/2024	21:00:00	US	Fed Reserve consumer credit - USD bn	Sep	8.9	13.0	
Thursday	07/11/2024		CN	Trade balance - USD bn	Oct	81.7		
Thursday	07/11/2024		CN	Exports - % yoy ytd	Oct	2.4		
Thursday	07/11/2024		CN	Imports - % yoy ytd	Oct	0.3		
Thursday	07/11/2024		CN	Foreign Reserves - USD bn	Oct	3316.4		
Friday	08/11/2024	16:00:00	US	Univ. of Michigan cons. confidence - index	Nov P	70.5		
Saturday	09/11/2024	02:30:00	CN	CPI - % yoy	Oct	0.4		
Saturday	09/11/2024		CN	M2 money growth - % yoy	Oct	6.8		

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