

Global Markets Tracker | 2 February 2026

Equity Markets

- US equity markets gained 1.2% MoM; Jan'26 began with the US capture President of Venezuela, ending the month with the announcement of the new US Fed Chair. The geopolitical uncertainty over Venezuela, Greenland and Iran soured sentiments.
- The FTSE 100 continued to add gains; up 2.7% MoM – while the declines across precious metals prices weighed on miners, a rally across banks supported the FTSE 100 towards the end of the month. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks saw an upward trend, mainly on the back of solid business performance and expectations for the economic measures of Japan's new administration, although they declined at times in line with U.S.
- A heavy weight was South Korea's Kospi Index which soared ~21% YoY in Jan'26, compared with other AEs and Asian markets. The world's largest memory-chip makers, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, together make up about one-third of the Kospi, and have driven the rally. As per a Bloomberg article, govt. policies and the global A.I. boom spurred the rally, and Individual investors have piled in.
- For India, January turned out to be a turbulent period for the Indian stock market as unfavourable global cues and mixed December-quarter earnings triggered a sharp sell-off across segments. Even the much-awaited free trade agreement between India and the European Union failed to lift investor sentiment (Bloomberg) with Sensex down 3.4% MoM.
- Meanwhile, Indonesian stocks tumbled after MSCI Inc. raised concerns about their investability and warned of a potential downgrade to frontier-market status; following the rout, the chief executive officer of the Indonesia Stock Exchange resigned. The sentiment remains damp, further fanned by fall in commodity prices (Bloomberg).

DMs	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
US	6,939	6,939	0.3	1.2	1.4	11.2	14.9
UK	10,224	10,224	0.8	2.7	5.2	12.7	17.9
Germany	24,539	24,539	-1.5	0.0	2.4	4.8	12.9
France	8,127	8,127	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	7.7	2.2
Japan	53,323	53,323	-1.0	5.9	1.7	30.7	34.7
Switzerland	13,188	13,188	0.3	-0.6	7.8	11.4	4.7
Australia	8,869	8,869	0.2	1.6	-0.1	2.4	3.9
Italy	45,527	45,527	1.6	0.3	5.4	14.0	24.8
Spain	17,881	17,881	1.9	2.2	11.5	26.6	44.6
Portugal	8,662	8,662	1.2	3.1	2.8	13.6	32.8
Greece	2,315	2,315	2.2	7.3	16.0	18.1	49.4

EM Asia	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
China	4,118	4,118	-0.4	3.8	4.1	15.7	26.7
India	82,270	82,270	0.0	-3.4	-2.0	2.1	6.1
Indonesia	8,330	8,330	-6.9	-4.8	2.0	10.5	17.2
Malaysia	1,741	1,741	1.2	4.3	7.3	13.5	12.1
Philippines	6,329	6,329	-0.1	3.2	6.7	0.4	8.0
South Korea	5,224	5,224	4.7	21.2	27.2	67.5	107.5
Taiwan	32,064	32,064	0.3	9.2	13.6	36.8	36.3
Thailand	1,326	1,326	0.9	5.2	1.2	8.8	0.8
Singapore	4,905	4,905	0.3	5.3	10.8	18.1	27.2
Hong Kong	27,387	27,387	2.4	4.0	5.7	11.7	35.4

EM Americas	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Argentina	3,199,554	3,199,554	3.4	2.3	6.6	40.4	24.8
Brazil	181,364	181,364	1.4	13.0	21.3	36.9	43.8
Chile	11,420	11,420	-0.7	9.5	21.1	39.9	58.6
Colombia	11,902	11,902	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Mexico	67,599	67,599	-0.9	5.0	7.5	17.8	29.9
Venezuela	3,599	3,599	-0.9	61.3	122.2	575.0	2371.1

EM Europe	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Hungary	128,832	128,832	3.0	16.0	20.0	28.2	50.7
Polland	124,844	124,844	2.0	3.9	12.0	18.1	42.9
Romania	27,191	27,191	0.2	11.3	20.8	35.0	59.9
South Africa	120,046	120,046	-1.8	3.4	9.9	22.8	39.7
Turkey	13,838	13,838	6.5	20.3	26.1	28.8	38.3
Ukraine	461	461	0.0	0.0	1.1	-0.6	-9.3

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Debt Markets

- DM sovereign yields saw divergent trends tracking diverging trends in fiscal-monetary policies, MoM; and also influenced by geopolitical developments. The US Treasuries hardened ~7bps MoM and 1bps WoW on the announcement of the new US Fed Chair (Bloomberg).
- In Europe, French bonds extended and were mainly fueled by the progress on the govt. budget plans which pushed the 10Y yield lower, lowest since Oct'25.
- In Asia, Japanese bond yields continued their ascent, up ~18bps MoM, with the 10-year now at 2.24%. The surge was driven by PM's plan to reflate the economy in 2026 via fiscal stimulus which coupled with the announcement of a snap election to garner more political support further fanned the sell-off in JGBs. During Jan'26, Japan's 40Y bond yield hit 4%, the highest since its debut in 2007 and a first for any maturity of the nation's sovereign debt in more than three decades.
- The bond selloff came as Indonesian equities briefly suffered their steepest drop since the Asian Financial Crisis, after MSCI Inc. warned the market may be downgraded to frontier status unless transparency improves. The turmoil spread across assets, with the rupiah snapping its longest rally since October and government bond yields edging higher. Sentiment toward Indonesian bonds had already waned on concerns over the government's spending path and central bank independence, compounded by President appointing a relative as deputy governor of Bank Indonesia (Bloomberg).
- India bond yields hardened amid concerns around aggregate bond supply, foreign investor outflows while tracking the global developments during Jan'26. The OMO Purchases and liquidity measures by the RBI had limited impact on yields. The Union budget released over the weekend has further added to the concerns of supply-demand imbalance; souring sentiments.

DM	Yield (%)		Change in bps				
	Jan-26	Current Yield	W-o-W chg	M-o-M chg	3 Mnth chg	6 Mnth chg	Y-o-Y chg
US	4.24	4.24	1	7	16	2	-30
UK	4.52	4.52	1	4	11	0	-2
Germany	2.84	2.82	-6	-1	21	17	38
France	3.43	3.40	-7	-14	0	8	22
Japan	2.24	2.23	0	18	58	69	100
Switzerland	0.21	0.21	-7	-7	11	-12	-17
Australia	4.81	4.81	-1	7	51	49	38
Italy	3.46	3.43	-6	-9	7	-6	-10
Spain	3.21	3.19	-6	-8	7	-5	14
Portugal	3.20	3.17	-6	5	21	9	33
Greece	3.45	3.42	-6	1	19	10	13

EM Asia	Yield (%)		Change in bps				
	Jan-26	Current Yield	W-o-W chg	M-o-M chg	3 Mnth chg	6 Mnth chg	Y-o-Y chg
China	1.81	1.80	-3	-4	1	10	0
India	6.70	6.70	0	10	16	32	1
Indonesia	6.32	6.32	-6	27	26	-24	-65
Malaysia	3.51	3.56	5	6	7	17	-24
Philippines	4.93	4.89	-2	18	23	-13	-55
South Korea	3.61	3.61	0	0	54	77	75
Thailand	2.00	2.00	14	36	29	0	-30
Singapore	2.06	2.06	-6	-5	16	-5	-85

EM Americas	Yield (%)		Change in bps				
	Jan-26	Current Yield	W-o-W chg	M-o-M chg	3 Mnth chg	6 Mnth chg	Y-o-Y chg
Brazil	13.59	13.15	-21	0	-18	-44	-122
Chile	5.34	5.27	-1	-5	-21	-28	-69
Colombia	12.39	12.03	20	-25	77	41	95
Mexico	8.86	8.86	-9	-24	2	-41	-122
Peru	5.78	5.70	-11	-1	-28	-70	-92

EM Europe	Yield (%)		Change in bps				
	Jan-26	Current Yield	W-o-W chg	M-o-M chg	3 Mnth chg	6 Mnth chg	Y-o-Y chg
Hungary	6.54	6.44	-8	-23	-25	-56	-10
Polland	5.08	5.02	-4	-8	-25	-34	-75
Romania	6.60	6.50	-3	0	-32	-54	-101
South Africa	8.03	8.03	-11	-16	-82	-157	-235
Turkey	27.68	27.68	33	1	-199	-159	238
Ukraine	13.28	13.28	-39	0	-144	-239	-36

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Currency Markets

- Dollar index down 1.3% MoM; the currency traders have started selling the US dollar, driving it into its deepest slide since President Donald Trump's April trade-war salvos, due to concerns over US Presidents policies and their impact on the economy.
- The Australian Dollar has gained ~4% MoM, making it one of the best performer in the AE basket here. Market expectations for the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) to raise interest rates have increased.
- Following the pressure on Yen, the policymakers verbal intervention reversed the levels in Jan'26; Japan has managed to secure breathing space for the yen with no evidence of large-scale intervention, indicating short-term success for modified tactics - Tokyo's approach has benefited from timing and concerns over the possibility of coordinated action with the US, helping the yen move away from the 160 mark against the dollar. In a matter of days, Japan has moved away from the fringes of the 160 mark against the dollar to hover in the 153 range with a strategy hinging largely on concerns over the possibility of coordinated action by Tokyo and Washington. Monthly intervention figures due later Friday will clarify how much Japan had to spend, if at all, on its efforts to bolster the yen (Bloomberg).
- Malaysian Ringgit was the best performing Asian currency driven by domestic fundamentals coupled with status quo by its Central Bank.
- Despite the stock rout and spike in bond yields, Rupiah was flat-ish MoM supported by Bank of Indonesia (Bloomberg).
- Meanwhile, the INR tested fresh lows during Jan'26 despite the chatter around RBI's FX intervention as well as the RBI's FX swaps with another due on 4-Feb; largely driven by the continued global risk-off sentiment and foreign investment outflows.

DMS	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Dollar Index	96.99	96.99	-0.6	-1.3	-2.5	-2.8	-10.0
UK	1.37	1.37	0.3	1.6	4.1	3.4	10.2
Germany	1.19	1.19	0.2	0.9	2.5	3.9	14.1
France	1.19	1.19	0.2	0.9	2.5	3.9	14.1
Japan	154.78	154.78	0.6	1.1	-0.4	-3.4	-0.3
Switzerland	0.77	0.77	0.9	2.4	3.8	5.4	17.7
Australia	0.70	0.70	1.0	4.0	6.2	8.2	12.2

EM Asia	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
China	6.96	6.96	0.1	0.6	2.2	3.5	4.1
India	91.99	91.99	0.0	-2.4	-3.6	-5.0	-5.8
Indonesia	16,785.00	16,785.00	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-2.3	-3.1
Malaysia	3.95	3.95	1.6	2.6	6.4	7.5	11.4
Philippines	58.88	58.88	0.3	-0.1	0.0	-2.2	-1.0
South Korea	1,441.05	1,441.05	1.6	-0.1	-0.7	-3.5	-0.7
Taiwan	31.47	31.47	0.3	-0.2	-2.4	-5.6	3.9
Thailand	31.48	31.48	-0.9	0.1	2.9	3.2	7.2
Singapore	1.27	1.27	0.2	1.1	2.4	2.1	6.5
Hong Kong	7.81	7.81	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.5	-0.3

EM Americas	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Argentina	1,446.67	1,446.67	-0.9	0.5	-0.5	-9.0	-27.3
Brazil	5.26	5.26	0.5	4.2	2.4	5.9	11.7
Chile	873.88	873.88	-0.9	3.0	7.9	12.2	12.6
Colombia	3,676.96	3,676.96	-1.0	3.0	5.0	13.9	13.0
Mexico	17.46	17.46	-0.6	3.1	6.1	8.1	18.7
Peru	3.37	3.37	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	5.9	10.4

EM Europe	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
Hungary	321.71	321.71	0.6	2.1	4.4	9.1	21.8
Polland	3.56	3.56	0.1	1.1	3.2	5.4	13.7
Romania	4.30	4.30	0.2	0.6	2.3	3.5	11.4
South Africa	16.15	16.15	-0.1	2.8	7.1	11.5	15.2
Turkey	43.49	43.49	-0.3	-1.3	-3.5	-6.7	-17.7
Ukraine	42.88	42.88	0.6	-1.3	-2.3	-2.7	-2.5

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Commodity Markets

- Crude Oil prices surged ~14% YoY in Jan'26; the first gain in 6-months due to risks to the global flow of oil tied to Venezuela and Iran. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies (OPEC+), will meet to discuss their oil-production targets, with the consideration that the world's supply of crude is still expected to outpace demand in 2026 (Bloomberg).
- In the commodity space, the metals remained subject to volatility; while gold prices on MoM basis, metals added gains, last week, prices fell sharply. There was a selloff in silver prices with gold futures also falling; the declines began around the news on the US President nominating former Fed Governor to succeed Chair (Bloomberg).
- US natural gas futures saw a surge as traders factored in mixed weather forecasts and a bullish govt. storage report. A larger-than-average drop in domestic stockpiles and expectations for a near-record storage withdrawal also boosted prices.

Commodities	Unit	Jan-26	Current Levels	W-o-W chg (%)	M-o-M chg (%)	3 Mnth chg (%)	6 Mnth chg (%)	Y-o-Y chg (%)
FTSE Core Commodity Excess Return Index	Index	320	320	2.5	7.5	5.8	8.4	5.0
NYMEX WTI Crude	USD/bbl.	65	65	6.8	12.9	9.1	-1.6	-2.6
ICE Brent Crude	USD/bbl.	69	69	6.5	13.6	9.1	-0.4	-1.6
NYMEX Gasoline	USD/gal.	194	194	3.9	10.5	4.1	-1.6	0.8
NYMEX Heat Oil	USD/gal.	253	253	8.2	18.6	9.7	8.9	12.3
ICE Gasoil	USD/MT	743	743	9.9	18.7	10.2	10.9	11.7
NYMEX Nat. Gas	USD/MMBtu	4	4	20.6	30.0	19.0	15.7	16.7
Spot Gold	USD/troy ounce	4,894	4,894	-1.9	12.8	21.6	49.4	75.1
Spot Silver	USD/troy ounce	85	85	-17.4	11.7	74.1	129.4	169.7
Spot Platinum	USD/troy ounce	2,195	2,195	-21.0	0.7	36.6	67.2	126.0
Spot Palladium	USD/troy ounce	1,713	1,713	-15.1	5.4	17.7	40.7	72.6
Spot Aluminium	\$/metric tons	3,117	3,117	-1.5	5.8	9.0	20.0	18.8
Spot Copper	\$/metric tons	13,068	13,068	0.1	3.7	19.9	35.4	45.1
Spot Zinc	\$/metric tons	3,394	3,394	5.1	9.8	8.3	21.9	23.8
LME Nickel 3 month forward	\$/metric tons	17,954	17,954	-4.3	6.7	17.9	19.5	16.6
LME Lead 3 month forward	\$/metric tons	2,009	2,009	-0.8	0.0	-0.6	0.9	2.1
LME Tin 3 month forward	\$/metric tons	51,955	51,955	-8.6	23.8	45.2	55.7	71.6
Generic 1st 'W' Future	USD/bu.	538	538	1.6	5.3	2.6	2.7	-5.0
Generic 1st 'RR' Future	USD/cwt	11	11	3.5	16.4	7.8	-10.7	-20.8
Generic 1st 'C' Future	USD/bu.	428	428	-0.5	-2.8	-0.5	9.3	-12.6
USD Crude Palm Oil Jul24	USD/MT	1,056	1,056	2.5	5.4	3.8	-	-

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Central Bank Monetary Policy

- **US Fed FOMC** maintained a status quo; keeping the policy rate unchanged at 3.50%-3.75% in-line with street expectations with two members Miran and Waller dissenting as both voted for a 25bps cut.
 - Policy remarks stability in the labour market, robust growth and elevated inflation were the key reasons to pause
 - Chair Powell reiterated that the future actions would remain data-dependent and that officials will look at both sides of the mandate in setting policy rate decisions
- **Bank of Canada** held interest rates steady at 2.25%; forecasts Canada's economy growing 1.1% this year and 1.5% in 2027, with the current policy rate remaining appropriate conditional on the economy evolving broadly in line with the outlook, but there's more risk around those forecasts than usual.
 - As per BoC Governor, uncertainty was heightened due to the Trump administration's tariffs, foreign policy and even its threats to US Fed independence - making it "difficult to predict the timing or direction of the next change in the policy rate."
- **Bank of Korea** left its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 2.5% for a fifth straight meeting, effectively adopting a neutral stance.
 - It cut a reference to a potential rate cut from its statement, shifting its focus toward financial stability, supported by stabilizing inflation and improving growth outlook
- **The Bank of Japan (BoJ)** left its policy rate unchanged at 0.75%, leaving borrowing costs at the highest level in three decades, and revised up four out of six of its inflation projections.
 - The recent release on summary of opinions from the BoJ's January policy meeting indicated a growing awareness of the need to raise interest rates in a timely fashion as authorities monitor the impact of the weak yen on inflation.
- **Bank of Indonesia (BI)** held its benchmark interest rate at 4.75% and said it's focused on currency stability.
 - BI Governor said the central bank would heighten intervention measures to stabilize and even strengthen the rupiah, and that BI will not hesitate to carry out large-scale interventions.
- **Brazil Central Bank** kept its benchmark interest rate at 15% for the fifth time in a row as it worked to tamp down inflation

Upcoming Central Bank Meets:

- **Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)** is expected to hold steady at its Feb. 3 meeting, with inflation above target and the job market tight.
- **The ECB** is set to leave its key interest rates unchanged (Bloomberg).
- **The Bank of England (BOE)** is expected to keep interest rates on hold at 3.75% as policymakers weigh signs that the economy is both strengthening and losing jobs.
- **India RBI-MPC** is likely to keep policy rates unchanged and retain the neutral stance with focus on liquidity guidance and measures. The govt. will later this month release the new revised series of GDP and CPI.

-Bloomberg

Country / Region	CPI YoY%	Policy Rate	3M Change	Next Mtg.
Australia	3.2%	3.60%	0	3-Feb
U.K.	3.4%	3.75%	-25	5-Feb
U.S.	2.7%	3.75%	-25	19-Mar
New Zealand	3.1%	2.25%	-75	18-Feb
Canada	2.4%	2.25%	0	18-Mar
Euro zone	2.2%	2.15%	0	5-Feb
Japan	2.1%	0.75%	25	
South Korea	2.3%	2.50%	0	26-Feb
Brazil	4.3%	15.00%	0	19-Mar
China (1Y Prime Rate)*	0.8%	3.00%	0	
India	1.3%	5.25%	-25	6-Feb
Indonesia	3.6%	4.75%	0	19-Feb
South Africa	3.6%	6.75%	-25	26-Mar
Philippines	1.8%	4.50%	-50	19-Feb

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