

Weekly Focus

Looking towards post-shutdown US data

The end of US government shutdown was not enough to drive a lasting recovery in markets' risk appetite, with equity and bond markets weakening towards the end of the week. While the government reopening itself has a positive impact on the economy, the focus remains on the backlog of key US macro data which is now set to be released over the next few weeks. The latest Fed speakers have sounded increasingly hawkish and notably, three of the new incoming voters for 2026 (Kashkari, Logan and Hammack) have all said they opposed the previous decision to cut rates in October. Markets price the Fed's December rate decision as essentially a coin-flip between a cut and a hold, and we maintain our call for an unchanged rate decision.

The first major datapoint due for release will be the September Jobs Report, out most likely early next week. September JOLTs, PCE and Q3 GDP are expected to follow within roughly a week. The fate of October releases remains less clear, as the shutdown interfered with the data collection periods. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) could receive some responses for the October establishment survey (used for calculating the nonfarm payrolls) as it collects the November data. But the household survey, which is used to calculate the unemployment rate, is missing completely. Similarly, 2/3 of the inflation data for the CPI is collected with in-person visits to stores and is now also naturally missing.

As such, the White House suggested the October releases might even be cancelled altogether. Alternatively, BLS could release delayed, and heavily imputed estimates in conjunction with the November data. In any case, **the November Jobs Report (scheduled for December 5th) will be the first major 'real-time' release to look out for.** The data collection for November reports should have already started, so minor delays are still possible. This could end up being problematic for the Fed, as the important November CPI report is scheduled for the same day as the FOMC's next rate decision (10 December).

But while we wait, **incoming data flow has generally been weaker than expected.** The latest German ZEW index disappointed as the future expectations component declined. Similarly, the Sentix index of Euro Area investor confidence fell (-7.4, from -5.4) against expectations of a modest rebound. UK employment growth turned negative in October (-32k) as did the September estimate of GDP growth (-0.1%). October credit and production data from China signalled that support from past stimulus measures is starting to fade. And finally, the weekly private sector payroll estimates from ADP showed that US employment growth turned negative (-11k per week) during the four weeks leading up to October 25th.

As such, we will closely follow **next Friday's flash November PMIs** from euro area, the UK and the US to gain a clearer sense of the current growth momentum. PMIs have signalled improving growth outlook across developed markets through most of this year.

ECB's indicator of negotiated wages is due for release on Friday. While wage pressures remain a key indicator for gauging underlying inflation, the indicator is heavily influenced by one-off inflation compensation bonuses from last year. And finally on the other side of the Atlantic, the **minutes from FOMC's October meeting** could gather more attention than usual given the highly varying views heard from Fed speakers lately.

Key global views

- Economic growth in EA and in the US to slow down in H2 before picking up pace again in 2026.
 - ECB is done cutting. We expect the next Fed rate cut in January
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Key market movers

- Monday: Japan Q3 GDP
- Tuesday: ADP Weekly Employment
- Wednesday: UK Oct CPI, FOMC Minutes
- Thursday: EA Nov Consumer Confidence
- Friday: EA & US Nov Flash PMIs, ECB Q3 Negotiated Wages

US September Jobs Report will likely be released at some point during the week

Selected reading from Danske Bank

- *RtM Nordics*, 11 November
 - *RtM USD - Optimistic despite the mixed signals*, 11 November
 - *RtM Denmark - Solid economy*, 13 November
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Market Movers Scandinavia

- In **Denmark**, the consumer sentiment indicator for November will be released on Thursday. In September, the index declined from -18.7 to -19.5, driven by a more pessimistic outlook on the economy, with expectations for economic conditions in a year reaching their lowest level in over two years and concerns about inflation remaining high. However, October inflation data showed that price pressures on food appear to be easing, with food prices decreasing by 0.4% m/m. We expect this, combined with the government’s plans to lower electricity taxes in 2026 and 2027, to contribute to a more optimistic outlook, potentially reflected in an improvement in consumer sentiment in October. Even so, if the index rises, it will remain at a historically low level.

On Thursday, we expect Q3 GDP growth of 0.5% q/q. The information available to make such a forecast is limited, though. This growth is likely driven by a solid increase in exports, particularly in goods. Industrial production also expanded in Q3, although its contribution to GDP remains uncertain due to differences in how pharmaceutical production is recorded compared to the national accounts.

On Friday, we receive the business sentiment indicator for November. October data showed that business sentiment is still above the historical average but has been on a declining trend since July. Friday will also bring the release of payrolls for September. Payrolls increased by 3,600 in August, continuing the trend of solid job growth, with gains broadly distributed across industries. Over the past year, an average of 3,300 payroll jobs has been added each month, showing no signs of a slowdown.

- In **Sweden**, the macroeconomic calendar is relatively quiet next week, with the weekly figures from the Swedish Public Employment Services taking centre stage. The labour market has improved faster than anticipated in recent weeks and months, and the number of new vacancies has continued to rise in November. Additionally, we note two speeches from Anna Seim on Thursday, where we will be attentive to any signals of a shifting risk outlook within the board, considering the recent improvements in labour market figures and the higher-than-expected inflation.

- In **Norway**, as core inflation has been quite volatile the last couple of months, it is crucial for Norges Bank (NB) that inflation expectations continue to normalize. Next week, NB will publish the Q4 Expectation survey. We expect that the average inflation expectations on both 12 months, 2 years and 5 years continued to move slowly lower, which should be a relief to NB. We are also excited to see whether the wage expectations, especially for the labour market organizations, for both 2025 and 2026 have moved in any direction since the last survey. The latest wage data clearly point to higher wage growth in 2025 (c. 4.8 %) than expected in the Q3 survey (4.3 %).

We expect consumer confidence to improve in November



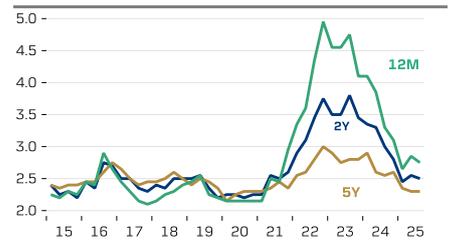
Source: Statistics Denmark, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Better labour market data



Source: Swedish Public Employment Services, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Inflation expectations have flattened



Source: Norges Bank, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Scandi Update

Denmark – Inflation moderates as food prices ease

In Denmark, inflation eased to 2.1% y/y in October, down from 2.3% in September, driven by falling food prices, which decreased 0.4% from the previous month. Coffee and chocolate prices declined, reflecting global market trends, while beef, eggs, and flour also became cheaper. However, energy costs increased due to new winter tariffs. Private-sector wages grew 3.6% y/y, outpacing inflation and boosting purchasing power. Looking ahead, we expect inflation to decline further in 2026, as the electricity tax is nearly abolished, lowering energy costs significantly.

Total exports of goods and services rose 3.4% m/m in September to DKK 181.7 bn, while imports declined 1.1% to DKK 148.2 bn. Over the past three months, exports have grown by 4.0%, with notable increases in goods exports to the US, which increased DKK 3.0bn to 22.9bn in September. The current account surplus increased significantly to DKK 38.4 bn, up DKK 9.2 bn from August, supported by higher trade and investment income surpluses.

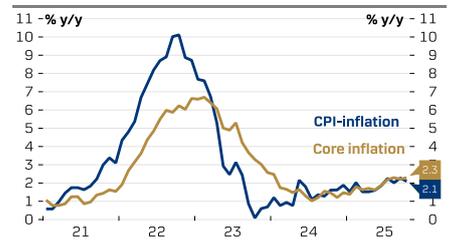
Sweden – Another good week

Activity data for September confirmed the strong GDP flash for Q3. Consumption increased on the month and appeared to have been the main growth driver in Q3. Labour market data also showed clear signs of improvement, with falling unemployment and a rise in new vacancies, according to data from the Swedish Public Employment Services (SPES). The decline was particularly marked for short-term unemployment, suggesting that other groups may follow suit. Consequently, the risk of persistently high unemployment next year has significantly diminished. In contrast, the LFS reported an increase in unemployment to 9.3% in October. This monthly survey is known for its volatility and should be interpreted with caution. We place more confidence in the SPES data, which also led the recovery after the pandemic. The minutes from the Riksbank did not contain any major surprises. However, we conclude that if inflation was to surprise on the upside next year, the majority in the Riksbank board may be caught off-guard. The details on Swedish inflation also highlighted this risk, with many small upside surprises and no major temporary ones.

Norway – Import-driven jump in inflation

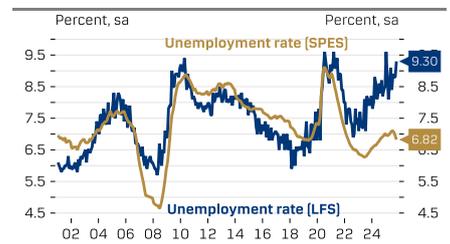
Norwegian core inflation surprised strongly to the upside at 3.4% in October, compared to the expected 3.0%. Details revealed that the inflation surprise mainly stemmed from higher imported inflation, contributing +0.3 percentage points compared to expectations. As the NOK has remained fairly stable over the summer and global goods inflation remains muted, this looks a lot like price adjustments ahead of the upcoming Black week discounts. Especially since more than 0.25 percentage points were driven by Furniture/Household Equipment and Electronics. Unfortunately, we need to see at least the November figure to test our suspicion. Alternatively, this could be a ‘demand pull’-effect from lower interest rates (capital goods), which should then be visible in the October retail sales figures.

Inflation surprised to the downside in October



Source: Statistics Denmark, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Unemployment declined in October



Source: Statistics Sweden, Swedish Public Employment Services, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Imported inflation surprised to the upside



Source: Boligprodusentenes forening, Macrobond and Danske Bank

Calendar - 17-21 November 2025

During the week			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
Sat 15	US	September Jobs Report likely to be released following the end of the government shutdown				
	EC	ECB's Schnabel speaks				
Monday, November 17, 2025			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
00:50	JN	GDP deflator, preliminary	y/y 3rd quarter		3.10%	3.00%
00:50	JN	GDP, preliminary	q/q ann. 3rd quarter		-0.6% -2.4%	0.5% 2.2%
05:30	JN	Industrial production, final	m/m y/y Sep			2.2% 3.4%
08:00	NO	Trade balance	NOK bn Oct			36.9
10:00	IT	HICP, final	m/m y/y Oct		-0.2% 1.3%	-0.2% 1.3%
14:30	CA	CPI	m/m y/y Oct		.. 2.2%	.. 2.4%
14:30	US	Empire Manufacturing PMI	Index Nov		5.8	10.7
15:00	US	Fed's Williams speaks				
19:00	US	Fed's Kashkari speaks				
Tuesday, November 18, 2025			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
14:00	HU	Central Bank of Hungary rate decision	%	6.50%	6.50%	6.50%
14:30	US	Import prices	m/m y/y Oct		
15:15	US	Industrial production	m/m Oct		0.00%	
15:15	US	Capacity utilization	% Oct		77.30%	
15:15	US	Manufacturing production	m/m Oct		0.10%	
16:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Index Nov			37
17:00	US	Fed's Barkin speaks				
22:00	US	TICS international capital flow, Net inflow	USD bn Sep			
Wednesday, November 19, 2025			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
00:50	JN	Exports	y/y (%) Oct		0	0
00:50	JN	Import	y/y (%) Oct		0	0
00:50	JN	Trade balance, s.a.	JPY bn Oct		-128.9	-314.3
00:50	JN	Machine orders	m/m y/y Sep		2.3% 4.9%	-0.9% 1.6%
08:00	UK	CPI	m/m y/y Oct		0.4% 3.6%	0.0% 3.8%
08:00	UK	CPI core	y/y Oct		3.40%	3.50%
10:00	EC	Current account	EUR bn Sep			11.9
11:00	EC	HICP inflation, final	m/m y/y Oct	0.2% 2.1%	0.2% 2.1%	0.2% 2.1%
11:00	EC	HICP core inflation, final	y/y Oct	2.40%	2.40%	2.40%
14:30	US	Housing starts	1000 (m/m) Oct			1307.0 (..)
14:30	US	Building permits, preliminary	1000 (m/m) Oct			.. (..)
16:30	US	DOE U.S. crude oil inventories	K			6413
18:45	US	Fed's Barkin speaks				
20:00	US	FOMC minutes from October meeting				
20:00	US	Fed's Williams speaks				
Thursday, November 20, 2025			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
-	IR	Ireland, GDP, final	q/q y/y 3rd quarter			-0.1% 10.5%
02:00	CH	1-Year Loan Prime Rate	%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
02:00	CH	5-Year Loan Prime Rate	%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
08:00	DE	Consumer confidence	Net. bal. Nov			-19.5
08:00	DE	GDP, preliminary	q/q y/y 3rd quarter	0.5% ..		1.0% ..
14:30	US	Initial jobless claims	1000			
14:30	US	Philly Fed index	Index Nov		-1.5	-12.8
16:00	EC	Consumer confidence, preliminary	Net bal. Nov		-14	-14.2
16:00	US	Existing home sales	m (m/m) Oct		4.09	4.06 0.015

Source: Danske Bank

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Friday, November 21, 2025			Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
00:30	JN	CPI - national	y/y	Oct	3.00%	2.90%
00:30	JN	CPI - national ex. fresh food	y/y	Oct	3.00%	2.90%
01:01	UK	GfK consumer confidence	Index	Nov	-18	-17
01:30	JN	Nikkei Manufacturing PMI, preliminary	Index	Nov		48.2
01:30	JN	Markit PMI services, preliminary	Index	Nov		53.1
08:00	SW	Capacity utilization, industry	%	3rd quarter		88.50%
08:00	UK	Retail sales ex fuels	m/m y/y	Oct	0.1% 3.2%	0.6% 2.3%
08:45	FR	Business confidence	Index	Nov	97	97
09:15	FR	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Nov	49	48.8
09:15	FR	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Nov	48.5	48
09:30	EC	ECB's Lagarde speaks				
09:30	GE	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Nov	49.8	49.6
09:30	GE	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Nov	54	54.6
10:00	EC	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Nov	50	50
10:00	EC	PMI composite, preliminary	Index	Nov	52.5	52.5
10:00	EC	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Nov	53	53
10:30	UK	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Nov	49.2	49.7
10:30	UK	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Nov	52	52.3
11:00	EC	Negotiated Wages	y/y	3rd quarter	2.20%	2.90%
13:30	US	Fed's Williams speaks				
14:30	CA	Retail sales	m/m	Sep	-0.70%	1.00%
15:45	US	Markit PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Nov		52.5
15:45	US	Markit PMI service, preliminary	Index	Nov		54.8
16:00	US	University of Michigan Confidence, final	Index	Nov		50.3

Source: Danske Bank

Macroeconomic forecast

Scandinavia

	Year	GDP ¹	Private cons. ¹	Public cons. ¹	Fixed inv. ¹	Exports ¹	Imports ¹	Inflation ¹	Wage growth ¹	Unem- ploym. ²	Public budget ³	Public debt ³	Current acc. ³
Denmark	2024	3.5	1.1	1.0	3.0	7.1	4.1	1.4	5.2	2.9	4.5	30.5	12.2
	2025	1.8	2.2	2.8	-4.5	1.4	0.5	1.9	3.6	2.9	2.1	28.9	11.4
	2026	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.9	4.0	1.2	3.3	3.0	0.9	28.2	11.7
Sweden	2024	0.8	0.6	1.1	-0.1	1.9	2.3	1.9	4.1	8.4	-	34.0	-
	2025	1.1	1.4	0.8	-0.1	4.2	4.9	2.7	3.6	8.7	-	35.0	-
	2026	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.6	1.8	2.6	1.6	3.5	8.4	-	35.4	-
Norway	2024	0.6	1.4	2.4	-1.4	5.2	4.3	3.1	5.7	2.0	-	-	-
	2025	1.9	2.8	3.0	1.4	-0.5	2.2	2.7	4.5	2.2	-	-	-
	2026	1.6	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.8	2.3	3.7	2.3	-	-	-

Euroland

	Year	GDP ¹	Private cons. ¹	Public cons. ¹	Fixed inv. ¹	Exports ¹	Imports ¹	Inflation ¹	Wage growth ¹	Unem- ploym. ²	Public budget ³	Public debt ³	Current acc. ³
Euro area	2024	0.8	1.2	2.2	-2.1	0.5	-0.1	2.4	4.3	6.4	-3.0	89.1	3.0
	2025	1.2	1.1	1.3	3.4	2.0	2.9	2.1	3.2	6.2	-3.3	90.2	2.9
	2026	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.8	2.8	6.1	-3.7	91.0	2.9
Finland	2024	0.4	-0.4	1.7	-5.0	1.8	-0.8	1.6	3.1	8.4	-4.4	82.5	-0.7
	2025	0.9	0.2	-1.5	3.2	1.8	1.3	0.4	3.1	9.1	-4.0	85.2	0.2
	2026	2.0	1.8	-0.7	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.2	3.4	8.7	-2.9	86.4	0.2

Global

	Year	GDP ¹	Private cons. ¹	Public cons. ¹	Fixed inv. ¹	Exports ¹	Imports ¹	Inflation ¹	Wage growth ¹	Unem- ploym. ²	Public budget ³	Public debt ³	Current acc. ³
USA	2024	2.8	2.9	3.8	3.0	3.6	5.8	3.0	3.9	4.0	-6.7	123.1	-3.3
	2025	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.0	0.5	2.8	3.5	4.2	-6.5	125.1	-3.1
	2026	1.4	0.8	2.4	2.2	1.5	-1.6	2.6	3.5	4.4	-7.0	128.0	-3.0
China	2024	5.0	4.5	-	5.0	-	-	0.2	-	5.1	-7.3	88.3	2.3
	2025	4.9	4.5	-	4.5	-	-	0.3	-	5.2	-9.1	96.8	1.7
	2026	4.8	4.8	-	5.0	-	-	1.0	-	5.2	-9.0	102.8	1.5

Source: OECD and Danske Bank. 1) % y/y. 2) % of labour force. 3) % of GDP.

Financial forecast

Bond and money markets

		Key interest rate	3m interest rate	2-yr swap yield	10-yr swap yield	Currency vs EUR	Currency vs USD	Currency vs DKK	Currency vs NOK	Currency vs SEK
USD*	13-Nov	4.00	-	3.39	3.69	0.86	-	6.42	10.02	9.40
	+3m	3.75	-	3.15	3.70	0.85	-	6.32	10.00	9.49
	+6m	3.50	-	3.10	3.80	0.83	-	6.21	10.00	9.42
	+12m	3.25	-	3.05	3.95	0.82	-	6.11	10.00	9.34
EUR	13-Nov	2.00	2.06	2.18	2.71	-	1.16	7.4673	11.66	10.94
	+3m	2.00	2.05	2.10	2.60	-	1.18	7.4625	11.80	11.20
	+6m	2.00	2.05	2.15	2.60	-	1.20	7.4575	12.00	11.30
	+12m	2.00	2.05	2.20	2.65	-	1.22	7.4550	12.20	11.40
JPY	13-Nov	0.50	-	-	-	0.006	0.006	4.16	6.49	6.09
	+3m	0.75	-	-	-	0.006	0.007	4.36	6.90	6.55
	+6m	1.00	-	-	-	0.006	0.007	4.38	7.04	6.63
	+12m	1.00	-	-	-	0.006	0.007	4.36	7.14	6.67
GBP*	13-Nov	4.00	-	3.52	3.93	1.13	1.32	8.47	13.22	12.40
	+3m	3.50	-	3.55	4.00	1.14	1.34	8.48	13.41	12.73
	+6m	3.50	-	3.50	4.05	1.12	1.35	8.38	13.48	12.70
	+12m	3.50	-	3.45	4.10	1.12	1.37	8.38	13.71	12.81
CHF	13-Nov	0.00	-	-	-	1.08	1.26	8.09	12.64	11.86
	+3m	0.00	-	-	-	1.09	1.28	8.11	12.83	12.17
	+6m	0.00	-	-	-	1.10	1.32	8.20	13.19	12.42
	+12m	0.00	-	-	-	1.10	1.34	8.19	13.41	12.53
DKK	13-Nov	1.60	1.99	2.28	2.87	0.134	0.156	-	1.56	1.46
	+3m	1.60	2.04	2.20	2.75	0.134	0.158	-	1.58	1.50
	+6m	1.60	2.04	2.25	2.75	0.134	0.161	-	1.61	1.52
	+12m	1.60	2.04	2.30	2.80	0.134	0.164	-	1.64	1.53
SEK	13-Nov	1.75	1.95	2.16	2.84	0.091	0.106	0.68	1.07	-
	+3m	1.75	1.90	2.05	2.75	0.089	0.105	0.67	1.05	-
	+6m	1.75	1.90	2.10	2.75	0.088	0.106	0.66	1.06	-
	+12m	1.75	1.90	2.15	2.80	0.088	0.107	0.65	1.07	-
NOK	13-Nov	4.00	4.32	4.21	4.12	0.086	0.100	0.64	-	0.94
	+3m	4.00	4.05	3.89	3.90	0.085	0.100	0.63	-	0.95
	+6m	3.75	3.85	3.70	3.80	0.083	0.100	0.62	-	0.94
	+12m	3.25	3.35	3.50	3.80	0.082	0.100	0.61	-	0.93

*Notes: GBP swaps are SONIA, USD swaps are SOFR

Commodities

	13-Nov	2025				2026				Average		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2024	2025	2026
ICE Brent	63	75	70	70	70	75	80	85	85	80	71	81

Source: Danske Bank

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