



## Morning Call

Geneva, December 15, 2021

### Market Corner

Asian stocks were mixed Wednesday and U.S. equity futures were steady as traders braced for a faster withdrawal of Federal Reserve stimulus and evaluated signs of slowing Chinese economic growth.

Japanese shares gained while China and Hong Kong fluctuated. Chinese data ranging from new home prices to investment and retail sales suggested slowing growth amid a deepening property market slump and Covid disruptions. Meanwhile, initial lab findings indicated that China's Sinovac shot -- one of the most widely used in the world -- doesn't provide sufficient antibodies to neutralize the omicron virus variant. Some 2.3 billion doses of the vaccine have been administered, mostly in China and the developing world.

U.S.-China tension also continues to bubble: the Biden administration is considering imposing tougher sanctions on Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp., China's largest chipmaker. The Financial Times reported the U.S. will add eight more Chinese companies to an investment blacklist.

S&P 500, Nasdaq 100 and European futures edged up. Treasury yields and the dollar pared gains. Technology shares led a Wall Street drop Tuesday as investors soured on more richly valued stocks ahead of the Fed policy decision.

The Fed on Wednesday is set to unveil a quicker tapering of bond purchases, paving the way for interest-rate hikes next year as high inflation rattles the economy. The mix of intense price pressures -- U.S. producer-price inflation hit a record of almost 10% -- diminishing central bank support and omicron uncertainty is testing markets.

<b>US 10Y Govt Bond</b>		<b>Net Change</b>
<b>Price</b>	<b>Yield</b>	
99.5156	1.4275	0.11
<b>EU 10Y Govt Bond</b>		<b>Net Change</b>
<b>Price</b>	<b>Yield</b>	
103.6570	-0.3710	0.10
<b>Indices</b>		<b>% Change</b>
<b>Euro Stoxx 50</b>	4 144.51	-0.92
<b>CAC40</b>	6 895.31	0.00
<b>FTSE</b>	7 218.64	-0.18
<b>DAX</b>	15 453.56	-1.08
<b>SMI</b>	12 411.58	-1.11
<b>Dow Jones</b>	35 544.18	-0.30
<b>S&amp;P500</b>	4 634.09	-0.75
<b>Nasdaq Comp.</b>	15 237.64	-1.14
<b>VIX (Volatility Index)</b>	21.89	7.78

Source: Refinitiv / Bloomberg



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## Crypto Corner

While Ethereum price has risen significantly this year, the token has recently suffered several periods of volatility lately, reaching a swing low at \$3,675. Ethereum fear and greed index is displaying a reading of 34, indicating fear which suggests that the token may be slightly oversold. A hedge fund has taken the opportunity to buy the ETH dip, pouring over \$456 million into the cryptocurrency in less than two weeks.

Cryptocurrency hedge fund Three Arrows Capital has purchased \$56 million worth of Ether earlier on December 14. Etherscan shows that the firm, founded by Su Zhu, has transferred 14,833 ETH from Binance and Coinbase to its wallet. This is not the first time the hedge fund has purchased a large amount of Ethereum. Last week, Three Arrows Capital transferred \$400 million in ETH from crypto exchanges FTX, Binance and Coinbase to its wallet.

Crypto reporter Colin Wu first spotted the transactions and Zhu stated that he will continue to “bid hard on any panic dump,” and that purchasing 100,000 ETH is “dust,” suggesting that more purchases in Ether are yet to be made.

However, the founder of the crypto hedge fund has been involved in controversy in the crypto community, as he revealed in November that he “abandoned Ethereum despite supporting it in the past.”

His statement attracted attention from the crypto industry, and he has since softened his stance and even turned it around and said, “I love Ethereum and what it stands for.”

Speculators in the crypto market suggested that Zhu tried to create fear, uncertainty and doubt to drive Ethereum price down to buy more ETH at a lower price.

Crypto Market Cap: [\\$2.19T](#)

24h Vol: [\\$102.1B](#)

Dominance: [BTC: 41.5%](#) [ETH: 20.9%](#)

Bitcoin		48 049.30
Support	Resistance	
43 535.90	49 774.47	
41 512.95	53 990.09	
Circulating Supply (BTC)		
		18 901 331.00
Market Cap		
		\$ 909 930 384 084.00

Ethereum		3 849.75
Support	Resistance	
3 124.99	3 949.55	
2 983.27	4 632.39	
Circulating Supply (ETH)		
		118 745 366.00
Market Cap		
		\$ 458 182 005 896.00

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Bitcoin / U.S. Dollar, 1D, COINBASE O48359.23 H48795.00 L47847.34 C47995.97 -371.46 (-0.77%)  
Vol 2.757K  
SMAs (8, 50, 100, 200, close, close, close, close) 48481.42 57611.88 54470.38 46910.29



Source: Refinitiv / fxstreet.com / Bloomberg/Coinmarketcap.com/TradeView.com



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## Commodity Corner

**Gold prices** were little changed on Wednesday after a sharp drop in the previous session, as investors await the U.S. central bank decision on speeding up tapering at the end of a two-day meeting later in the day.

**Spot gold** were flat at \$1,769.71 per ounce by 06:08 GMT after a near 1% drop on Tuesday.

**Silver** was little changed at \$21.92 per ounce.

**Platinum** fell 0.3%, to \$917.64.

**Palladium** rising rose 0.3% to \$1,626.65.

**Oil prices** fell for a third day straight on Wednesday on growing expectations that supply growth will outpace demand growth next year, even though the Omicron coronavirus variant is not seen curbing mobility as sharply as earlier COVID-19 variants.

**U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures** fell 82 cents, or 1.2%, to \$69.91 a barrel at 04:13 GMT, after losing 56 cents in the previous session.

**Brent crude futures** fell 71 cents, or 1%, to \$72.99 a barrel, after losing 69 cents on Tuesday.

Both contracts slipped more than \$1 earlier in the session while Brent's prompt monthly spread flipped into contango briefly on Tuesday.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) on Tuesday said a surge in COVID-19 cases with the emergence of the Omicron variant will dent global demand for oil while crude output is set to increase, especially in the United States, with supply set to exceed demand through at least the end of next year.

In contrast, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting (OPEC) on Monday raised its world oil demand forecast for the first quarter of 2022.

<b>Gold</b>	<b>1767.41</b>
<b>Support</b>	<b>Resistance</b>
1756	1789
1742	1808

<b>Silver</b>	<b>21.88</b>
<b>Support</b>	<b>Resistance</b>
20.94	22.29
20.63	23.33

<b>Oil - WTI</b>	<b>69.83</b>
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<b>Nat Gas (HH)</b>	<b>3.8010</b>
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<b>Copper</b>	<b>4.2480</b>
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<b>Baltic Dry Ind.</b>	<b>2932.00</b>
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<b>Corn</b>	<b>589.00</b>
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<b>Wheat</b>	<b>774.00</b>
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<b>Soybean</b>	<b>1256.25</b>
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<b>Arabica Coffee</b>	<b>237.15</b>
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<b>Cotton</b>	<b>104.75</b>
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<b>Sugar</b>	<b>19.65</b>
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## FX Corner

**The dollar** held its recent gains in Asian trading on Wednesday as investors looked towards a key Federal Reserve policy meeting to see if it would reinforce growing market expectations for earlier and additional rate rises next year.

**The dollar index** which measures the greenback against six major peers was at 96.557, having gained 0.5% so far this week in choppy trading. It is testing last week's 96.954, which would be a two-week top.

The dollar's gains have been broad-based, though daily moves were muted ahead of the Fed decision.

**The euro** last traded at \$1.1264, not far from \$1.1184 hit in November, which was its lowest in over a year.

**The pound** languished at \$1.12350 as Britain grapples with rising cases of the Omicron variant of the new coronavirus.

But the Federal Reserve meeting due to wrap up later in the day stood out as the center piece of a week full of central bank meetings.

ECB officials are set to call time on the central bank's Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP), but investors will look to see how the six-year-old Asset Purchase Programme (APP) may pick up the slack.

Elsewhere, a Reuters poll showed analysts have reversed earlier expectations that the Bank of England will raise rates on Thursday, because of the spread of Omicron in Britain.

**The yen** softened slightly to 113.74 per dollar, continuing a weakening trend. The safe-haven currency had firmed sharply in late November, when the Omicron variant first emerged.

**The Australian dollar** was at \$0.7107, little moved by activity data from China, Australia's largest trading partner. The data showed factory output grew faster than expected but retail sales slowed.

**The Canadian dollar** was weaker at 1.2843 per dollar, having been bruised by oil prices coming off recent peaks.

EURUSD	1.1272
Support	Resistance
1.1197	1.1330
1.1145	1.1411
1.1093	1.1492

GBPUSD	1.3244
Support	Resistance
1.3104	1.3290
1.3042	1.3414
1.2979	1.3537

AUDUSD	0.7120
Support	Resistance
0.7031	0.7226
0.6913	0.7303
0.6796	0.7381

EURCHF	1.0414
Support	Resistance
1.0349	1.0431
1.0320	1.0484
1.0291	1.0537

USDJPY	113.6600
Support	Resistance
113.30	114.71
112.21	115.03
111.13	115.36

USDCAD	1.2857
Support	Resistance
1.2814	1.3075
1.2579	1.3101
1.2343	1.3126

USDCHF	0.9237
Support	Resistance
0.9172	0.9287
0.9109	0.9339
0.9045	0.9390

EURJPY	128.1200
Support	Resistance
127.31	129.04
126.47	129.93
125.64	130.83

USDTRY	14.5843
Support	Resistance
13.7789	16.0239
11.9534	16.4434
10.1280	16.8630

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## Event Corner

Date	Time	Country	Indicator Name	Period	Reuters Poll	Actual	Prior	SmartEstimate®	Predicted Surprise
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	CPI MM	Nov	0.4%		1.1%	0.44%	0.04%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	CPI YY	Nov	4.7%		4.2%	4.75%	0.05%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	RPI MM	Nov	0.4%		1.1%	0.35%	-0.05%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	RPI YY	Nov	6.7%		6.0%	6.67%	-0.03%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	RPIX YY	Nov			6.1%		
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Input Prices MM NSA	Nov	0.5%		1.4%	0.60%	0.10%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Input Prices YY NSA	Nov			13.0%		
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Output Prices MM NSA	Nov	0.8%		1.1%	0.72%	-0.08%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Output Prices YY NSA	Nov	8.3%		8.0%	8.60%	0.30%
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Core Output MM NSA	Nov			0.7%		
15 déc 2021	08:00	United Kingdom	PPI Core Output YY NSA	Nov			6.5%		
15 déc 2021	08:00	Sweden	Money Mkt CPIF Infl 5 Yrs	Dec			2.0%		
15 déc 2021	08:00	Sweden	CPIF Inflation 5 Years	Q4			1.9%		
15 déc 2021	08:45	France	CPI (EU Norm) Final MM	Nov	0.4%		0.4%	0.40%	0.00%
15 déc 2021	08:45	France	CPI (EU Norm) Final YY	Nov	3.4%		3.4%	3.40%	0.00%
15 déc 2021	10:00	Italy	Consumer Prices Final MM	Nov	0.7%		0.7%	0.68%	-0.02%
15 déc 2021	10:00	Italy	Consumer Prices Final YY	Nov	3.8%		3.8%	3.72%	-0.08%
15 déc 2021	10:00	Italy	CPI (EU Norm) Final MM	Nov	0.8%		0.8%	0.80%	0.00%
15 déc 2021	10:00	Italy	CPI (EU Norm) Final YY	Nov	4.0%		4.0%	4.00%	0.00%
15 déc 2021	14:15	Canada	House Starts, Annualized	Nov	234.3k		236.6k	236.46k	2.16k
15 déc 2021	14:30	United States	NY Fed Manufacturing	Dec	25.00		30.90	25.963	0.963
15 déc 2021	14:30	United States	Import Prices MM	Nov	0.7%		1.2%	0.66%	-0.04%
15 déc 2021	14:30	Canada	CPI Inflation MM	Nov	0.2%		0.7%	0.16%	-0.04%
15 déc 2021	14:30	Canada	CPI Inflation YY	Nov	4.7%		4.7%	4.70%	0.00%
15 déc 2021	14:30	Canada	CPI BoC Core YY	Nov	3.6%		3.8%	3.50%	-0.10%
15 déc 2021	14:30	Canada	CPI BoC Core MM	Nov			0.6%		
15 déc 2021	14:30	Canada	Manufacturing Sales MM	Oct	4.1%		-3.0%	4.05%	-0.05%
15 déc 2021	14:30	United States	Retail Sales MM	Nov	0.8%		1.7%	0.77%	-0.03%
15 déc 2021	14:30	United States	Retail Sales Ex-Autos MM	Nov	1.0%		1.7%	0.86%	-0.14%
15 déc 2021	14:30	United States	Retail Control	Nov	0.7%		1.6%	0.65%	-0.05%
15 déc 2021	16:00	United States	Business Inventories MM	Oct	1.1%		0.7%	1.13%	0.03%
15 déc 2021	16:00	United States	NAHB Housing Market Indx	Dec	84		83	83.0	-1.0
15 déc 2021	20:00	United States	Fed Funds Tgt Rate	15 Dec	0-0.25		0-0.25	0-0.25	0.0000%
15 déc 2021	20:00	United States	Fed Int On Excess Reserves	15 Dec			0.15%		

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