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### ECB willing to hike rates further

The European Central Bank's governing council is open to increasing interest rates further to safeguard price stability, say minutes of the Oct. Monetary Policy Committee meeting published on Nov. 23. On Oct. 26, the ECB maintained interest rates unchanged at 4%. The decision followed 10 consecutive rate increases starting in July 2022, when key deposit rate stood at -0.5%.

([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 24/11/23)

### China's industrial profits growth slows, keeps stimulus calls alive

Profits at China's industrial firms extended gains for a third month in Oct. albeit at a slower pace, suggesting more policy support from Beijing is needed to help shore up growth in the world's second-largest economy. The 2.7% year-on-year rise sees profit growth narrow back to single-digits, following an 11.9% increase in Sept. and a 17.2% gain in Aug. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 27/11/23) 2022.

### China bolsters financial services for private companies

Chinese authorities have unveiled a raft of measures to strengthen financial services for private companies as part of efforts to help spur their growth. A mix of monetary policy tools, fiscal incentives and insurance backstops will be used to mobilize financial institutions' willingness to serve private firms.

([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 27/11/23)

### UK: Sunak welcomes foreign firms' £29.5bn 'vote of confidence'

The U.K. Prime Minister will host a group of leading business figures on Monday at Hampton Court to highlight foreign firms' plans to invest in the U.K. economy. Rishi Sunak said £29.5bn of new investment had been promised which he described as a "huge vote of confidence" in the U.K. economy.

([www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) 27/11/23)

### UK lawmakers urge 5-yearly BoE review after inflation 'errors'

British lawmakers should review the role and operation of the Bank of England every five years as part of reforms to improve accountability at the central bank and make it "work better" after a string of "errors" that let inflation surge. That's according to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, whose members include former BOE Governor Mervyn King. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 27/11/23)

### German economy shrinks 0.1% as estimated

Germany's economy contracted slightly, as initially estimated, in the third quarter with the household consumption that used to be the pillar of growth, acting as a drag. Confirming the initial figures, detailed data from the statistical office Destatis shows that gross domestic product (GDP) shrank 0.1% quarterly. ([www.rtnews.com](http://www.rtnews.com) 24/11/23)

### BOJ's Ueda: Cannot say with conviction inflation will hit 2% target sustainably

Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda said on Monday the central bank cannot say yet with conviction that inflation will sustainably and stably achieve its 2% inflation target. "We're seeing some positive signs in wages and inflation. But there's high uncertainty on whether this cycle will strengthen," Ueda told parliament. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 27/11/23)

### Australia appoints BoE's Andrew Hauser as new RBA Deputy Head

Australia has appointed the Bank of England's (BoE) Andrew Hauser as the new deputy governor of Bank of Australia (RBA), filling a position that had been vacant since Michele Bullock was elevated to the top role two months ago. Hauser, is expected to start his five-year term before the first RBA board meeting next year. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 27/11/23)

#### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2610	(1.2534)	1.2611	(1.2536)
+USD/EUR	1.0939	(1.0906)	1.0940	(1.0907)
*GHS/USD	11.5772	(11.5687)	11.5888	(11.5803)
*GHS/GBP	14.5989	(14.5002)	14.6146	(14.5170)
*GHS/EUR	12.6649	(12.6177)	12.6775	(12.6301)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 27/11/23 (Rates for 24/11/23 in brackets)

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### **Bank of Israel's path to rate cuts is growing shorter**

Israel may seize on the rapid improvement in markets and consider easing monetary policy as early as this week or the start of next year. The chance of an interest-rate cut on Monday is still remote, with all economists surveyed by Bloomberg predicting the benchmark will stay at 4.75% for a fourth straight time.

([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 27/11/23)

### **HK cash demand sends local Bank rate to 16-year high**

A gauge of bank funding costs in Hong Kong jumped to the highest in 16 years, as year-end demand for cash exacerbates an already-tight liquidity environment. The one-month Hong Kong interbank offered rate, or Hibor, rose 15 basis points to 5.53%, the highest since Oct. 2007.

([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 27/11/23)

### **Singapore Bank concern grows about illegal money flows, MAS says**

Singapore's finance firms are now more concerned about risks stemming from potential money laundering and terrorism financing, in the wake of the island-wide raid earlier this year that captured more than \$2bn in a crime ring.

([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 27/11/23)

### **Incoming NZ government pledges to return to single price stability goal**

New Zealand's incoming prime minister Christopher Luxon has said the new coalition government will remove the central bank's dual mandate so that it is solely focused on inflation. Luxon, leader of the National Party, agreed with leaders of the New Zealand First Party and ACT New Zealand to form a three-party coalition.

([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 24/11/23)

### **Poland jobless rate steady at 5.0%**

The unemployment rate in Poland remained stable for the third straight month in October in line with expectations, figures from the statistical office showed on Friday. The unemployment rate came in at 5.0% in October, the same as in the previous three months.

([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 24/11/23)

### **Brent slips toward \$80/bbl ahead of OPEC+ meeting**

Oil prices slipped on Monday, with Brent falling toward \$80 a barrel, as investors awaited the OPEC+ meeting later this week for an agreement to curb supplies into 2024. Brent crude futures fell 39 cents to \$80.19 a barrel by 0728 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate futures were at \$75.10 a barrel.

([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 27/11/23)

### **Gold hits 6-month high as easing outlook on interest rates dents dollar**

Gold prices rose to a 6-month high on Monday as increasing conviction that the U.S. Fed was done raising interest rates and a weaker dollar buoyed price of the precious metal. Spot prices rose as much as 0.6% to \$2,013.10 a troy ounce during Asian trading, the highest level since mid-May.

([www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) 27/11/23)

### **Nigeria Q3 growth steady at about 2.5% as oil sector contraction slows**

Nigeria's economy grew by 2.54% in the third quarter, largely steady from the 2.51% in the second quarter, data showed on Friday, as the oil sector contracted at a slower pace while the impact of government reforms aimed at boosting output were yet to take effect.

([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 25/11/23)

### **Nigeria cenbank to tighten policy to curb inflation, asks banks to boost capital**

Nigeria's central bank will tighten policy over the next two quarters to manage inflation while directing banks to boost capital to support an expansion of the economy, its new Governor, Olayemi Cardoso, said. Cardoso, who took over in September, faces immediate pressure to curb excess liquidity in the banking system and tackle inflation.

([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 25/11/23)

### **Ghana: MPC keeps policy rate at 30%**

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Ghana (BoG) has kept the Policy Rate at 30.0%. The Committee kept the rate at which it lends to commercial banks unchanged due to concerns about inflation outlook. This is the second consecutive time it has maintained the rate.

([www.myjoyonline.com](http://www.myjoyonline.com) 27/11/23) 2022.

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