

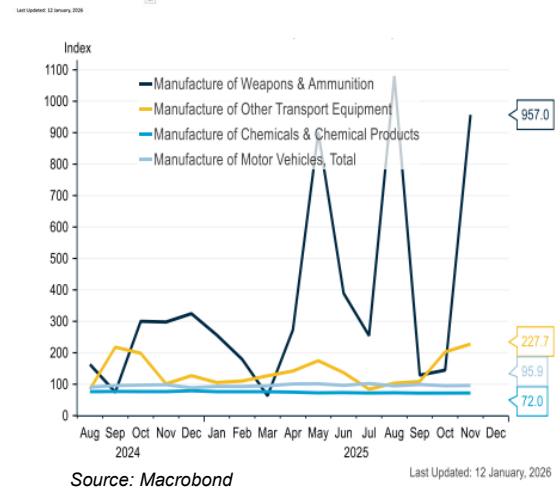
# A Test for Central Bank Innocence

WEEKLY VIEW FROM THE DESK | January 12, 2026

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## MACRO

- One of the key macro themes that opened our [2026 Global Economic Outlook](#) pertains to the era of fiscal dominance and the end of central bank innocence. That theme was put on full display over the weekend after the U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) served the Federal Reserve with grand jury subpoenas on Friday, prompting a response from Fed Chair Powell on Sunday evening. While the subpoenas relate to Powell's testimony on renovations to Fed office buildings, his statement on Sunday stated that "the threat of criminal charges is a consequence of the Federal Reserve setting interest rates based on our best assessment of what will serve the public."
- While the market reactions on Monday were muted (see the accompanying chart of the dollar and U.S. 30-year yields), from a longer-term perspective, the DoJ developments indicate the potential fraying of institutional norms. As a result, global investors may apply a higher-risk premium to U.S. assets, indicating the potential for weaker equity prices, a weaker dollar, and a steeper Treasury curve. It may also lead to rallies in gold and other safe-haven assets. We also believe that the Fed will hold the Fed funds rate steady at its January meeting.
- The escalating tension regarding the Fed likely raises the hurdle for the next Fed Chair to establish monetary-policy credibility and to sustain the perception of independence. However, it remains to be seen if further near-term action is taken towards the Fed given that Powell's term ends in mid-May and the U.S. Supreme Court is still presiding over the case regarding Lisa Cook, a current Fed Board member. A Supreme Court ruling on tariff implementation under IEEPA is also pending.
- The Fed developments followed several recently announced policy initiatives, including caps on credit card interest rates, proposed purchases of \$200B in MBS, and potential restrictions on institutional ownership of single-family homes.
- The fiscal dominance theme is also evolving in Europe amidst signs that weakness in German manufacturing may be bottoming out. The accompanying chart shows the sharp increase in new manufacturing orders in the defense and transport sectors, which could support German economic growth of 1% in 2026 and add 0.1-0.2 percentage points to Euro Area growth this year.



## DEVELOPED MARKET RATES

- In addition to the challenge to the Fed's credibility, the back end of the bund and JGB curves have also posed a bear-steepening threat to U.S. Treasuries. While it's too early to say that JGBs are stabilizing, that appears to be the case with bunds. If U.S. monetary policy stays the course and heads to a low 3% area, that may create an attractive buying point across the U.S. curve out to the long bond. Rates may look even more attractive if Fed leadership brings the Fed funds rate towards 2% over a sustained basis.
- The Administration's proposal to purchase \$200B of mortgage securities prompted a rally across the MBS sector last week with fast money accounts reportedly buying \$3-4B in MBS. While origination volume has yet to respond, the increase in dollar prices suggest that primary mortgage rates are falling, possibly below the key 6% threshold.

## IG CORPORATES

- The U.S. IG corporate market was supported by strong equity performance and low-rate volatility last week. That stated, the Trump Administration's hands-on approach to corporate America increases uncertainty and makes low-probability events more relevant for IG investors.
- We note the following—Aerospace & Defense: the Administration proposed limits on buybacks/dividends for government contract eligibility and raising the defense budget. Credit Card Rate Cap: The unexpected GOP proposal caused 5-10 bps of widening for credit card companies. Private Equity/Home Ownership: Proposed limits for private investors in homebuilders/homes, with some REITs seeing spreads 10 bps wider. Company-Specific Moves: Intel spreads tightened by 10 bps after a positive meeting with Trump, and refiners outperformed after the Venezuela summit.
- Last week, issuance totaled ~\$77B, with 2/3rds coming from financials, especially European banks. Deals were 4.0x oversubscribed and came with a 1.6 bp average concession. Demand remains strong with continued inflows into IG. While only 11% of issuance was at the back-end of the IG curve, M&A activity is picking up. Nearly \$150B in potential deals are rumored to come from sectors such as Metals & Mining (Rio Tinto/Glencore) and Pharmaceuticals (Merck/ Eli Lilly). These deals are pushing spreads wider for the companies involved.

- The EUR IG Index closed last week tighter at an OAS +77 bps, despite the glut of supply in secondary spreads. Issuance in the primary market was just over €35B, somewhat evenly split between corporates and financials. Supply was well absorbed with deals oversubscribed, and attrition rates were low despite most deals pricing with minimal concessions. That stated, there are fears that bank supply in EUR might underwhelm as large cap banks choose to issue in USD in order to de-risk funding plans. This week, we anticipate €20-25B in issuance.

## LEVERAGED FINANCE

- U.S. HY bonds were off to a strong start to 2026, shrugging off sudden geopolitical tensions and instead focusing on firm U.S. economic growth trends and seasonal tailwinds. With robust technicals intact, the market is well situated to absorb this week's \$11.7B of coupons, calls, and maturities. CCCs were last week's top ratings performer, while Bs outperformed BBs. Among sectors, paper, consumer products, and cable were the top performers, while food & drug retail, food & beverage & tobacco, and aerospace were the weakest.
- After a two-week lull, the primary market roared back to life with \$9.7B pricing across 13 deals, including \$2.4B of CCC—rated paper—the highest CCC volume since July 2025. Meanwhile, retail fund inflows resumed with \$278M entering the market after three weeks of outflows.
- The U.S. loan market edged higher last week with a slower-than-expected \$20B of issuance that included very little new money. That said, \$30B billion across 23 deals were added to the pipeline, albeit only \$4.5B of which is new money. Meanwhile, 64% of loans are now trading above par—an 11-month high. The market remains highly bifurcated with strong demand focused on high-quality loans and little appetite for riskier, discounted issues. We believe investors are waiting for more M&A-driven deals expected later in the year.
- European high yield spreads tightened by 13 bps to 269 bps—the tightest since October 2017—on compression and a rally in previous underperformers. Loans were flat at 469 bps, but this number is distorted by high stress levels in loans. In the primary market, four loan deals priced, while bond issuance was slow. The bond pipeline is not expected to pick up until March.

## EMERGING MARKETS

- EM hard currency sovereign spreads were flat week-over-week, impacted by [events in Venezuela](#) and the absorption of over \$72B of new issue supply, primarily in IG. Most ratings buckets were wider, with the exception of the CCC and non-rated buckets, which saw meaningfully positive returns. Venezuela/PDVSA bonds were up 8-10 points on the more pro-U.S. leadership change and expectations of a pushed forward restructuring timeline. Lebanon, another distressed and defaulted complex, was also higher, now trading in the mid to high-20s. Some higher-yielding LatAm names also did relatively well as the fallout from Venezuela is seen to be positive for the region.
- The widening in EM IG was almost entirely a function of the near record-breaking first week of January issuance. There were some large deals from KSA (\$11.5B across curve), UMS (\$9B multi tranche), Israel (\$6B multi-tranche), Chile (\$ and euro), and Hungary and Poland also issuing around 3B euro each. Most deals were oversubscribed from various investor types and came with a concession. There was some indigestion of the 30-year supply, but most of it performed relatively well.
- EMFX overall declined but was mixed regionally, with LatAm gaining while Europe and Asia lagged last week. High carry currencies outperformed, with Colombia and Brazil among the top performers. The worst performers included Czech Republic as CPI came in softer-than-expected and the market continued to price out hikes. Hungary and Poland also underperformed. We believe that with only a 5% chance of a Fed cut now being priced for January, the scope for rates moving higher is limited, which should keep dollar upside capped. We remain relative-value focused, with high-carry longs against low-carry shorts.
- In EM corporates, it was an eventful, but risk-on, first full week of the year, with high yield outperforming. While the macro was focused on Venezuela and U.S. nonfarm payrolls, the record corporate issuance was absorbed and traded well. We are waiting for confirmation that Braskem paid its coupons, with various news reports and advisors suggesting that the company wants a consensual process. The bonds traded up 3-4 points in the last couple of weeks, and we expect reprofiling discussions to start towards middle of next month once the IG4 acquisition has been completed. Telefonica Chile bonds moved up a few points on news that Millicom is interested in acquiring the company.

## SECURITIZED PRODUCTS

- CMBS conduit AAA and subordinate secondary spreads were tighter by as much as 5 bps. Tiering by quality in SASB increased, with AAA floaters pricing in the 130-135 bps range, while fixed-rates tightened as much as 20-35 bps and subordinate tranches also tightened. New issue AAA CRE CLOs were tighter at 140-145 while subordinate tranches edged wider. Five deals came to market, including two SASBs, two CRE CLOs, and one agency.
- In RMBS, new issue non-QM spreads tightened as much as 15 bps on strong demand while subordinate tranches tightened 5-10 bps across the stack, with 4-5 times oversubscriptions on new issues. We expect further tightening this week on the announced \$200B MBS purchase program. Second-liens rallied as much as 10 bps with further near-term compression expected on heavy demand. CRTs opened the year stronger than expected—roughly \$1B in trading (approx. 50% above the 3-month avg.)—with spreads tightening as much as 10 bps across the stack on strong demand. RMBS issuance was off to a heavy start, with nine deals totaling \$4.3B pricing.
- U.S. CLO spreads tightened across the curve last week, driven by strong demand and the President's recent announcement on mortgage policy. Benchmark AAAs rallied as much as 2 bps, while secondary BBBs were as much as 20 bps tighter, but anchored resets were unchanged and wide of syndicated levels. The benchmark to non-benchmark basis tightened around 7 bps. European CLO spreads tightened, especially among mezzanine tranches. Both primary markets are expected to pick up considerably in the coming weeks.
- ABS spreads were tighter on strong demand, with senior spreads as much as 10 bps tighter, BBBs as much as 20 bps tighter, and BBs as much as 40 bps tighter. In the primary market, \$3B priced with most deals clearing at or tighter than price guidance. Indeed, investors shrugged off President Trump's proposed 10% APR cap on credit cards for one year starting January 20. We note that the U.S. Executive branch cannot enforce the proposal without Congressional approval, and that the executive order would likely face legal challenges as regulators lack authority to set such caps independently.

## MUNICIPALS

- Tax-exempt munis had a strong start to the year, posting total returns of 0.73% and outperforming U.S. Treasuries (-0.07%), U.S. Corporates (-0.11%), and the Taxable Municipal Index (0.09%). The Municipal Market Data (MMD) curve jumped 11-13 bps on the front-end of the curve, 15 bps in the belly, and 4 bps on the long end. In addition, M/T yield ratios are now at or near their 90-day lows across the curve.
- Last week, strong demand from reinvestment activity and limited supply drove yields lower. This week's calendar is estimated to be ~\$10B, and ~\$40B is projected for the month. While net supply is expected to be positive in January (+\$5B), net supply will turn negative in February (-\$4B) due to demand.

## THE RETURNS TABLE AS OF JANUARY 9, 2026

	Duration	YTM	OAS	WTD	Yield / OAS change (bps)				WTD	MTD	Total return (%)		
					MTD	QTD	YTD	Prior year			QTD	YTD	Prior year
Sovereign rates													
U.S. 2-Year	1.88	3.53	---	6	6	6	6	-73	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	4.76
U.S. 5-Year	4.50	3.75	---	1	2	2	2	-71	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.03
U.S. 10-Year	7.99	4.17	---	-3	0	0	0	-52	0.27	0.19	0.19	0.19	8.77
U.S. 10-Year Breakeven	--	2.28	---	2	4	4	4	-13	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. 10-Year TIPS	4.30	1.86	---	-5	-4	-4	-4	-41	0.32	0.04	0.04	0.04	9.33
U.S. 20-Year	12.72	4.76	---	-6	-3	-3	-3	-23	0.76	0.59	0.59	0.59	6.89
U.S. 30-Year	15.74	4.81	---	-6	-3	-3	-3	-12	0.95	0.76	0.76	0.76	6.03
U.S. SOFR	---	---	---	-11	-23	-23	-23	-66	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.09	4.38
UK 10-Year	7.33	4.37	---	-16	-10	-10	-10	-44	1.23	0.86	0.86	0.86	8.51
Germany 10-Year	8.65	2.86	---	-4	1	1	1	30	0.62	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.93
Switzerland 10-Year	9.31	0.27	---	-1	-1	-1	-1	-16	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.64
Japan 10-Year	8.21	2.09	---	3	3	3	3	91	-0.18	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	-5.19
Australia 10-Year	8.03	4.69	---	-15	-5	-5	-5	20	1.17	0.62	0.62	0.62	3.72
Canada 10-Year	8.35	3.38	---	-9	-5	-5	-5	4	0.71	0.47	0.47	0.47	3.83
Major fixed income multi-sector indices		YTW											
Global Aggregate Unhedged	6.37	3.52	26	-1	-1	-1	-1	-8	-0.03	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	8.89
Global Aggregate Hedged	6.37	3.52	26	-1	-1	-1	-1	-8	0.36	0.18	0.18	0.18	5.59
U.S. Aggregate	6.00	4.32	25	-2	-2	-2	-2	-9	0.35	0.15	0.15	0.15	7.97
Euro-Aggregate (Unhedged)	6.27	2.94	41	-1	-1	-1	-1	-21	0.54	0.29	0.29	0.29	2.62
Japanese Aggregate	8.28	1.93	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	-5.87
Major fixed income credit indices		YTW											
Mortgage-Backed (Agency)	5.46	4.55	14	-8	-8	-8	-8	-28	0.73	0.49	0.49	0.49	9.62
Global IG Corporate Bonds	6.01	4.36	79	-1	-1	-1	-1	-10	0.06	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	11.06
U.S. IG Corporate Bonds	6.95	4.84	77	-1	-1	-1	-1	-4	0.34	0.10	0.10	0.10	8.55
European IG Corporate	4.57	3.17	77	-1	-1	-1	-1	-25	0.40	0.27	0.27	0.27	3.99
U.S. High Yield Bonds	2.99	6.47	257	-11	-9	-9	-9	-18	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	8.70
European High Yield Bonds	2.90	5.08	267	-12	-15	-15	-15	-53	0.49	0.56	0.56	0.56	5.86
U.S. Leveraged Loans	0.3	8.02	446	-4	-9	-9	-9	-26	0.24	0.29	0.29	0.29	5.92
European Leveraged Loans	0.3	7.29	469	-1	-5	-5	-5	-5	0.10	0.15	0.15	0.15	3.82
EM Hard Currency Sovereigns	6.52	6.80	252	0	-2	-2	-2	-67	0.24	0.18	0.18	0.02	14.46
EM Corporates	4.45	6.34	234	-2	-4	-4	-4	-5	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	9.00
EM Currencies	---	5.94	---	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.20	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	12.69
EM Local Rates	5.41	5.87	6	0	0	0	0	-1	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.09	8.28
CMBS	3.84	4.46	73	-2	-2	-2	-2	-7	0.13	0.01	0.01	0.01	7.90
ABS	2.85	4.13	51	-1	-1	-1	-1	7	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.03	6.02
CLOs	3.99	4.79	130	-1	-1	-1	-1	-9	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.18	5.45
Municipal Bonds	6.13	3.47	---	-12	-12	-12	-12	-30	0.69	0.73	0.73	0.73	5.32

	Level	Total return (%)						Change (%)					
		WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	Prior year		Spot	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	Prior year
Equity / volatility indices							FX / commodities						
S&P 500 Index	6,966	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	19.2	EUR / USD	1.2	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	13.0
DAX	25,262	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	24.3	USD / JPY	157.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.2
Stoxx 600	610	2.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	22.2	GBP / USD	1.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	8.9
Nikkei 225	51,940	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	33.7	EUR / CHF	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.8
Shanghai Composite	4,120	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	31.7	USD / CHF	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	-12.2
MSCI ACWI Index	1,035	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	24.7	USD (DXY)	99.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	-9.2
FTSE 100	10,125	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	25.9	Oil	59.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	-20.0
MOVE Index	62	-1.3	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8	-38.3	Gold	4509.5	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	69.1
VIX Index	14	-0.1	-3.1	-3.1	-3.1	-19.8							

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