Baker Market Update

Week In Review

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Banks

Webinars:

Investment Strategies
Jan 14, 2026

Credit Unions

Webinars:

CU Strategies Jan 8, 2026

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Seminars:

OK Seminar Oct 14-16, 2026

Schools:

ALM School Apr 22-23, 2026

Bond School Nov 4-5, 2026 The first trading day of the new year opened quietly, as expected. With holidays and early market closures limiting activity, there was little in the way of new economic data this week. The most notable release was Wednesday's publication of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes from December. The minutes offered few surprises but helped provide clarity on the Fed's current priorities. Overall, committee members appear increasingly confident that policy has become sufficiently restrictive to slow the economy, though not yet confident enough to continue easing their restraint.

Policymakers broadly agreed that economic activity continues to expand at a solid pace, supported by resilient consumer spending and ongoing strength in parts of the labor market. At the same time, the minutes acknowledged clearer signs that tighter financial conditions are weighing on demand, particularly in interest-sensitive sectors such as housing and business investment.

Participants noted encouraging progress on disinflation, especially in goods prices and select services categories, but emphasized that inflation remains above the Committee's long-run objective. Several members highlighted the risk that inflation could prove more persistent than expected, particularly if labor-market tightness delays further cooling in wage growth. As a result, officials stressed that policy must remain sufficiently restrictive for long enough to ensure inflation continues to move sustainably toward the 2% target.

The minutes also reiterated that the Committee does not view rate cuts as imminent. While participants generally agreed that the current policy rate is likely at or near its peak, they emphasized that future decisions will be driven by realized economic data rather than forecasts or market expectations. Several members cautioned against easing policy prematurely, noting that doing so could jeopardize progress on inflation and ultimately require a more restrictive response later.

The discussion also reflected growing awareness of downside risks. Some participants acknowledged that restrictive financial conditions could weigh more heavily on activity than anticipated, raising the possibility of slower growth or a softer labor market in 2026. Still, the prevailing view remained that maintaining a restrictive stance is preferable to risking a resurgence in inflation, even at the cost of below-trend growth.

Treasury yields and rate expectations already reflect a slower path to easing, and the absence of a meaningful dovish shift in the minutes limited market reaction. Instead, the minutes reinforced the idea that the next phase of policy will likely involve patience rather than pivoting. Markets are expecting a prolonged pause that keeps financial conditions tight while the Fed waits for clearer confirmation that inflation is sustainably under control.

Looking ahead, attention turns to next week's all-important jobs data, culminating in the release of nonfarm payrolls and the unemployment rate on Friday. Have a great weekend, and Happy New Year!

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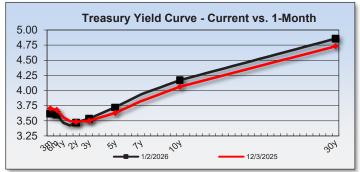
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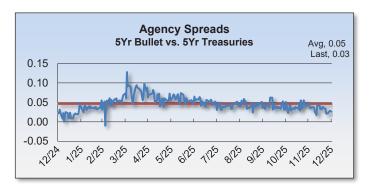
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Treasury Market Historical					Fixed Rate Market											
Maty	Current	1Wk	Historical		Maty	N-Call	Call US AAA BQ Mu		Q Muni	Tax		Agency Calls - Euro		ro		
Maty	Current	Change	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	/AL	Agency	Swap	C-Corp ²	S-Corp ³	Muni	Mty	3Мо	6mo	1Yr	2Yr
3mo	3.62	(0.01)	3.75	4.33	4.31	2yr	3.54	3.31	3.35	3.56	3.53	2Yr				
6mo	3.60	0.02	3.72	4.24	4.28	3yr	3.57	3.33	3.35	3.56	3.58	3Yr				
1yr	3.47	(0.02)	3.58	4.00	4.16	5yr	3.79	3.45	3.37	3.59	3.80	5Yr				
2yr	3.47	(0.01)	3.51	3.79	4.24	7yr	4.04	3.60	3.56	3.78	4.12	7Yr				
3yr	3.54	0.00	3.53	3.76	4.28	10yr	4.36	3.79	3.86	4.11	4.48	10Yr				
5yr	3.72	0.03	3.66	3.86	4.37	15yr	4.69	4.05	4.63	4.93	4.61		F	ebruary	TBA MBS	3
7yr	3.94	0.03	3.85	4.05	4.47	20yr	5.02	4.16	5.50	5.86	5.44	Cpn	15Yr -Y	ld/AL	30Yr -Y	ld/AL
10yr	4.17	0.04	4.09	4.28	4.56	25yr	5.35	4.19	5.72	6.09	5.50	3.00	4.37	4.2y	4.91	
30yr	4.86	0.04	4.75	4.80	4.78	30yr		4.16	5.94	6.32	5.56	3.50	4.36	4.1y		
* Interpole	ıted											4.00	4.31	4.0y	4.93	8.9y
_												4.50	4.39	4.2y	4.94	8.4y
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Key Market Indices								
		1Wk	Historical					
Index	Current	Change	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr			
Fed Funds	3.75		4.00	4.50	4.50			
Primary Discount	3.75		4.00	4.50	4.50			
2ndary Discount	4.25		4.50	5.00	5.00			
Prime Rate	6.75		7.00	7.50	7.50			
Sec. O.N. Finance	3.87	0.21	4.12	4.45				
1 Month LIBOR	4.96	(0.01)	5.31	5.44	5.43			
3 Month LIBOR	4.85	(0.08)	5.28	5.56	5.66			
6 Month LIBOR	4.68	(0.08)	5.14	5.65	5.90			
1 Year LIBOR	6.04	0.12	5.73	5.48	3.62			
6 Month CD	3.64	(0.12)	3.82	4.22	4.32			
1 Year CMT	3.48	(0.02)	3.61	3.96	4.16			
REPO O/N	3.83	0.11	4.10	4.32	4.80			
REPO 1Wk	3.69	(0.11)	3.93	4.37	4.40			
CoF Federal	3.558		3.600	3.662	3.767			
11th D. CoF (Nov)	2.829		2.871	2.933	3.038			

Maturity	Chicago	Boston	Topeka	
3mo	3.80		3.83	
6mo	3.74		3.74	
1yr	3.64		3.69	
2yr	3.58		3.64	
3yr	3.64		3.70	
4yr	3.73		3.79	
5yr	3.83		3.87	
7yr	4.11		4.16	
10yr	4.43		4.48	
5yr Am	3.76		3.82	
10yr Am	4.16		4.20	

Fed Fund	d Futures
Maturity	Rate
Jan-26	3.632
Feb-26	3.595
Mar-26	3.560
Apr-26	3.495
May-26	3.445
Jun-26	3.385
Jul-26	3.300
Aug-26	3.225
Sep-26	3.190
Oct-26	3.135
Nov-26	3.100

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Date 12/29 12/29 12/30	Release Pending Home Sales MoM	eek & No			1	
12/29 12/29		l Per.				
12/29		Nov	Est. 0.9%	Actual 3.3%	Prior	Revised
			0.9%	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.1%
	Pending Home Sales NSA YoY FHFA House Price Index MoM	Nov	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.1%
,		Oct	0.10%	0.476	0.13%	0.17%
12/30	S&P Cotality CS 20-City MoM SA	Oct	1.10%	1.31%	1.36%	1.39%
12/30 12/30	S&P Cotality CS 20-City YoY NSA S&P Cotality CS US HPI YoY NSA	Oct Oct	1.10/0	1.36%	1.29%	1.32%
	Ť		40.0	43.5	36.3	1.32/
12/30 12/31	MNI Chicago PMI	Dec 12/27	218k	199k	214k	215
12/31	Initial Jobless Claims	12/27	210K	218.75k	216.75k	217.001
12/31	Initial Claims 4-Wk Moving Avg	12/27	1902k	1866k	1923k	1913
	Continuing Claims		51.8	51.8	51.8	17131
1/2	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Dec F	48.4	31.0	48.2	_
1/5	ISM Manufacturing	Dec	40.4		58.5	_
1/5 1/5	ISM Prices Paid ISM New Orders	Dec Dec			47.4	_
					44.0	_
1/5	ISM Employment	Dec	52.9		52.9	_
1/6	S&P Global US Services PMI	Dec F	32.9		53.0	_
1/6	S&P Global US Composite PMI	Dec F	45k		-32k	_
1/7 1/7	ADP Employment Change ISM Services Index	Dec Dec	52.2		-32K 52.6	_
1/7	ISM Services Prices Paid	Dec			65.4	_
					52.9	-
1/7	ISM Services New Orders	Dec			48.9	-
1/7	ISM Services Employment	Dec	7700k		7670k	-
1/7	JOLTS Job Openings	Nov				-
1/7	JOLTS Job Openings Rate	Nov			4.6%	-
1/7	JOLTS Quits Level	Nov			2941k	-
1/7	JOLTS Quits Rate	Nov			1.8%	-
1/7	JOLTS Layoffs Level	Nov			1854k	-
1/7	JOLTS Layoffs Rate	Nov			1.2%	-
1/8	Challenger Job Cuts YoY	Dec			23.5%	-
1/8	Challenger Job Cuts Total	Dec	2.00/		71321	-
1/8	Nonfarm Productivity	3Q P	3.8%		3.3%	-
1/8	Unit Labor Costs	3Q P	0.6%		1.0%	4.051
1/9	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Dec	55k		64k	-1051
1/9	Change in Private Payrolls	Dec	50k		69k	-
1/9	Change in Manufact. Payrolls	Dec	-5k		-5k	-
1/9	Nonfarm Payrolls 3-Mo Avg Chg	Dec			22k	-
1/9	Average Hourly Earnings MoM	Dec	0.3%		0.1%	-
1/9	Average Hourly Earnings YoY	Dec	3.6%		3.5%	-
1/9	Average Weekly Hours All Employees	Dec	34.3		34.3	-
1/9	Unemployment Rate	Dec	4.5%		4.6%	-
1/9	Labor Force Participation Rate	Dec	62.4%		62.5%	-
1/9	Underemployment Rate	Dec	42251		8.7%	-
1/9	Housing Starts	Oct	1325k		4.000	-
1/9	Building Permits	Oct P	1347k		1330k	-
1/9	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jan P	53.5		52.9	-
1/9 1/9	U. of Mich. Current Conditions U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Jan P Jan P			50.4 4.2%	-

MBS Prepayments ⁴								
	3-Month CPR							
Туре	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5		
FN 10y	15.1	15.3	12.1	18.6	23.7	24.9		
FH/FN 15y	8.6	9.5	12.3	17.8	15.9	15.0		
GN 15y	22.4	27.1	21.5	19.3	0.0	-2.3		
FH/FN 20y	7.0	7.9	8.7	10.9	14.5	25.0		
FH/FN 30y	5.8	5.7	4.3	6.1	5.2	9.8		
GN 30y	3.3	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.9	7.2		
	CPR Projections							
Type	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5		
FN 10y	11.7	12.7	13.6	16.9	20.5	21.6		
FH/FN 15y	9.5	10.3	12.1	20.0		28.1		
GN 15y	7.9	8.0	14.7	14.0	13.8	27.7		
FH/FN 20y	8.3	8.7	10.2	11.8	16.2	19.7		
FH/FN 30y	6.5	6.9	8.0	9.0	12.3	18.8		
GN 30y	6.8	7.0	8.0	8.5	9.4	10.2		

Other Markets								
		1Wk	Historical					
Index	Current	Chng	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr			
Currencies								
Japanese Yen	156.68	0.11	156.04	143.93	157.14			
Euro	1.17	(0.00)	1.16	1.18	1.03			
Dollar Index	98.40	0.42	99.36	96.78	109.39			
Major Stock	Indices							
Dow Jones	48,143	(588)	47,474	44,484	42,392			
S&P 500	6,891.1	(41.0)	6,829.4	6,227.4	5,868.6			
NASDAQ	23,503.7	(110)	23,413.7	20,393.1	19,280.8			
Commodities								
Gold	4,368.9	(111.7)	4,186.6	3,359.7	2,669.0			
Crude Oil	56.68	(1.67)	58.64	67.45	73.13			
Natural Gas	3.57	(0.67)	4.84	3.49	3.66			
Wheat	503.5	-18.3	537.8	556.0	545.8			
Corn	438.0	-13.0	438.0	429.3	459.5			

Notes

- 1 Call Agy = Maturity at left w/ a 1-Year Call at Par
- 2 Muni TEY (21% Fed, 0.75% CoF)
- 3 S-Corp TEY Muni (29.6%, no TEFERA)
- 4 MBS Prepayments are provided by Bloomberg

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