

DM Headlines

- Fed Keeps Rates Steady While Powell Says March Cut Unlikely
Policymakers say risks are moving 'into better balance'
No cut until officials are more confident on inflation path
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85IQXT0AFB4>
- Wall Street Gets Reality Check as Powell Saps Fast Rate-Cut Bets
Stocks dropped as Fed chief says move unlikely at next meeting
But bonds hold gains as traders still see aggressive easing
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85OANT0G1KW>
- Fed's Powell Cements Pivot But Pushes Back on Timing of Cuts
Powell says an interest-rate cut in March is not likely
FOMC needs to see more data to be convinced to move rates
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85PY0T1UM0W>
- US Increases Quarterly Debt Sale, Sees No More Boosts Coming
Treasury announces \$121 billion in refunding auctions
Start date for new buyback program to be announced in May
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84T4TT0AFB4>
- Oil Steadies Ahead of Promised US Response to Jordan Attack
Drone assault killed American troops in Jordan over weekend
WTI futures trade near \$76 after losing 2.5% on Wednesday
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85YBLDWX2PS>
- US INSIGHT: Post-FOMC FedSpeak Index Still Says First Cut in May
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85YBVDWRGG0>
- Pimco's Browne Says Time to Add Duration, Sees HY Expensive
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85L5MT1UM0W>
- Abnrdn Sees Fed Cutting Rates Three Times This Year, USTs Gaining
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85KX3T0AFB4>
- Gundlach Sees Grim Outlook for US Economy After Fed Decision
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S858B8T0G1KW>
- TBAC Discussed Treasury Futures Positioning, Basis Trade
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84L92T0G1KW>

- EU Set for Showdown With Orban in Push to Unblock Ukraine Aid
Leaders head into uncertain summit wary of potential failure
Ukraine running short of weapons as EU deliveries miss target
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84LW5T0AFB4>
- EURO-AREA PREVIEW: CPI to Ease, Too Early to Swing ECB View (2)
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85WNPT0G1KW>
- Powell's Guidance Is Set to Ripple Through ECB, BOE Rate Pricing
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S860M4T0G1KW>
- ECB Needs More Confidence Inflation Is Headed to 2%, Lane Says
Chief economist tells Croatian TV prices are a smaller problem
Markets are betting that the ECB will start rate cuts in April
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S82WX4T0AFB4>
- German Inflation Still Shows Signs of Stickiness -- Market Talk
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84X510799MO>



- Labour Boost as Scottish Nationalists Face Covid Backlash (1)
SNP government under pressure over conduct during pandemic
WhatsApp row is setback for leader Yousaf's attempt at rebuild
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84N6HTOG1KW>
- Opportunity Knocking on Gilt Yields' Door If BOE Cuts in May
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85Y5ATOG1KW>
- Bank of England May Signal When Rates Can Be Cut: Decision Guide
Focus on guidance and vote split for signs of a pivot
Inflation outlook two years out may deliver 'hawkish surprise'
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S80OFBTOG1KW>

- Australian 3-Year Yield Drops as RBA Cut Fully Priced for June
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85B4VT0AFB4>
- Australia Home Prices Gain for 12th Month, While Melbourne Falls
Perth was best performer in January, up 1.6%; Sydney rose 0.2%
National prices are up 31.6% since Covid, Sydney climbed 24.2%
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S83GD1TOG1KW>
- (AU) 4Q NAB Business Confidence, actual -6, prior -1
- (AU) Dec. Building Approvals MoM, actual -9.5%, est. 0.5%, prior 1.6%, revised 0.3%
- Kiwi Outperforms AUD After NZ Wage Increase: Inside Australia/NZ
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85QSMT0G1KW>
- New Zealand House Prices Rise at Slower Pace, CoreLogic Says
Property values rise a fourth month but recovery is tentative
Buyers still face challenge of high mortgage interest rates
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S83KMKT1UMOW>
- Australia Bonds to Gain as RBA Rate-Cut Bets Rise: Deutsche Bank
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S8457NTOG1KW>
- RBA Seen Cutting Rates Only in Late-2024, Asset Manager IFM Says
Market pricing for RBA rate cuts in mid-2024 is 'optimistic'
Bullock will be judged on when, how easing cycle is executed
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85O7OT1UMOW>

- Japan Union Seeks at Least 6% Pay Rise to Push BOJ Policy (1)
UA Zensen chief Matsuura believes 4% wage hikes not enough
Will fight for 6%, but hurdles remain for smaller-sized firms
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85JWMT1UMOW>
- (Japan) Jan. Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg, actual 48.0, prior 48.0
- US Property Losses Trigger 20% Drop in Japanese Bank Aozora (2)
Aozora follows NYCB in reporting property losses in the US
US commercial property market has been hit by rising rates
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85X1NT1UMOW>
- JGBs, Futures Rise After Solid Auction Demand: Inside Japan
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85RSCT1UMOW>
- BOJ Signals Rate Hike Is Approaching With Ramped-Up Exit Talk
January meeting summary stops short of saying when BOJ to act
Board member flags 'golden opportunity' before global moves
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- China Factory Activity Expands Again, Private Survey Shows (2)
Private data contrasts with weakness in official gauge
Prices subdued and deflation pressures stayed, economist says
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85RKTT0AFB4>
- China Politburo Avoids Setting Date for Key Economic Meeting (2)
Third plenum sets the long-term agenda and is already delayed
Leaders reaffirmed pledge to promote high-quality development
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85TCGT0AFB4>
- Best-in-Class EM Currency Seen Fading as Sri Lankan Imports Rise
Analysts predict a slide of as much as 21% in second half
Debt payments likely to resume, import restrictions eased
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S83NMVTOG1KW>
- (China) Jan. Caixin China PMI Mfg, actual 50.8, est. 50.8, prior 50.8
- Yuan Falls Amid Extended Drop in Home Sales: Inside China
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85RNCT1UM0W>
- China Home Sales Slump Persists After Evergrande Liquidation (1)
China Jan new homes sales record low in recent years
Local gov ramped up support by drafting white list projects
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84NMRT0G1KW>
- Hong Kong Holds Borrowing Costs Flat After Another Fed Pause (2)
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85XBQT0AFB4>
- Hong Kong 'Underwater' Mortgage Levels Hit Two-Decade High (1)
Loans that exceed property's value climb to \$17 billion
Hong Kong's de-facto central bank blames slumping home prices
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85LZ7T0G1KW>
- Won Gains After Fed Decision, Exports Increase: Inside Korea
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85GERT0G1KW>
- South Korea Exports Grow as Chips and China Help Carry Momentum
Chip exports jump most in six years as demand improves
Shipments to China rise for the first time in 20 months
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85JTNT1UM0W>
- KOREA REACT: Firm Work Day-Adjusted Exports Imply Steady Growth
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85IOKT0G1KW>
- Rupiah Edges Higher After Inflation Data: Inside Indonesia
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85TMHT0G1KW>
- EM Asia Bonds Have More to Lose From US Yield Gains Than Before
Asian bond correlation to Treasuries has risen over a month
Region's narrower yield spread over US increases sensitivity
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85V92T0AFB4>
- Rupee Bond Traders to Watch Interim Federal Budget: Inside India
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85NL1T0G1KW>
- India's Big Year for Bonds Starts With Best January Since 2019
Bonds gain on \$2 billion inflows into index-eligible debt
Indian debt is being added to JPMorgan's indexes from June
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S842F9T0AFB4>



RUBRICS

- Brazil Cuts Rates by 50 Points, Pledges to Keep Easing Pace (1)
Central bankers cut benchmark rate by fifth time, to 11.25%
Lula government pressures for more spending as growth slows
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85AODT0G1KX>
- Chile Steps Up Monetary Easing With Cut of 100 Basis Points (2)
Reduction to 7.25% expected by 17 of 21 analysts in survey
Many economists see inflation at target in first half of 2024
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S859LQT0AFB4>
- Colombia Delivers Hawkish Rate Cut as Inflation Risks Loom (1)
Central bank cut rates by 25 basis points for a second month
Colombia is seeing record high temperatures on El Nino
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S852TRT0G1KW>
- Milei Wins IMF Approval To Secure \$4.7 Billion Disbursement (1)
Fund's board signs off on latest review of \$44 billion program
Vote of confidence comes despite shelved austerity measures
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85FLTT0AFB4>
- Brazil Speeds Up \$1 Billion Rescue for Troubled Airlines
Emergency measure would provide collateral for BNDES lending
Plan seeks to address cost of litigation, lack of competition
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S81D3ET1UM0W>
- Mexico's Next Leader Will Inherit Oil Giant's \$106 Billion Debt
Mexico's state-owned Pemex faces most bond maturities until at least 2050
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84H8FDWX2PS>
- BRAZIL REACT: BCB Keeps Pace as Fed Cuts, 2025 CPI Enter Focus
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85C25T0G1KW>

- Hungary Central Bank Unity Cracks Under Orban Rate Pressure (1)
Rate-cut vote on Tuesday drew first dissent since 2016
Government has been pushing central bank to step up easing
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84Q9OT0AFB4>
- Polish President Sends Budget to Court Review After Signing (1)
Decision won't impact the new government's spending plans
The move may spark tensions after PM Tusk ousted populists
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S85FGYT0G1KW>
- Poland to Offer PLN10b-18b at Regular Bond Auctions in Feb. (1)
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84QXQT1UM0W>
- HSBC Recommends Selling Polish Zloty Against Hungarian Forint
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84P6ZT0AFB4>
- Markets Believe Hungary Central Bankers' Caution Amid Wild Cards
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84PHDT0G1KW>
- Frait Ready to Vote for at Least 50 Bps Czech Rate Cut: Reuters
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84HX7T1UM0W>
- Czech Rate Cuts Will Be Cautious, Central Banker Prochazka Says
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84Y32T1UM0W>
- Czech Government Seeks Binding Bids for Up to 4 Nuclear Reactors
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/S84PH6T1UM0W>