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Market Outlook

Signs of Macros Recovery could drive Domestic Earnings growth

On the global front, US Federal Reserve's 25 bps rate cut in October came broadly in line with expectations, though internal divisions persisted. One committee member advocated a deeper 50 bps cut, while another favoured maintaining the status quo. The ongoing government shutdown is likely to constrain the Fed's ability to act decisively in December, leading to expectations of a tactical pause in policy. The US government shutdown has now entered its 37th day, making it the longest in American history, and has halted operations in key departments. The prolonged impasse threatens to shave 0.1 – 0.2% points off quarterly GDP growth. Considering the impact, the US supreme court will be deciding on the authority to use tariffs as a policy tool.

Markets, having priced in a faster rate cut trajectory, swiftly unwound positions across equities and debt, while the US dollar strengthened, adding pressure on emerging-market currencies. Chair Powell highlighted upside risks to inflation and downside risks to employment. The December policy stance may also hinge on changes within the Board of Governors, particularly at the chairman level. The Fed announced that balance sheet reduction will conclude on December 1, 2025, marking the end of a quantitative tightening phase that has trimmed assets by roughly USD 2.3 trillion since April 2022 to USD 6.5 trillion. Meanwhile in a latest twist, Fed injected about USD 125 billion into US banks over five days to ease funding stress, including a USD 29.4 billion liquidity infusion on October 31—the largest single-day support. Bank reserves have fallen to a four-year low of USD 2.8 trillion. While Powell continues to strike a hawkish tone, these liquidity operations signal a possible "stealth easing." Markets now price in a 68% probability of another rate cut in December. It remains to be close watch whether the latest liquidity boost is merely temporary or an early sign of a shift toward renewed quantitative easing. Meanwhile, on the geopolitical front, a US—China trade breakthrough emerged at the South Korea summit. President Donald Trump announced a reduction in the US "fentanyl tariff" on Chinese goods from 20% to 10%, following talks with President Xi Jinping. In return, China committed to agree to resume large-scale purchases of U.S. soybeans.

Back Home, by and large all leading indicators in the economy showing signs of Progress. On the PMI Front, India, manufacturing activity accelerated in October, as indicated by the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 59.2 from a four-month low of 57.7 in September. The sector's growth was supported significantly by the government's goods and services tax relief measures implemented on September 22, along with productivity improvements and increased technology investments. The manufacturing expansion was notably sharp, surpassing the growth recorded in September. Output growth also accelerated, matching August's pace—the joint strongest in five years. In contrast, the services sector activity moderated to a five-month low, with the HSBC India Services PMI declining to 58.9 from 60.9 in September. Despite this moderation, substantial growth in services output and new business was observed.

Next Key data points under watch for Markets is inflation data in the upcoming week in US and India for its implications on Upcoming monetary policy in Dec 2025.

On earnings front, Indian companies have largely reported Q2FY26 results in line with expectations. As of now, Nifty EPS projections for FY26E and FY27E experienced month-on-month declines of 0.2% and 0.3%, respectively. On the valuations front, we are still above the long term 10-year average currently NIFTY Trading at 23.2 x FY26 and 20.1 X FY27 Earnings. We believe earnings growth signs should pick up in the 2nd Half of the FY26 given the tailwinds in the government policy initiatives such as GST Cuts, Tax relief and lower Crude Oil Prices. We continue to suggest Bottom up with more focus skewed to Domestic Themes.

Source: Cogenics, Bloomberg, JM Institutional Research

Tech Desk

Heading Towards New Life Time High

The Nifty gained 1,111 points over the month to close at 25,722. It closed on a positive note compared to previous month. On expected lines, the month of October 2025 witnessed a spectacular rally with the Nifty index also crossing the crucial resistance zone of 25,000 to 25,150 on a closing basis. It was 2nd consecutive month where Nifty has made a higher high on the monthly chart. After closing negative for 2 consecutive months on the monthly chart, last month Nifty once again closed on a positive note which indicates positive development for the time being. It was clearly a month in favor of the bulls. The broader markets outperformed during the last month as Nifty Midcap 100 and Nifty Small cap 100 indices gained 5.83% and 4.66% respectively. India VIX witnessed a minor rally to levels of 12.15 (Up by 9.86%). The Nifty index formed a long bullish candle on the monthly chart, which is a positive sign. The candlestick (Bullish Belt Hold) pattern formed on the monthly chart is an encouraging one. The Bank Nifty hit new life time high during the last month. However, the Nifty index couldn't scale a new life time high. The positive key takeaway is that it has closed above the crucial resistance zone of

25,000 to 25,150 on the daily, weekly and monthly charts. It is forming higher tops and higher bottoms both on the daily and weekly charts which is a positive signal as per Dow Theory. Let us now look at a couple of studies relevant to the current set-up:

Technical studies - Moving averages

The Nifty has risen continuously month after month after testing 24,400 level in the month of August 2025. It almost consolidated in a 1200 points band i. e. between 25,600 to 24,400 levels for the past 3 months. This sideways activity of last few months has made the set-up healthier. The Nifty may find quality support in the 25,000-25,200 area that may be considered as a base for the next few months / guarters. On the downside, the immediate support level for Nifty is at 25,350 and next support is at 25,000 levels. On the higher side, the zone of 26,250 - 26,300 (Previous ATH) is likely to act as a stiff resistance. The slope of the moving averages used by us in determining trend is sloping upward and has also given bullish crossover i. e. short term moving average crossing above longer term moving average. Any decisive close below 25,000 (Plus/minus 100 points) would change the equation back in favor of the bears.

Conclusion

Overall, we think the markets are in an uptrend that could rollover into the month of November 2025. There are a number of factors that are in favor of the equity markets at this juncture. The comfortable geo-political scene, results season going off well so far, and steady global markets are all factors that support equities. We believe that the current leg could take the index into the 25,900-26,000 area on an immediate basis and then towards new life time highs where the strongest medium-term resistance exists. The Nifty has created strong support in the 25,000-25,200 area that should be respected going forward. All dips towards the same should be used as a buying opportunity. Only on a close below the same do we worry about the set-up. Any decisive weekly closing below 25,000 (Plus/minus 100 points) would change the equation back in favor of the bears. The Banking index (Nifty Bank) is likely to find support in the 57,400-57,600 area where fresh longs may be considered for the medium-tern target of 59,500-60,000. The above view would be negated provided Bank Nifty closes below 56,500 (Plus/minus 100 points). The Metal, Banking, NBFCs and Auto sectors may outperform while the IT sector underperformance may continue.



Top Pick

Indian CRDMO (Contract Research, Development, and Manufacturing Organization) Industry Entering a multi-year growth cycle

The listed Indian CRDMO players have entered a sustained growth phase (17% revenue CAGR over FY25-28E for leading listed players), supported by recurrent contract wins, the addition of new global clients, expanding manufacturing capacities, and the adoption of advanced technologies. The sector is benefiting from a structural shift in outsourcing by global innovators who are increasingly seeking cost-efficient, high- quality partners with proven regulatory and compliance track records. Like Industry leader - Divi's Labs, Anthem Biosciences, Sai Life Sciences, Piramal Pharma, Laurus Labs, Cohance Life, and Neuland Labs are also witnessing strong momentum in project inflows and are scaling capabilities across both small-molecule and complex chemistry segments. This robust outlook has driven a re-rating of valuation multiples, reflecting the market's recognition of improving visibility on long-term revenue growth, margin expansion, and diversification across customer and molecule portfolios. The sector's evolution from pure-play API manufacturing to integrated CRDMO partnerships are firmly positioning Indian players as credible global alternatives to their Western and Chinese counterparts.

Shifting dynamics in pharma innovation and evolving role of CRDMOs: The global pharma landscape is evolving as innovators face rising cost pressures, supply chain vulnerabilities, and growing scrutiny on pricing and access. With geopolitical uncertainties, regulatory complexities, and tariffs disrupting traditional sourcing routes, innovators are re-evaluating their reliance on single regions. This, coupled with agile manufacturing needs, and expanding R&D pipelines into new age modalities, is driving demand for flexible and reliable outsourcing partners. The western CRDMO markets are grappling with margin pressures and capacity constraints, prompting innovators to explore alternatives. Meanwhile, Chinese CRDMOs, after years of aggressive capacity build-up, face trade headwinds and heightened compliance scrutiny, forcing a recalibration of outsourcing strategies.

Indian CRDMO on uprise to share seat with global peers: This recalibration has opened a significant opportunity for India's CRDMO sector, which has emerged as a credible 3rd pole in the global landscape. Basis our framework, Sai Life Sciences, Anthem and Divi's emerge as the best-positioned companies to capitalise on the global tailwinds. Sai leads with its broad modality coverage, global R&D footprint and ready capacity for scale-up. Anthem stands out for its rich commercial portfolio, industry-leading margins, and diversified modality mix mirroring global peers. Divi's benefits from scale advantages, evolving capabilities and strong pipeline. Amongst others, Piramal is witnessing green shoots in its on-patent portfolio and increased utilisation of over-seas facilities, while Neuland remains a high-quality small-cap play driven by peptide focus and capacity-led growth.

Expanding commercial portfolios – a goldmine for investors: Indian CRDMOs' pipeline makes them a compelling investment opportunity. Sai Life Sciences, with its growing portfolio of complex intermediates, is expected to more than double its CDMO business by FY28. Divi's pipeline, with over 10 big pharma contracts, could add USD 550mn in sales over FY25-28. Piramal Pharma is on path to ramp up its on-patent portfolio from ~USD 150mn in FY25 to USD 350+mn by FY28 on the back of four potential blockbusters. Neuland is currently the primary API supplier for three potential blockbuster drugs, representing USD 14bn+ in end-product peak sales, and has been recently onboarded as a secondary supplier for another key product with USD 500mn end-product peak sales. Anthem's 14 commercial-stage molecules, includes nine high-value potential blockbusters with USD 38-40bn end-product peak sales opportunity, promise strong long-term growth. At an industry level, these opportunities offer visibility into robust growth driven by strategic pharma partnerships and high-value, complex products.



Top Pick

Driving strong growth in fundamentals: The leading listed Indian CRDMO players can potentially deliver revenue/EBITDA CAGR of 17%/24% over FY25-28E, largely driven by a ramp-up in commercial orders. This outlook is further reinforced by a sustained capex momentum over the next 3 years, with cumulative capex of INR 150bn - a 37% jump over the previous 3 years. This combination of visibility, margin leverage, and strategic relevance makes the segment one of the most attractive opportunities in the healthcare space.

To fully understand the outlook for the Indian CRDMO space, it is essential to evaluate the underlying shifts within the global innovator pharma ecosystem and the international CRDMO landscape. This report examines key structural and policy developments influencing global innovators — including evolving tariff regimes, MFN status changes, supply chain realignments, and strategic responses by Big Pharma to navigate these disruptions. We also review the emerging dynamics in the US, EU, and Chinese CRDMO markets to contextualize India's rising competitiveness. In addition, we present an in-depth pipeline analysis of leading Indian CRDMOs and a cross-sectional benchmarking of their capabilities, client exposure, and financial performance to identify long-term winners. With this comprehensive coverage, we initiate on Divi's Labs, Sai Life, Anthem Bio, and Neuland Labs, alongside our existing coverage on Piramal Pharma. Our pecking order in the Indian CRDMO space stands as: Sai Life (30% upside), Divi's Labs (16% upside), Piramal Pharma (55% upside), Neuland Labs (18% upside) and Anthem Biosciences (9% upside).

0	Mkt Cap		Target Price	Scale		FY25-28 CAGR		P/E		EV/EBITDA		
Company (USD bn)		Rating		Sales (INR bn)	CDM0%	CRO%	Sales	EBITDA	FY27E	FY28E	FY27E	FY28E
Divi's Laboratories	19.9	BUY	7699	94	54	0	19	23	55	44	38	31
Anthem Biosciences	4.6	ADD	782	18	71	11	21	22	60	47	41	32
Piramal Pharma	3	BUY	313	92	58	1	15	24	32	25	13	11
Neuland Laboratories	2.4	BUY	19053	15	43	0	21	39	48	35	32	24
Sai Life Sciences	2.1	BUY	1197	17	63	37	23	30	54	40	28	22

Source: Company, Bloomberg, JM Financial

Positive October series

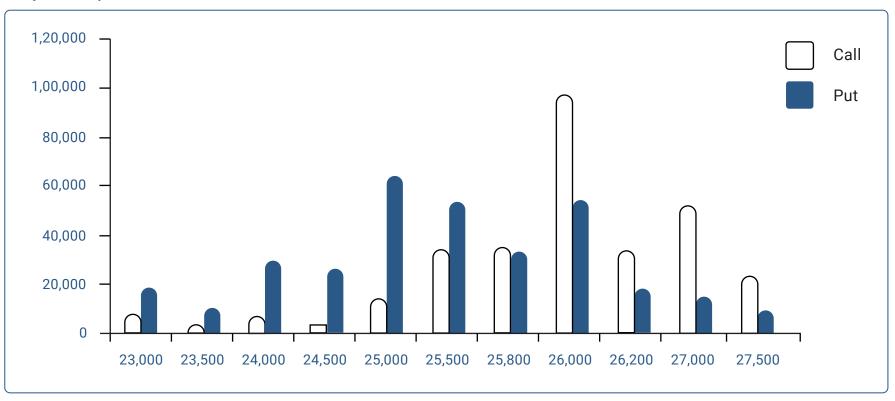
The index closed its October expiry at 25,936, marking a 4+% gain over the previous expiry. The month saw a robust, one-way rally, surging around 1,500 points from the October 1st low of 24,605 to a high of 26,097. INDIA VIX volatility index has picked up from a low of 10% to 12.5% on long liquidation seen from the swings highs of 26,100 levels.

Derivatives Diary

November series kick starts on a negative note

The November series has commenced on a weak note, with the market establishing a potential resistance near 26,000. The November rollover was observed at 76%, below the 80% three-month average, indicating the reduced leveraged position post rally. The FII Long-Short ratio for Index futures open interest started the month at a 20 % longs to 80% shorts.

Nifty Total Open interest November series as on 07/11/2025.



Source: Nseindia.com

Conclusion

The Nifty's price action is currently suggesting a possible neutral setup with a possible range of 25,000-26,000 under formation, on a rising India VIX back at 12%. Foreign institutional investor (FII) activity remains cautious, with index futures long positions falling back below the 15% levels. Option chain analysis for the November 25 expiry points a wide range between 25,000 support and 26,000 resistance. The consensus among derivative indicators suggests a period of choppy directionless market for the November series.

Copper - May see some consolidation/but trend remains positive.

Copper futures are seen consolidating in the range over the past couple of weeks after recovering from a sharp correction early-last month. However, the chart set-up still looks positive with prices still holding above key technical levels like long-term moving averages.

(50-day SMA at 956,100-day SMA at 921, and 200-day SMA at 892)

Commodity Focus

Copper MCX Weekly Chart



Source: Nseindia.com

Technical indicators like, 14-week RSI is trading above 70, also above its moving average, while the MACD indicator is trading above the mid-zero line, with a positive difference.

Outlook: Momentum in the metal remains positive till Supports at 990/ 943 holds, while on the upside prices have a potential to test given TARGET's at 1080/ 1100.

Zinc - Positive momentum to continue.

Zinc futures have given yet another upside breakout from a long-consolidation range above 300 and prices have been holding above the same for a couple of weeks now. In the sessions ahead, we may see some consolidation/ time correction in prices, but trend is expected to remains positive.

Commodity Focus

Zinc MCX Weekly Chart



Source: Nseindia.com

Technical Indicators like, 14-week RSI is trading above 70, also above its moving average, while the MACD indicator is trading above the mid-zero line, with a positive difference.

Outlook: Momentum remains positive with Supports at 298/287, while on the upside prices have potential to test Target's at 335/380.

Aluminium - Bias till remains positive, but be cautious.

Aluminium futures have been trending positive since May 2025 and the prices rise has been steadily upwards for most part of the session. However, a small consolidation/ correction is seen in the recent rally, but the same is followed by upside breakouts.

Commodity Focus

Aluminium MCX Weekly Chart



Source: Nseindia.com

Technical indicators like, 14-week RSI is trading close to 70, above its moving average. The MACD indicator is trading above the mid-zero line, with a reducing positive difference.

Outlook: Momentum still remains positive with trailing Supports at 270/263.5, while on the upside prices have a potential to test given TARGET's at 285/300.

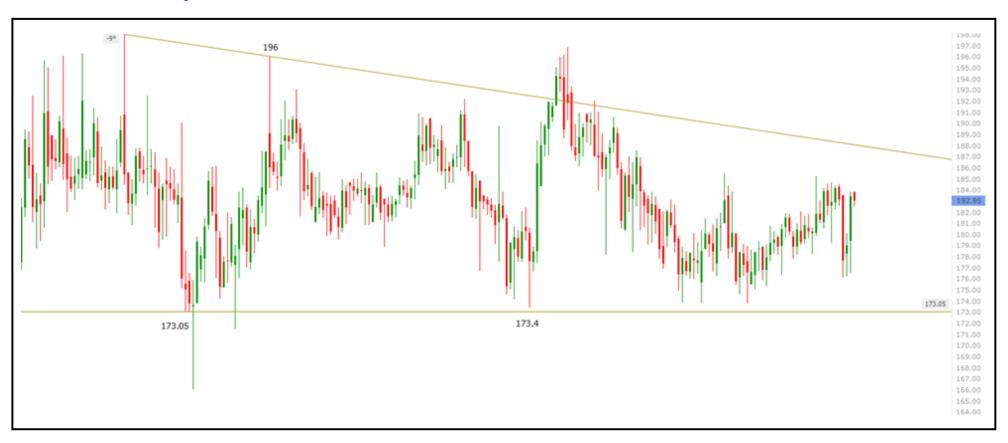
(However, we advise little caution as the price rally faces technical resistances and correction looks due).

Lead - Prices remain in broad consolidation range.

Lead as a commodity is known for its low volatility and slow momentum as prices overall confined in a range for more than four-year now.

Commodity Focus

Lead MCX Weekly Chart



Source: Nseindia.com

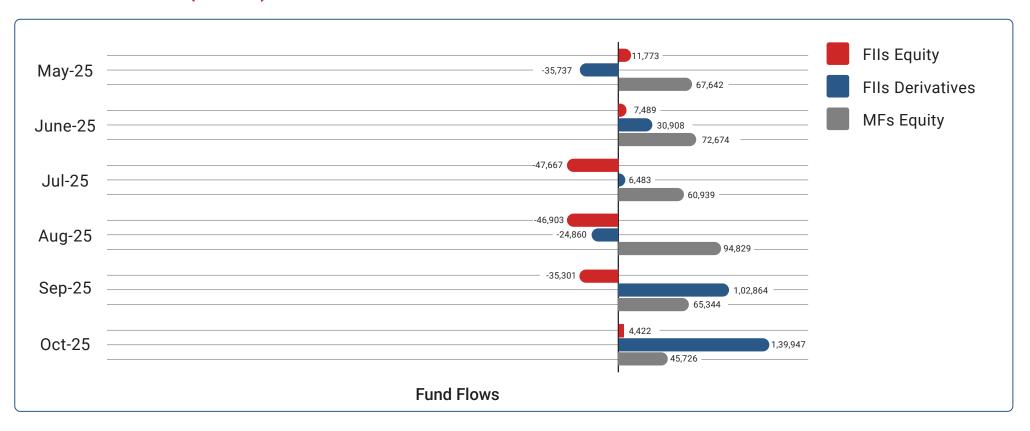
Technical indicators like, 14-week RSI is trading above 50, but close to its moving average. The MACD indicator is trading above the mid-zero line, but with a negative difference.

Outlook: Prices momentum still looks sideways/ consolidative with Supports at 173/ 170, while on the upside Resistance is seen at 188/ 197.

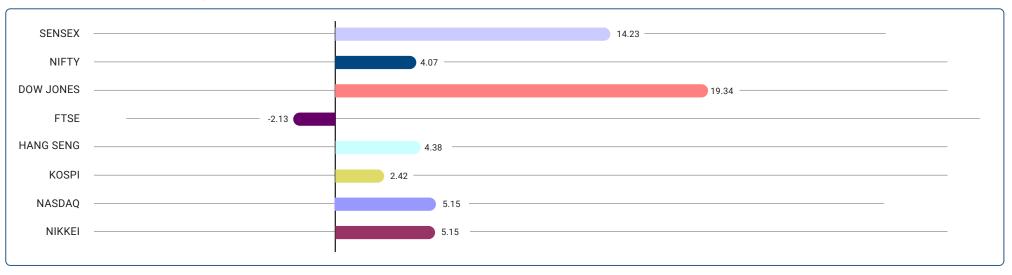


Market Watch

FII's & MF' Flows (₹in Cr.)



World Indices changes in October 2025



Source: Bloomberg

Market Watch

India Economic Calendar: November 2025

Date	Event	For the Period	Survey	Prior
03-Nov-25	HSBC India PMI Mfg	Oct		58.40
06-Nov-25	HSBC India PMI Composite	Oct		59.90
06-Nov-25	HSBC India PMI Services	Oct		58.80
07-Nov-25	Foreign Exchange Reserves	Oct		\$695.4b
12-Nov-25	CPI YoY	Oct		1.54%
14-Nov-25	Wholesale Prices YoY	Oct		0.13%
14-Nov-25	Foreign Exchange Reserves	Nov		
17-Nov-25	Exports YoY	Oct		6.70%
17-Nov-25	Imports YoY	Oct		16.70%
17-Nov-25	Trade Balance	Oct		-\$32150m
17-Nov-25	Unemployment Rate	Oct		5.20%
20-Nov-25	Eight Infrastructure Industries	Oct		3.00%
21-Nov-25	HSBC India PMI Mfg	Nov		59.20
28-Nov-25	Industrial Production YoY	Oct		4.00%
28-Nov-25	GDP YoY	3Q		7.80%
28-Nov-25	GVA YoY	3Q		7.60%
28-Nov-25	Fiscal Deficit YTD INR	Oct		5731b
28-Nov-25	Bank Credit YoY	Oct		10.40%

Source : Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar: November 2025

Date	Event	For the Period	Survey	Prior
03-Nov-25	List of US Economic Indicators Delayed by Government Shutdown			
03-Nov-25	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Oct	52.20	52.20
03-Nov-25	ISM Manufacturing	Oct	49.50	49.10
03-Nov-25	ISM Prices Paid	Oct	62.50	61.90

Source: Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar: November 2025

Date	Event	For the Period	Survey	Prior
03-Nov-25	ISM Prices Paid	Oct	62.50	61.90
03-Nov-25	ISM New Orders	Oct		48.90
03-Nov-25	ISM Employment	Oct		45.30
03-Nov-25	Wards Total Vehicle Sales	Oct	15.50m	16.39m
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Job Openings	Sep	7178k	7227k
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Job Openings Rate	Sep		4.30%
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Quits Level	Sep		3091k
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Quits Rate	Sep		1.90%
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Layoffs Level	Sep		1725k
04-Nov-25	JOLTS Layoffs Rate	Sep		1.10%
05-Nov-25	MBA Mortgage Applications	Oct		7.10%
05-Nov-25	ADP Employment Change	Oct	30k	-32k
05-Nov-25	S&P Global US Services PMI	Oct	55.20	55.20
05-Nov-25	S&P Global US Composite PMI	Oct	54.80	54.80
05-Nov-25	ISM Services Index	Oct	50.80	50.00
05-Nov-25	ISM Services Prices Paid	Oct		69.40
05-Nov-25	ISM Services New Orders	Oct		50.40
05-Nov-25	ISM Services Employment	Oct		47.20
06-Nov-25	Challenger Job Cuts YoY	Oct		-25.80%
06-Nov-25	Nonfarm Productivity	3Q	3.30%	3.30%
06-Nov-25	Unit Labor Costs	3Q	1.00%	1.00%
07-Nov-25	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Nov	53.00	53.60
07-Nov-25	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	Nov	59.50	58.60
07-Nov-25	U. of Mich. Expectations	Nov	50.70	50.30
07-Nov-25	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Nov	4.60%	4.60%
07-Nov-25	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	Nov	3.80%	3.90%
07-Nov-25	NY Fed 1-Yr Inflation Expectations	Oct		3.38%
08-Nov-25	Consumer Credit	Sep	\$10.000b	\$0.363b
11-Nov-25	NFIB Small Business Optimism	Oct		98.80
13-Nov-25	CPI MoM	Oct		0.30%
13-Nov-25	Core CPI MoM	Oct		0.20%
13-Nov-25	CPI YoY	Oct		3.00%

US Economic Calendar: November 2025

Date	Event	For the Period	Survey	Prior
13-Nov-25	Core CPI YoY	Oct		3.00%
13-Nov-25	CPI Index NSA	Oct		324.8
13-Nov-25	Core CPI Index SA	Oct		330.542
14-Nov-25	Federal Budget Balance	Oct	\$55.0b	\$198.0b
17-Nov-25	Empire Manufacturing	Nov		10.70
18-Nov-25	New York Fed Services Business Activity	Nov		-23.60
18-Nov-25	NAHB Housing Market Index	Nov		37
19-Nov-25	Housing Starts	Oct		1307k
20-Nov-25	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Nov		-12.80
20-Nov-25	Leading Index	Oct	-0.30%	
20-Nov-25	Existing Home Sales	Oct		4.06m
20-Nov-25	Existing Home Sales MoM	Oct		1.50%
20-Nov-25	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Nov		6
21-Nov-25	Kansas City Fed Services Activity	Nov		-5
24-Nov-25	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Nov		-5
25-Nov-25	Philadelphia Fed Non-Manufacturing Activity	Nov		-22.20
25-Nov-25	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Sep		0.40%
25-Nov-25	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	3Q		0.00%
25-Nov-25	S&P Cotality CS 20-City MoM SA	Sep		0.19%
25-Nov-25	S&P Cotality CS 20-City YoY NSA	Sep		1.58%
25-Nov-25	S&P Cotality CS US HPI YoY NSA	Sep		1.51%
25-Nov-25	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Nov		-4
25-Nov-25	Richmond Fed Business Conditions	Nov		-1
25-Nov-25	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Nov		94.60
25-Nov-25	Pending Home Sales MoM	Oct		0.00%
25-Nov-25	Conf. Board Present Situation	Nov		129.30
25-Nov-25	Pending Home Sales NSA YoY	Oct		1.50%
25-Nov-25	Conf. Board Expectations	Nov		71.50
25-Nov-25	Dallas Fed Services Activity	Nov		-9.40
26-Nov-25	MNI Chicago PMI	Nov		43.80

Source : Bloomberg

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