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Tables:

Foreign	G-Sec	Bond	Yield:

Foreign G-Sec bond freid.		
G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	3.71	-1
US 2Y*	3.57	-8
Germany 10Y	2.19	0
UK 10Y	3.89	5
Japan 10Y	0.84	1

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
7.37% GS 2028*	6.67	-3
7.10% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.76	-2
7.18% GS 2037*	6.82	-3
91-day T-bill	6.65	0
182-day T-bill	6.72	0
364-day T-bill	6.70	0
Source: CCIL, RBI, *semi-annual		

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	94	90	-40	83
AA	169	177	47	172
Α	352	362	239	373
Source: FIMMDA, as on 17 Sep, 2024				

Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.50
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.25
Bank rate	6.75
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	8.90
SOFR	5.33

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	106.0	6.65
Triparty Repo	3,929.7	6.46
Market Repo	1,563.1	6.68
Repo in corporate bond	9.6	6.80
Source: RBI, as of 19 Sep, 2024		

Major Equity Indices:

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Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	83,184	0.3
NIFTY	25,415	0.1
NASDAQ	18,014	2.5
S&P 500	5,714	1.7
Nikkei 225	37,155	-0.4
Euro Stoxx 50	4,943	2.2
Source: Google Finance	· ·	

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Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	74.6	1.8
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	2.4	2.6
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	2,616.8	1.5
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	437.3	2.4
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	571.5	0.0
Source: Bloomberg		

Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	83.69	0.0
GBP/ INR	111.07	-0.1
EUR/ INR	93.24	-0.4
EUR/USD	1.12	-0.4
DXY Index 100.63 0.5		
Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch		

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: G-Sec, VRR Auctions; Policy Rate: China, Japan

News:

Domestic:

Banks opt for securitization to alleviate liquidity and funding woes (Source: BS): According to ICRA, Rs. 450 – 500 bn worth of securitization deals are expected in Q2FY25, from Rs. 450 bn in Q1FY25, as large banks manage their liquidity needs and CD ratios amidst challenges to raise deposits augmented by strong credit offtake.

SEBI modifies valuation norms for AIF portfolios (Source: SEBI): Valuation for unlisted securities and listed securities which are non-traded and thinly traded will be valued as per guidelines by any AIF industry association in which membership represents atleast 33% SEBI registered AIFs, with recommendations from SEBI.

RBI may conduct more VRR auctions as liquidity turns into deficit (Source: BS): Banking system liquidity has moved into deficit for the first time since Jun'24. According to media sources, this has prompted the RBI to conduct a series of VRR auctions to shore up liquidity concerns and align WACR to the repo rate.

Union devises plans to raise container capacity in export push bid (Source: ET): Union has decided to purchase 5 additional second-hand container vessels, while operating a large ship container to cut transportation costs and increase exports. Commerce Minister Mr. Goyal exclaimed that this move would increase container capacity by 10-12% while reducing shipping costs by a third.

Jubilant monsoons lead to ample water reservoir capacity (Source: CWC): Live storage capacity of reservoirs rose ~24% y/y to 157.2 BCM as of 19th Sep'24 at 87% of live storage capacity and 118% of normal storage.

International:

China unexpectedly keeps benchmark rates unchanged, pledges policy support (Source: CNBC): PBoC kept its 1Y and 5Y Loan Prime Rate unchanged at 3.35% and 3.85% respectively, against market expectations of major cuts. Policymakers have vowed to roll out a batch of incremental measures with good effect in a timely manner, while stepping up counter-cyclical adjustments.

Bank of Japan maintains status quo on policy (Source: BoJ, Bloomberg): As widely expected, the BoJ kept the policy uncollateralized overnight call rate unchanged at 0.25% with a unanimous vote. It acknowledged some weakness in the Japanese economy. It highlighted inflationary pressures, especially on the services front, a fact that was also reiterated by CPI soaring to a 10-month high of 2.8% y/y.

Bank of England holds rates steady, pledge a gradual approach (Source: WSJ): BoE kept its benchmark policy rates unchanged at 5%, with an 8-1 vote, citing absence of material developments as inflation and growth move as predicted. The BoE predicts inflation to rise to 2.5% y/y in CY24.

US policymakers welcome rate cuts, suggest more in the offing (Source: Reuters):

- POTUS Mr. Biden expects the US Fed to continue cutting interest rates, highlighting the progress on inflation and employment, while claiming that the White House sees no significant risks to economic outlook
- Treasury Secretary Ms. Yellen feels that jumbo rate cuts are a positive sign, exuding confidence that inflation has meaningfully diminished.

Global Central Banks adopt divergent paths (Source: Bloomberg):

- South Africa cut its benchmark rates by 25 bps to 8%, signalling an optimistic outlook on both inflation and growth fronts
- Taiwan's Central Bank kept rates unchanged at 2%, citing only a gradual decline in inflation and global economic situation
- Norway's Central Bank kept rates at 4.5%, citing pressure on the NOK, while claiming that time for easing is approaching



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