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Some of the Trump trades such as Crypto currencies have gained steam with Bitcoin reaching new highs crossing \$89,000 before coming down to around \$87,700 at the time of writing. S&P 500 touched a new high and closed above 6,000 for the first time in history. Small cap index Russell 2000 increased by 1.5% to take the last 5-day gain to almost 10%. The chasm between DM and EM returns in the last 5 days has tilted in favour of DM stocks with a relative outperformance of +3.9%. Dollar continued to strengthen. Meanwhile, Bloomberg reported that president-elect Trump would fill his top ranks in the cabinet with loyalists. US House Republicans need just four more wins to secure control of the chamber. A narrow majority is likely completing the Red Sweep.

China plans to cut taxes for home purchases in mega cities including Shanghai and Beijing to as low as 1% from a current level of as much as 3%. The plan, hinted at on Friday by Finance Minister Lan Fo'an, underscores Beijing's increased willingness to use fiscal tools to shore up the sluggish economy along with monetary easing. Lan pledged to carry out "more forceful" fiscal policies next year after unveiling a 10 trillion yuan (\$1.4 trillion) debt swap for local governments, signaling bolder steps could come after US President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

Markets this morning:

This morning the Chinese stocks trade in a tight range. Hong Kong index has lost 1% while Chinese local shares are flat. US Treasuries have opened weaker after yesterday's bond market Holiday. The 10-year yield rose 3 bps to 4.33%. Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba pledged more than \$65 billion of support for the nation's semiconductor and artificial intelligence sector over the next decade after winning the parliamentary vote yesterday. Nikkei is up 0.54%. Gold trades at \$2,624 whereas Brent Crude has dropped below \$72.

Upcoming Key events/data today:

Today we get UK's Unemployment Rate. The UK may record slightly softer pay growth at 4.7% in the three months through September and an uptick to the unemployment rate to 4.1%. Germany's ZEW expectations survey is seen improving marginally this month to 13.2. India's inflation may have accelerated to 5.9% year on year in October from 5.5% the previous month. Industrial output probably grew 2.5% in September, reversing a contraction in August. From the US, we await the Senior Loan Officers Survey. Today's Fed speakers include Christopher Waller, Patrick Harker, and Neel Kashkari. AstraZeneca reports its Q3 earnings today among others.

Have a good week!

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