

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

- U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have a signing ceremony to sign the first phase of the U.S.-China trade deal agreed to this month. "We will be having a signing ceremony, yes," Trump told reporters. "We will ultimately, yes, when we get together. And we'll be having a quicker signing because we want to get it done. The deal is done, it's just being translated right now." United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said on Dec. 13 that representatives from both countries would sign the Phase 1 trade deal agreement in the first week of January.
- Fifth District manufacturing activity slowed in December, according to the most recent survey from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The composite index fell from -1 in November to -5 in December, weighed down by decreases in the already negative indexes for shipments and new orders, while the third component employment increased slightly. Manufacturers also reported weakness in local business conditions and capacity utilization, but they were optimistic that conditions would improve in the coming months. Many firms saw growth in employment and wages in December.
- Reserve currencies are large amounts of foreign currency that countries' central banks hold on deposit. Why would countries hold large amounts of another country's money? And which other countries' money is most often used as reserve currencies? Central banks hold reserve currencies for lots of different reasons: to have options on hand in case of a political, economic or military crisis to inspire confidence in international investors to prepare for investments and transactions, and to pay international debts to minimize exchange rate risk by reducing the need to buy that currency on the market
- "Merry Christmas, you've been stopped out of your FX trades." That's the message stop-out Santa sent to currency traders this morning following a session of wild, rollercoaster moves in cable and yen which saw the British and Japanese currencies swing erratically as a handful of algos traded with each other while human were largely away from their desks. According to Bloomberg, which notes that "the currency market has faced bouts of extreme volatility amid thinned liquidity during holidays in recent times", the pound was quoted by ICAP as falling as much as 1% to 1.282 before recovering to 1.296.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Housing Starts y/y	JPY	-7.9%	-7.4%	MEDIUM
Unemployment Claims	USD	222K	234K	MEDIUM

Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	71.31	71.20	71.10	71.40	71.48	Sideways
EURINR FUTURE	78.96	78.85	78.75	79.05	79.15	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	92.30	92.00	91.80	92.60	92.80	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	65.25	65.15	65.05	65.35	65.45	Sideways

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