

On Tuesday, the Bank of Japan made no changes to its huge monetary stimulus plan even as it reduced its inflation forecasts. The BoJ board voted, 8-1, to maintain the central bank's yield curve control program and asset purchases. The board kept its view that its 2% inflation target is likely to be met at the start of the fiscal year that begins in April 2019. Governor Kuroda continued to stress the importance of maintaining monetary easing as the world major Central Banks are moving towards monetary normalization. However, this is whilst the Japanese economy is seeing its longest expansion since 2001, with equities at their highest level in 20 years and a labor market that is the tightest for several decades. Data released by Eurostat on Tuesday showed economic growth beat forecasts in Q3. Preliminary GDP climbed 0.6% in Q3 from Q2. That is down slightly from the upwardly-revised 0.7% quarter-on-quarter growth in Q2, but ahead of a forecasted estimate of 0.5%. In addition, the Eurozone Unemployment Rate dropped to 8.9%. Unemployment below 9% has not been seen for nearly 8 years. Year-on-year GDP rose to 2.5% in the Q3, up from a 2.3% annual increase in Q2, again beating expectations of a 2.4% rise. The markets are focusing on today's US Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting for indications on future monetary tightening. The Fed has raised rates twice since January and currently forecasts one more hike by the end of the year as part of a tightening cycle that began in late 2015. The Fed is expected to leave interest rates unchanged but the markets will be looking for any new indications that the Fed will, as expected, hike rates in



December. EURUSD is slightly lower in early Wednesday trading at around 1.1634. USDJPY is 0.2% higher in early session trading at 113.85. GBPUSD is currently unchanged, trading around 1.3275. Gold is 0.3% higher overnight, currently trading around \$1,274. WTI is 0.15% higher in early trade at around \$54.81. Major data releases for today: At 09:30 GMT, the UK Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply and Markit Economics will release Markit Manufacturing PMI for October. Forecasts are calling for a lower reading of 55.8, from the previous 55.9. At 13:45 GMT, Markit Economics will release US Markit Manufacturing PMI for October. The forecast is for the release to be unchanged at 54.5. At 14:00 GMT, the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) will release US ISM Prices Paid and ISM Manufacturing PMI for October. Prices Paid is forecast to come in lower at 68 from the previous release of 71.5, with PMI also forecast lower at 59.5 from the previous 60.8. At 14:30 GMT, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) will release EIA Crude Oil Stocks change for the week ending October 27th. The forecast is calling for a drawdown of -2.575M compared to the previous small increase in stocks of 0.856M. The markets will be looking for any significant deviation from the forecast as this will cause volatility in Oil. At 18:00 GMT, the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will release its statement on Monetary Policy. The statement may influence the volatility of USD and determine a short-term positive or negative trend. At 18:00 GMT, the US Federal Reserve will announce its Interest Rate Decision. The markets are not expecting any change in



US interest rates until December with the Fed holding interest rates at 1.25%. Naturally, any unexpected rate hike will cause volatility in USD.

oday's in	nportant market news	Time: GMT
09:30	Markit Manufacturing PMI	
10:00	MPC Member Cunliffe Speech	
12:15	ADP Employment Change	
13:30	Markit Manufacturing PMI	
13:45	Markit Manufacturing PMI	
14:00	ISM Manufacturing PMI	
14:00	ISM Prices Paid	
14:00	Construction Spending (MoM)	
14:30	EIA Crude Oil Stocks change	
17:15	SNB Gov Board Member Zurbrugg Speech	
18:00	Fed's Monetary Policy Statement	
18:00	Fed Interest Rate Decision	
20:15	BoC Governor Poloz Speech	
23:50	Foreign investment in Japan stocks	
23:50	Foreign bond investment	
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