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Top 25 Financial & Markets Headlines

1. Dollar softens as markets eye Fed's possible final 2025 rate cut and await Powell successor signal.
2. Asian stocks trade mixed while US futures edge lower ahead of heavy data week.
3. Bitcoin and major cryptocurrencies slip as risk sentiment weakens into December.
4. Indian Q2 FY26 GDP surprises on the upside with 8.2% growth, beating market expectations.
5. Strong India growth and moderate inflation raise debate on timing of RBI's next rate move.
6. GIFT Nifty indicates positive start for Dalal Street as December series begins.
7. Sensex and Nifty set for gap-up open after upbeat GDP data and firm global cues.
8. Street watches Fed commentary closely after October cut as futures price high odds of another move.
9. US 10-year Treasury yields hover near 4% as bond market digests soft data and Fed signals.
10. Global investors turn cautious as key US jobs and inflation prints loom this week.
11. Asian markets watch Japan data and BoJ stance as yen firms on speculation of eventual rate hike.
12. Australia's ASX faces outage on announcements platform, disrupting some corporate disclosures.
13. Oil prices stabilise after recent volatility on OPEC+ supply signals and demand concerns.
14. Gold trades in a tight range as markets balance rate-cut hopes with a firmer dollar.
15. Top strategists flag six key market risks for traders to watch through December 2025.
16. Wall Street wraps November with modest gains for Dow and S&P, tech-heavy Nasdaq lags.
17. Global equity flows show rotation into small-caps and value as rate-cut narrative strengthens.

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18. Indian banks and NBFCs stay in focus as credit growth remains robust ahead of year-end.
19. Auto stocks in spotlight with November sales numbers due; Street tracks demand momentum.
20. Renewables and energy transition plays see renewed interest from global funds in Asia.
21. Select Indian new-age tech and fintech names remain volatile on valuations and regulatory overhang.
22. EM currencies broadly firm against the dollar amid expectations of a softer Fed in 2026.
23. Corporate bond markets remain active as issuers rush to lock in current borrowing costs.
24. Global asset managers reassess allocations to India after sustained outperformance in 2025.
25. Crypto regulation and ETF flows stay key swing factors for digital-asset sentiment in December.

From the Desk of Dr. Aditya Vijay Kashyap

Markets are stepping into December with a familiar mix of hope and hesitation. The global narrative is still being written by central banks, with the Federal Reserve at centre stage and the RBI playing a more measured, data-driven role. Rate-cut expectations are supportive for risk assets, but they also reflect underlying concerns about the durability of growth in developed markets.

India stands out positively in this backdrop. The latest GDP print above 8% underlines that the domestic growth engine is very much alive, supported by investment spending and resilient consumption. For long-term investors, this reinforces the case for staggered allocation to quality Indian equities, especially in banking, manufacturing, infrastructure, and select consumer names.

At the same time, headline indices are no longer cheap. This is a market that rewards stock selection and discipline rather than momentum chasing. Investors should use any December volatility around global data and central-bank events to accumulate fundamentally strong businesses at reasonable valuations, instead of reacting to every headline.

On the global side, we are watching three things: the Fed's December communication, the behaviour of the US labour market, and the path of the dollar. A calmer dollar and a gentler Fed are typically constructive for emerging markets, including India. However, any negative surprise on growth or geopolitics can quickly re-price risk across asset classes.

Our broad stance for December is simple: stay invested, stay diversified, and stay liquid. Avoid extreme positions, maintain adequate cash buffers for opportunities, and remember that wealth is created not just by identifying the right ideas, but by sizing them correctly and holding them through noise. As always, capital preservation comes before return maximisation.

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