



Our News Your Views

Daily Financial Newsletter – 8 December 2025

Top 25 global & Indian market headlines from leading financial newspapers

This newsletter compiles key developments across global markets, macroeconomics, commodities and India-specific updates. All items are sourced from reputed financial dailies and newswires and are summarised for quick reading.

1. Global focus on upcoming US Federal Reserve rate decision

Investors worldwide are awaiting the Federal Open Market Committee's final meeting of 2025, where markets are pricing in another rate cut that could bring the policy band closer to the 3.5–3.75% range. Debate continues on whether easing is prudent while inflation remains above the long-term target.

2. Wall Street futures steady ahead of key data and Fed guidance

US equity futures are trading near recent highs as traders balance optimism about further rate cuts with caution around incoming labour and inflation data that could influence the Fed's tone for 2026.

3. Bond market sends mixed signals as yields rise despite Fed cuts

US Treasury yields have climbed even as the central bank has lowered rates, a rare divergence that has sparked a heated debate on Wall Street about how much easing is already priced in and whether fiscal deficits are pushing term premiums higher.

4. Global appetite for US equities strong even as other markets outperform

Fresh data show international investors continuing to pour money into US stocks, even though indices in Asia ex-Japan, Germany and the UK have delivered comparable or stronger local-currency gains so far this year.

5. Asian markets open cautiously as Fed week and geopolitics weigh

Equity markets across Asia are set for a guarded start to the week amid deteriorating China–Japan relations, a heavy calendar of central-bank meetings, and concerns about how risk assets will behave as we head into 2026.

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6. Crude oil trades steady with focus on India buying and Black Sea risks

Brent crude is holding just under the mid-\$60s per barrel while WTI hovers near \$60, with traders watching India's crude import negotiations and ongoing disruptions linked to the Ukraine conflict for cues on supply and freight costs.

7. Gold expected to remain supported into year-end as Fed meeting nears

Analysts see scope for further upside in gold prices before Christmas and New Year, citing softer real yields, a weaker dollar and safe-haven bids ahead of the Fed decision and lingering geopolitical uncertainties.

8. RBI delivers 25 bps repo cut to 5.25% and upgrades growth outlook

In its December policy review, the Reserve Bank of India cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% and raised its FY26 GDP growth forecast to above 7%, while projecting inflation close to 2%, reinforcing a pro-growth but data-dependent stance.

9. Economists see room for further RBI easing on the back of ultra-low inflation

With headline CPI running below the lower end of the target band for multiple months, several global banks now expect December's move may not be the last, though they caution that very low deposit rates could pressure bank margins.

10. Indian equities rally after policy decision with financials and IT in the lead

Following the RBI's rate cut, domestic benchmarks logged strong gains, with rate-sensitive sectors such as banks, NBFCs and auto names, as well as large-cap IT stocks, outperforming on expectations of stronger credit growth and improved global demand.

11. Rupee tests record lows near 90 per US dollar despite supportive policy

The currency continues to face pressure from a strong dollar index, elevated oil imports and persistent portfolio outflows, even as the central bank eases policy, raising questions about how much room remains for further rate cuts without destabilising the forex market.

12. Nifty 50 trade setup: Fed, rupee and IPO pipeline in focus

For today's session, domestic strategists highlight the impact of the upcoming US Fed meeting, the rupee's slide to fresh lows and a crowded primary-market calendar, with more than a dozen IPOs slated this week across mainboard and SME segments.

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13. NSE launches pre-open session for equity derivatives from today

The National Stock Exchange has introduced a 15-minute pre-open window for index and stock futures from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m., using a call-auction mechanism aimed at better price discovery and smoother opening trades in the F&O segment.

14. BSE prepares similar pre-open window for F&O contracts

The Bombay Stock Exchange has also outlined plans to start a pre-open session for index and stock futures in line with Sebi's directives, further aligning India's derivatives market structure with global best practices on risk management.

15. Breakout stock ideas: five trading picks highlighted for today

A leading technical analyst has identified five stocks showing strong breakout or trend-continuation patterns on charts, recommending them for short-term traders seeking opportunities to ride momentum in the current range-bound market.

16. Stocks to watch: action expected in select PSU, tech and consumer names

Market reports flag likely activity in counters such as large private airlines, digital platforms, power utilities and select speciality chemical names, driven by block deals, earnings revisions and regulatory developments.

17. Sharp slide in several penny stocks a warning sign for retail investors

Screening data show that more than ten low-priced stocks have corrected between 50% and over 90% in FY26 so far, underscoring the risks of chasing speculative rallies without fundamental support or liquidity depth.

18. Global cues for Indian open: US indices firm, GIFT Nifty muted

Overnight, the Dow and S&P 500 logged modest gains, while early readings from GIFT Nifty indicate a flat-to-soft start, suggesting that domestic flows and stock-specific news could drive intraday moves more than global risk-on sentiment.

19. Week ahead: RBI policy afterglow, Fed meet and busy IPO calendar

Market strategists expect volatility as investors digest the RBI's dovish tilt, position for the Fed outcome and navigate a heavy line-up of domestic IPOs, with sectors like financials, consumer and new-age tech likely to see heightened two-way action.

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20. Robinhood to expand into Indonesia via brokerage and crypto acquisition

US-based Robinhood Markets has announced plans to acquire an Indonesian brokerage firm and a licensed digital-asset platform, marking a significant step in its strategy to tap retail trading growth across Southeast Asia.

21. South Korean retail investors in spotlight over currency volatility

South Korean authorities and commentators are increasingly blaming aggressive overseas equity buying—over \$30 billion of US stocks this year—by local retail investors for amplifying the won's sharp depreciation, even as debate continues on the true drivers of the move.

22. UK labour market cools further ahead of the upcoming budget

A new survey shows Britain's jobs market weakening again in November as employers delay hiring amid uncertainty over potential tax rises in the forthcoming budget, adding to expectations of slower growth and a more cautious Bank of England.

23. RBA expected to hold rates but markets eye a potential hawkish shift for 2026

The Reserve Bank of Australia is widely forecast to keep its cash rate at 3.6% at this week's policy meeting, but derivatives markets have started to price in rate hikes from mid-2026 on renewed inflation concerns and resilient domestic demand.

24. Global equity funds up double digits as year draws to a close

Data on mutual fund performance indicate that the average stock-focused fund has delivered low-to-mid-teens returns so far in 2025, reflecting broad participation in the equity rally despite rising volatility and pockets of correction.

25. Investor sentiment improves as fears of hard landing recede

Surveys of portfolio managers show investors turning more constructive on equities, supported by fading recession worries, steady disinflation and hopes that central banks can navigate a soft landing while keeping financial conditions accommodative.

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The overarching message from today's news flow is that liquidity is still supportive, but markets are becoming far more selective. Central banks in both developed and emerging markets are signalling that the easy part of the rate-cut cycle is behind us. From here, policy will be data-driven and highly sensitive to any resurgence in inflation or signs of financial instability.

For Indian investors, the combination of an RBI rate cut, a record-weak rupee and a packed IPO calendar demands discipline. Leverage and short-term speculation in thinly traded counters—especially penny stocks that have already corrected sharply—should be avoided. Capital should instead be deployed gradually into businesses with strong balance sheets, pricing power and clear cash-flow visibility.

Globally, the opportunity set is broadening beyond the US, but currency risk and policy divergence must be respected. My bias remains towards a diversified, staggered allocation across quality equities, short-to-medium duration bonds and select real assets, with adequate liquidity to take advantage of volatility around the upcoming Fed decision.

With regards,
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