

Nonfarm Payroll today : 550k murmured
Average hourly earnings growth might be strong on labour shortage. Given Powell has pivoted to saying that inflation is not transitory, usual intense focus on payrolls is not here today. - Downside surprise may not matter much but a stronger number means quicker taper -tailwind for dollar.

OPEC+ kept production plan intact for January. Production increases will remain at 400k bpd per month. OPEC+ left themselves a relief valve: the meeting is not 'closed' and is still 'in session' till Jan 4 - could change policy any time .

In a relieving development, Funding has been secured until Feb 18. Softer-than-expected prints of US Initial & Continuing Jobless Claims for the week, as well as downbeat Challenger Job Cuts for Nov.

Bostic & Daly aim for faster taper, Barkin prefers to keep \$15B pace. Hawkish Fed being priced back -inflation expectations recover .96.80 could break today.

Temperatures begin to plummet across Europe while continent is facing a severe shortfall in energy supplies. (Gas reserves of 18 countries are currently at record lows for this time of year). Big jump in Electricity prices. Break below 1.1260 to see 1.1130 .

Caixin/Markit services PMI fell to 52.1 in Nov from 53.8 in Oct . US and EU have issued a joint statement with strong concerns over China. 6.4000 still elusive.

EU-UK Brexit deal remains less likely in 2021 - both jostle over post-Brexit trade terms. 1.3330 holds for break of 1.3230

Japan's Services PMI for November rose

past 50.7 prior to 53.00. Japan vows to
deploy necessary fiscal spending without
hesitation. 112.80 113.30.

Trade deficit concerns cannot be brushed
aside. USDINR to stay well anchored in
75.00 75.20 range for now.