

While the FOMC outcome tomorrow will be keenly watched, the ECB on Thursday will be more interesting.

With much of the determined Powell's push falling on deaf ears, the bar for a dovish surprise from FOMC is obviously very high. Divergence between Fed and Markets may not resolve soon - that will be the broader theme to keep an eye on in the next year as well.

What catches the eye now is the recent rejection of the move to new highs in gold - possibly the first chink in 'buy everything' trade that has dominated since mid-Nov

US CPI today could show an acceleration at the core relative to October, mainly coming from reversal in volatile lodging away from home category. - hardly matters

for the markets.

On ECB, Decision to remain on hold will likely be a no brainer, but communication challenge will be to keep all possibilities open without appearing too dovish or stay disconnected from reality. Downside objective is the 61.8 of the Oct/Nov rise at 1.0665.

Sunak faces a tense UK parliamentary showdown over Rwanda asylum plan - Should he loose tonight's vote, his position as PM may become untenable. The buzz on the street : Rwanda is the new Brexit - buying a GBP put a good idea - **Most likely set for a Close below 1.2467, 38.2% Oct/Nov move for testing low 1.2200.**

USD/JPY rebounds 141.60- 146.58- Just whisker below our yesterday's objective-

wild ride is nothing but "déjà vu" of previous dynamics experienced in December for yen. Stay clear of noise and expect 151.92 Yearly close - Above forecast US CPI could threaten 147.67.

