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| CURRENCIES   | Spot   | 6mths     |
|--------------|--------|-----------|
| NZD/USD      | 0.5630 | 0.0013    |
| NZD/AUD      | 0.8949 | -0.0045   |
| NZD/JPY      | 83.79  | -1.91     |
| NZD/EUR      | 0.5719 | -0.0071   |
| NZD/GBP      | 0.4953 | -0.0007   |
| NZD/CNH      | 4.0558 | -0.0403   |
| AUD/USD      | 0.6290 | 0.0045    |
| AUD/EUR      | 0.6388 | -0.0048   |
| EUR/USD      | 0.9843 | 0.0144    |
| USD/CNH      | 7.2048 | -0.0876   |
| GBP/USD      | 1.1361 | 0.0035    |
| EUR/GBP      | 0.8662 | 0.0094    |
| INT RATES    | NZ     | Australia |
| OCR/Cash     | 3.50%  | 2.60%     |
| 90 day bills | 4.04%  | 2.99%     |
| 2 year swap  | 4.99%  | 3.94%     |
| 10 year Govt | 4.61%  | 4.11%     |

## Well, that's a heck of a U-turn!

The UK's new Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, completed a full 180, announcing almost all the controversial tax measures announced in the previous 'mini-budget' would be reversed on the basis that the UK will, "always pay its own way!" The reversed tax cuts will save GBP32 billion a year with only two of the original policies remaining, while the expensive energy support package to subsidise consumer and business energy bills would run until April (not the original two years) when it would be reviewed to ensure the "cost to the taxpayer is significantly less than *planned.*" Which raises the real question ... how long has Liz Truss got left?

Financial markets liked the 'cut of the new Chancellor's cloth' after he overturned almost everything Liz Truss pledged in her leadership campaign and minibudget. Equity markets across Europe and the US rallied between 1.75%-3.5%, while bond yields dropped, with the 10-year gilt falling 35bps to 3.97%, the Australian 10-year yield fell 3bps to 3.985%, while the 10-year Treasury bond flat-lined at 4.01%. Which makes the NZ 10-vear vield seem a little out of whack at 4.51%! The USD also took a pause from its relentless grind higher, actually falling over one percent, which saw the NZD/USD bounce back above the 0.5600 level and the AUD/USD approach 0.6300. Oil and gold also traded higher.

In other news, The NY Fed's Empire manufacturing index fell more than expected, to -9.1 in October from -1.5 in September, while the yen fell further as USD/JPY reached a new 32-year high at 148.90 as it approaches the key psychological level of 150.00, which surely raises the possibility of further BoJ intervention. This saw Japanese prime minister, Fumio Kishida, announce, "Rapid forex moves are undesirable. We will take steps against speculative FX moves as needed."

The Bank of Canada's Q3 business survey highlighted that "Most businesses think

a recession in Canada is likely within 12 months. Pressures on prices and wages have started to ease but firms' inflation expectations remain high."

The Chinese state banks have been intervening in the swaps market to try and stabilise the yuan currency by swapping the yuan for USDs via forwards and selling those USDs in the spot market today. This is interesting when one considers the National Party Congress started at the weekend. The USD/CNY is at 7.2000. Chinese trade data was delayed on Friday, and, word on the street is we won't get the Q3 GDP figures this week. In saying all that, China did announce they'll be increasing their reserve capacities for key commodities ... hopefully that will include some dairy products!

## And speaking of U-turn's ...

In New Zealand, the Government's controversial 3-waters plan has hit another hurdle after new Auckland mayor, Wayne Brown, asked the city's water management company, Watercare, to stop working on it. The Government's plan, which would take water services out of the hands of councils and create four publicly owned companies, is, according to Mr. Brown, "not in the best interests of Watercare, its shareholder or its customers for it to spend any more money on the doomed proposal."











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|                     | Spot         | FECs (mid) |           |         |                 | Spot Mid    |        |          |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| FX                  | Mid          | 1mth       | 3mths     | 6mths   | 12mths          |             | NZD/   | AUD/     |
| NZTWI               | 67.10        |            |           |         |                 | CAD         | 0.7722 | 0.8627   |
| NZD/USD             | 0.5630       | 0.0001     | 0.0005    | 0.0013  | 0.0016          | CHF         | 0.5606 | 0.6265   |
| NZD/AUD             | 0.8949       | -0.0005    | -0.0022   | -0.0045 | -0.0086         | CNY         | 4.0496 | 4.5215   |
| NZD/JPY             | 83.79        | -0.27      | -0.93     | -1.91   | -4.13           | DKK         | 4.2532 | 4.7518   |
| NZD/EUR             | 0.5719       | -0.0012    | -0.0041   | -0.0071 | -0.0136         | FJD         | 1.2895 | 1.4407   |
| NZD/GBP             | 0.4953       | -0.0003    | -0.0008   | -0.0007 | -0.0007         | HKD         | 4.4195 | 4.9376   |
|                     |              |            |           |         |                 | KRW         | 805.57 | 900.01   |
| AU TWI              | 59.60        |            |           |         |                 | MYR         | 2.6545 | 2.9657   |
| AUD/USD             | 0.6813       | 0.0005     | 0.0021    | 0.0045  | 0.0070          | NOK         | 5.9231 | 6.6186   |
| AUD/NZD             | 0.6535       | 0.0005     | 0.0025    | 0.0052  | 0.0095          | SEK         | 6.2749 | 7.0095   |
| AUD/JPY             | 93.61        | -0.25      | -0.81     | -1.67   | -3.80           | SGD         | 0.7997 | 0.8936   |
| AUD/EUR             | 0.6388       | -0.0010    | -0.0030   | -0.0048 | -0.0093         | TWD         | 18.00  | 20.11    |
| AUD/GBP             | 0.5535       | 0.0000     | 0.0005    | 0.0020  | 0.0045          | ZAR         | 10.15  | 11.34    |
| USD Index           | 112.07       |            |           |         |                 | EQUITIES    |        |          |
| EUR/USD             | 0.9843       | 0.0023     | 0.0078    | 0.0144  | 0.0252          |             |        | Index    |
| USD/JPY             | 148.84       | -0.51      | -1.78     | -3.69   | -7.73           | NZX50       |        | 10,786   |
| GBP/USD             | 1.1361       | 0.0007     | 0.0026    | 0.0035  | 0.0037          | ASX200      |        | 6,664    |
| EUR/GBP             | 0.8662       | 0.0014     | 0.0048    | 0.0094  | 0.0193          | Dow Jo      | nes    | 30,203   |
|                     |              |            |           |         |                 | S&P 50      | 0      | 676      |
| INTEREST New Zealan |              | w Zealand  | Australia |         | FTSE100         |             | 6,920  |          |
| RATES               |              | Mid        |           |         | Mid             | Mid DAX 30  |        | 12,649   |
|                     |              |            |           |         |                 | Nikkei      |        | 26,776   |
| 30 day bank bi      | lls          |            | 3.57%     |         | 2.77%           |             |        |          |
| 90 day bank bills   |              |            | 4.04%     |         | 2.99%           | COMMODITIES |        |          |
| 1 year swap         |              |            | 4.87%     |         | 3.65%           |             |        | USD      |
| 2 year swap         |              | 4.99%      |           | 3.94%   |                 | Brent Crude |        | 91.56    |
| 3 year swap         | ear swap 4.9 |            | 4.90%     | 3.98%   |                 | Gold        |        | 1,651.45 |
| 5 year swap 4.77    |              | 4.77%      | 4.04%     |         | Silver          |             | 18.63  |          |
| 10 year swap        |              | 4.75%      |           |         | 4.31%           | Iron Ore    |        | 95.93    |
| 3 year Govt bond    |              | 4.47%      |           |         | 3.53% CRB Index |             | lex    | 297.53   |
| 5 year Govt bond    |              | 4.48%      |           |         | 3.75%           | 75%         |        | NZD      |
| 10 year Govt bond   |              | 4.61%      |           |         | 4.11%           | NZ Carbon   |        | 81.00    |

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