Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS
(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
EUR/USD moves upwards after three days of gains, trading around 1.1750 during the early trading hours on Wednesday. The Dollar weakens due to fears of the impact of the US government shutdown that could disrupt the release of crucial jobs data for Fed officials. Tradors will be watching the preliminary Eurozone Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices due later in the day.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD extends its winning streak for the fourth successive session, trading around 1.3460 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The pair may further appreciate as the US Dollar (USD) faces challenges after soft US jobs data increased the odds of Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts. The CME FedWatch Tool suggests that markets are now pricing in nearly a 97% chance of a Fed rate cut in October and a 76% possibility of another reduction in December.

USD/JPY
The Japanese Yen (JPY) trades with a negative bias during the Asian session on Wednesday, though the lack of follow-through selling warrants some for bearish traders amid hawkish Bank of Japan (BoJ) expectations. In fact, the Summary of Opinions from the BoJ's September meeting reaffirmed expectations that the central bank will stick to its policy normalization path.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1757	1.1767	1.1730	0.20	0.16	13.55
GBP-USD	1.3461	1.3472	1.3435	0.11	0.10	7.55
USD-JPY	147.54	148.23	147.46	-0.24	0.92	6.55
USD-CHF	0.7948	0.7969	0.7938	-0.20	0.05	14.17

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3863.43	3875.53	3854.68	0.12	3.41	47.21
Silver	47.00	47.56	46.63	0.75	7.01	62.61
Crude Oil	62.50	62.66	62.20	0.21	-3.83	-8.76
Bitcoin	114588.20	114760.73	113791.04	-0.05	4.78	22.27
Etherium	4150.21	4201.85	4118.79	-1.08	3.41	24.02

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.13	3.99	3.86	3.68
ESTR (€)	1.90	1.93	1.92	1.90
SONIA (£)	3.97	3.97	3.94	3.87
SARON (₣)	-0.04	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.39

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.25
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.15
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.00
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.40
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.00

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS
(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Stocks closed higher on Tuesday as investors moved past worries of a potential U.S. government shutdown and logged an unusually strong September. Historically speaking, stoppages have had a negligible impact on the market, However, some investors worry the impact on the U.S. economy could be especially harmful this time around, should the Trump administration go through with its threat of mass firings of federal workers.

EUROPE
European stocks closed higher on Tuesday as investors monitored U.S. President Donald Trump's trade tariffs and the continued political deadlock in the United States.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Wednesday, following gains on Wall Street as investors appeared unperturbed by the U.S. government shutdown. Markets on mainland China and Hong Kong were closed for a holiday.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	46397.89	0.18	1.87	9.06	46488.00	-0.42
S&P	6688.46	0.41	3.53	13.72	6707.00	-0.09
Nasdaq	22660.01	0.30	5.61	17.34	24769.75	-0.27
DJ EuroStoxx50	5529.96	0.42	3.03	12.95	5536.00	0.09
FTSE 100	9350.43	0.54	1.68	14.41	9400.50	0.44
CAC 40	7895.94	0.19	2.44	6.98	7895.00	0.19
DAX	23880.72	0.57	-0.65	19.95	23964.00	0.23
IBEX 35	15475.00	1.04	3.59	33.46	15508.10	0.87
FTSE MIB	42725.32	0.40	0.74	24.98	42494.00	0.40
Nikkei	44932.63	-0.97	5.47	11.53	44590.00	-1.29
Hang Seng	26855.56	0.87	5.33	33.88	26840.00	0.51
DFM General	5839.64	-0.49	-2.17	13.20		
MSCI Tadawoul	11502.97	0.60	7.80	-4.43		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	85.05	85.40	80.00	0.18	6.11	-29.13
Solidere B	84.95	85.00	75.60	2.10	5.59	-28.91
EuroBonds	21.875 / 22.375					

MUST READ
(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

The US government just entered into its first shutdown since 2018
The U.S. federal government entered its first shutdown in years at midnight Wednesday after failed negotiations between lawmakers and President Trump. Both parties focused more on assigning blame than reaching a compromise, with Senate votes on both Republican and Democratic funding bills falling short. The shutdown, the first since the record-breaking 2018-2019 closure, halts government operations and furloughs over 400,000 workers. Key agencies, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Commerce Department, have ceased operations, delaying vital economic data like Friday's jobs report. President Trump signaled he may use the shutdown to push permanent changes, including potential mass firings, though specifics remain unclear. Essential workers like TSA agents and military personnel will continue without pay, while Medicare, Social Security, and mail delivery remain unaffected. Simultaneously, new Trump-imposed tariffs take effect Wednesday, including 100% duties on some pharmaceuticals and 25% on heavy trucks, potentially impacting trade—especially with Mexico. More tariffs on lumber, furniture, and even foreign films have been announced, with implementation dates unclear. Markets are watching the shutdown's duration closely, as continued gridlock could have compounding economic effects. Lawmakers are preparing for additional Senate votes, but a resolution remains uncertain amid deep partisan divisions.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
RPM INTERNATIO	RPM	$ 15.12 B	1-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	1.88	1.84
MCCORMICK & C(	MKC	$ 17.95 B	7-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	0.82	0.83
DELTA AIR LINES I	DAL	$ 37.05 B	9-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	1.55	1.50
PEPSICO INC	PEP	$ 192.27 B	9-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	2.27	2.31
LEVI STRAUSS & C	LEVI	$ 9.22 B	9-Oct-25	Aft-Mkt	0.31	0.33

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(01-10-25) EC - HCOP Eurozone Manufacturing PMI
(01-10-25) UK - S&P Global UK Manufacturing PMI
(01-10-25) EC - CPI YoY/MoM
(01-10-25) US - ADP Employment Change
(01-10-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(01-10-25) CA - S&P Global Canada Manufacturing PMI
(01-10-25) US - S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI

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