

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EURUSD

EUR/USD dipped and recovered in a rough Thursday session, grinding lower in whipsaw action as the pair tests new lows in the near-term and slips further back from key technical levels. European inflation declined less than markets were hoping, but currency markets have shifted into shorting the (USD) across the board as investors recover from Wednesday's hawkish showing from the US (Fed).

GBPUSD

Heading into the key data risk, the (GBP) continues to draw support from a slightly more hawkish stance adopted by the (BoE) on Thursday. In fact, Andrew Bailey said that we need to see more evidence that inflation is set to fall all the way to the 2% target and stay there before rates can be lowered. Meanwhile, expectations for an imminent shift in the (Fed) policy stance keep the (USD) bulls on the defensive near the weekly low and further act as a tailwind for the GBP/USD pair.

USDJPY

The (JPY) is seen oscillating in a narrow range against its American counterpart heading into the European session on Friday and consolidating its recent gains to over a two-week high touched the previous day. The latest optimism led by the Gaza ceasefire chatter remains supportive of a generally positive tone around the equity markets and undermines the safe-haven JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0879	1.0883	1.0868	0.06	0.24	-1.45
GBP-USD	1.2750	1.2755	1.2742	0.05	0.37	0.15
USD-JPY	146.39	146.52	146.24	-0.03	1.20	-3.65
USD-CHF	0.8573	0.8580	0.8565	-0.06	0.80	-1.85
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2055.73	2056.90	2051.99	0.04	1.84	-0.35
Silver	23.19	23.21	23.09	0.03	1.69	-2.56
Crude Oil	74.03	74.47	73.87	0.28	-5.10	3.05
Bitcoin	43192.01	43402.87	42873.77	0.25	2.91	1.61
Etherium	2307.25	2319.50	2287.03	0.15	1.96	1.09
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
EURIBOR	3.88	3.91	3.57			
SOFR	5.32	5.27	4.70			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	4.21	3.88	4.11			
BTP - BUND	0.64	1.58	2.02			
GILTS	4.23	3.75	4.41			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U.S. stocks rebounded on Thursday as investors looked to a spate of high-profile earnings and the Friday's employment report a day after the Federal Reserve quashed lingering bets that interest rate cuts could begin as early as March. U.S. regional bank shares slide for second straight day.

EUROPE

European shares slipped on Thursday, pulled down by downbeat updates from banks across the continent as well as drugmakers Roche and Sanofi, but Volvo Cars and Ferrari raced higher. Dassault down on dour annual revenue forecast.

ASIA

Most Asian stocks rose on Friday, with technology-heavy indexes leading gains after strength in their U.S. counterparts spurred record-high closes on Wall Street. But bigger gains were still held back by caution ahead of key U.S. nonfarm payrolls data, due later in the day.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	38519.84	0.97	2.13	2.20	38646.00	0.05
S&P	4906.19	1.25	3.44	2.86	4957.00	0.56
Nasdaq	15361.64	1.30	4.03	2.33	17609.50	0.95
DJ EuroStoxx50	4638.60	-0.21	2.79	2.59	4687.00	0.86
FTSE 100	7622.16	-0.11	-1.29	-1.44	7656.00	0.79
CAC 40	7588.75	-0.89	0.77	0.60	7601.00	N/A
DAX	16859.04	-0.26	0.53	0.64	17066.00	0.90
IBEX 35	10014.00	-0.63	-1.65	-0.87	10015.40	N/A
FTSE MIB	30689.11	-0.18	0.54	1.11	30826.00	N/A
Nikkei	36011.46	0.41	8.05	8.05	36120.00	0.56
Hang Seng	15566.21	-0.11	-7.38	-8.79	15527.00	-0.45
DFM General	4220.35	0.08	3.24	4.03	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11914.29	1.00	-1.72	-0.44	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	84.80	89.00	81.10	-6.40	3.10	-4.83
Solidere B	87.60	90.00	81.10	-3.84	11.24	-2.61

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Apple stock falls on weak outlook of iphone sales

Apple reported fiscal first-quarter earnings Thursday that beat estimates for revenue and earnings, but it showed a 13% decline in sales in China, one of its most important markets. Apple shares fell more than 4% in extended trading after management provided some details about outlook for the current quarter that suggested weakness in iPhone sales.

Meta shares jump on better-than-expected results

Meta beat on earnings and revenue in its fourth-quarter report on Thursday and announced its first-ever dividend payment. The stock jumped more than 8% in extended trading.

Amazon reports results as revenue jumps 14%

Amazon on Thursday reported fourth-quarter results that sailed past analysts' estimates, and gave strong guidance for the current quarter. The stock climbed more than 8% in extended trading.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Exxon Mobil	XOM US	\$415.5 B	02-Feb-24	Pre-mkt	2.21	3.40
AbbVie Inc	ABBV US	\$291.1 B	02-Feb-24	Pre-mkt	2.76	3.60
Chevron Corporat	CVX US	\$283.3 B	02-Feb-24	Pre-mkt	3.29	4.09
Regeneron Pharm	REGN US	\$104.5 B	02-Feb-24	Pre-mkt	9.14	10.96
Aon plc	AON US	\$59.8 B	02-Feb-24	Pre-mkt	4.07	3.89

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(02-02-24) US- Average Hourly Earnings JAN
(02-02-24) US- Nonfarm Payrolls JAN
(02-02-24) US- Labor Force Participation Rate JAN; Unemployment Rate JAN
(02-02-24) US- Factory Orders MoM DEC
(02-02-24) GB- CFTC GBP NC Net Positions
(02-02-24) US- Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index JAN
(02-02-24) GB- BoE's Pill speech

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