Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS *(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)*

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD pair gains ground near 1.1735 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The concern over the impact of the US government shutdown undermines the US Dollar (USD) against the Euro (EUR). The US weekly Initial Jobless Claims will not be published in light of the ongoing federal shutdown. Markets expect further policy easing at the Fed's October meeting to be a lock, with Fed funds futures implying a 99.4% chance of a 25-basis-point cut.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD extends its gains for the fifth consecutive day, trading around 1.3480 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The pair may further appreciate as the Pound Sterling (GBP) receives support from the cautious remarks from the Bank of England (BoE) officials; Catherine Mann warned that the risk of sustained, "higher-for-longer" inflation is becoming real and supports keeping interest rates steady for now. Deputy Governor Clare Lombardelli echoed inflation concerns, cautioning that even one-off inflation shocks can have lasting effects and shouldn't be dismissed as temporary.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) edges lower against its American counterpart during the Asian session on Thursday, though any further decline still seems elusive. Investors seem convinced that the Bank of Japan (BoJ) will stick to its policy normalization path and hike interest rates in October.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1730	1.1742	1.1724	-0.02	0.55	13.29
GBP-USD	1.3470	1.3488	1.3468	-0.06	0.94	7.62
USD-JPY	147.22	147.32	146.95	0.10	1.75	6.78
USD-CHF	0.7969	0.7975	0.7961	-0.03	0.35	13.87

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3868.37	3870.28	3853.03	0.07	3.17	47.39
Silver	47.39	47.53	46.97	0.15	4.88	63.97
Crude Oil	62.11	62.54	61.57	0.53	-4.42	-9.33
Bitcoin	118606.76	119490.97	117414.61	0.86	8.37	26.56
Etherium	4377.23	4401.07	4293.14	0.93	9.20	30.80

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.13	3.98	3.85	3.66
ESTR (€)	1.89	1.93	1.92	1.89
SONIA (£)	3.98	3.97	3.94	3.87
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	-0.07
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

The S&P 500 closed at a record high on Wednesday as traders were hopeful that a U.S. federal government shutdown would be brief and possibly have little impact on the economy. It was a notable turnaround. At its low of the day, the S&P 500 was down 0.5%. The index's move higher was led by a boost in health-care stocks, with big gains in Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and Moderna.

EUROPE

European markets closed higher on Wednesday, as investors monitor the U.S. government shutdown. The pan-European Stoxx 600 finished trading up 1.2%, with most sectors and major bourses in positive territory.

ASIA

Major Indices in Asia Pacific exhibited an upward trend, driven by gains in technology shares after OpenAI secured an agreement with South Korean chipmakers, fueling optimism around artificial intelligence. Markets in Japan, South Korea, and Australia advanced, with chip stocks posting notable increases.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	46441.10	0.09	2.53	9.16	46721.00	0.01
S&P	6711.20	0.34	4.61	14.10	6768.50	0.46
Nasdaq	22755.16	0.42	6.93	17.84	25067.25	0.68
DJ EuroStoxx50	5581.21	0.93	5.48	14.00	5637.00	1.66
FTSE 100	9446.43	1.03	3.62	15.58	9532.00	1.30
CAC 40	7966.95	0.90	4.09	7.94	7973.00	0.99
DAX	24113.62	0.98	2.67	21.12	24404.00	1.53
IBEX 35	15538.80	0.41	5.68	34.01	15578.30	0.45
FTSE MIB	43079.58	0.83	3.24	26.01	42851.00	0.84
Nikkei	44550.85	1.00	6.35	12.79	45070.00	0.18
Hang Seng	26855.56	1.45	6.86	35.82	27353.00	1.43
DFM General	5888.48	0.84	-2.04	14.15		
MSCI Tadawoul	11529.36	0.23	8.08	-4.21		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	84.95	84.95	84.90	-0.12	8.77	-29.21
Solidere B	84.95	84.95	84.95	0.00	4.68	-28.91
EuroBonds	21.500 / 22.250					

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Goldman Sachs Sees More Upside for Gold on Private Interest

Goldman Sachs has reaffirmed its bullish outlook on gold, highlighting strong interest from private investors as a key factor that could push prices even higher than previously forecasted. The bank projects gold could reach $4,000 per ounce by mid-2026 and $4,300 by the end of next year. However, analysts say there is "large upside risk" to those forecasts if private investors increasingly diversify into gold. Notably, inflows into bullion-backed exchange-traded funds (ETFs) have surpassed Goldman's earlier expectations, signaling heightened investor demand. The bank previously suggested gold could approach $5,000 per ounce if just 1% of privately held U.S. Treasuries were shifted into the metal. Currently, gold is trading around $3,865 an ounce after a strong rally that has driven prices up 12% since late August. The metal recently broke out of a months-long trading range and has surged nearly 50% year-to-date, outperforming other major commodities. Contributing factors include renewed central bank buying following a summer lull and the Federal Reserve's return to interest rate cuts. Analysts note that speculative trading has played only a minor role in the recent gains. The rally is also supported by growing concerns over U.S. fiscal policy, especially amid the looming government shutdown and dollar weakness.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
MCCORMICK & C(	MKC	$ 18.18 B	7-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	0.82	0.83
DELTA AIR LINES I	DAL	$ 36.64 B	9-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	1.55	1.50
PEPSICO INC	PEP	$ 195.97 B	9-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	2.27	2.31
LEVI STRAUSS & C	LEVI	$ 9.65 B	9-Oct-25	Aft-Mkt	0.31	0.33
FASTENAL CO	FAST	$ 54.77 B	13-Oct-25	Bef-Mkt	0.30	0.26

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(02-10-25) EC - Unemployment Rate
(02-10-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(02-10-25) US - Factory/Durable Goods Orders
(03-10-25) JN - Jobless Rate
(03-10-25) EC - HCOB Eurozone Services/Composite PMI
(03-10-25) UK - S&P Global UK Services/Composite PMI
(03-10-25) US - Change in Nonfarm Payrolls / Unemployment Rate

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