Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
The EUR/USD pair trades in positive territory near 1.1535 during the early European trading hours on Monday, bolstered by improved risk sentiment. The Euro (EUR) edges higher against the US Dollar (USD) after reports that US President Donald Trump had called off an attack on Iran and talks between the two sides would happen on Monday. Traders will closely monitor the developments surrounding US-Iran negotiations. Traders brace for the German Retail Sales data for June, which is due later on Monday. If the reports come in weaker than expected, this could drag the shared currency lower. On the US docket, the US ISM Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) data will be published.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD holds losses after three days of gains, trading around 1.3470 during the Asian hours on Monday. The currency pair may regain its footing as the US Dollar (USD) struggles under easing risk aversion, driven by hopes of a diplomatic breakthrough between the United States (US) and Iran following reports that US President Donald Trump held off on planned strikes. The Bank of England (BoE) opted to leave interest rates unchanged last week, though it kept the door open for potential rate hikes due to ongoing uncertainty surrounding the US-Iran conflict.

USD/JPY
The USD/JPY pair recovers some lost ground to near 157.65, snapping the three-day losing streak during the early Asian trading hours on Monday. Traders remain on high alert for further intervention from the US and Japan after coordinated operations in Tokyo and New York last week triggered a dramatic rebound in the currency. Bloomberg reported that Japan's Finance Ministry and US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent are now working together to a degree unseen in decades to shore up the currency. Bessent said that the US wouldn't hesitate to step into the market again. Meanwhile, Japan confirmed the first joint intervention with the US in currency markets in 15 years, according to a statement by Finance Minister Satsuki Katayama.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1534	1.1559	1.1526	0.06	1.45	-1.80
GBP-USD	1.3471	1.3506	1.3464	-0.09	1.37	-0.03
USD-JPY	156.50	157.88	155.23	-0.58	4.63	0.13
USD-CHF	0.8086	0.8095	0.8056	0.14	1.27	-1.98
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	4056.88	4080.87	4047.45	0.27	-0.48	-6.08
Silver	58.13	58.64	57.83	0.92	-0.41	-18.89
Crude Oil	79.51	81.30	78.78	-6.09	-3.75	39.47
Bitcoin	62793.51	63722.18	62679.58	-1.00	-1.03	-28.36
Etherium	1855.90	1897.19	1849.33	-1.38	-1.40	-37.67

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	3.66	3.75	3.88	4.05
ESTR (€)	2.61	2.31	2.44	2.61
SONIA (£)	3.74	3.79	3.92	4.15
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.04	-0.02	0.06
TONAR (¥)	0.96	0.84	0.78	0.66

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	3.75
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.4
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.25
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.65
BOE Official Bank Rate	3.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The major averages were markedly higher Friday, the last trading session in July, as investors looked past rising bond yields and Amazon shares jumped. The Nasdaq Composite rose 1% to end at 25,373.85, while the S&P 500 added 0.7% to close at 7,489.72. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 276.97 points, or 0.53%, to 52,485.03. The 30-year Treasury bond yield spiked to its highest levels since 2007 this week. It was last up about 4 basis points on the day at 5.25%. The benchmark 10-year Treasury note yield topped 4.7% on the day, its highest level since January 2025.

EUROPE
European stocks erased early gains to close mixed on Friday, tracking the swings in North American markets amid as an uncertain rate outlook offset mostly positive earnings events. The Euro STOXX 50 rose 0.2% to 6,360, easing from a record high earlier in the session, and the STOXX Europe 600 fell 0.1% to 649. The inflation rate in the Eurozone was broadly in line with expectations to maintain bets that the ECB will deliver another rate hike this year.

Asia
In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.91% while the Topix declined over 1. The Kospi dropped 4.41%, while the small-cap Kosdaq added 3.2%. Australia's benchmark S&P/ASX 200 was little changed. Oil prices fell after President Donald Trump said earlier Sunday he canceled a planned attack on Iran.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	52485.03	0.53	-0.78	9.20	52908.00	0.56
S&P	7489.72	0.70	0.09	9.41	7561.25	0.58
Nasdaq	25373.85	1.00	-1.78	9.17	28628.25	0.79
DJ EuroStoxx50	6358.01	0.21	-0.85	9.78	6426.00	0.85
FTSE 100	10868.05	-0.27	1.77	9.43	10896.00	0.34
CAC 40	8509.64	0.28	0.02	4.42	8521.00	0.28
DAX	25629.24	0.07	-0.58	4.65	25971.00	1.05
IBEX 35	19782.90	0.13	-0.35	14.30	19811.70	0.31
FTSE MIB	52172.53	0.13	-1.22	16.08	52340.00	0.13
Nikkei	64362.02	-1.13	-8.76	26.41	63700.00	-0.09
Hang Seng	25884.43	0.07	10.93	1.06	25881.00	-0.09
DFM General	5795.93	0.07	-4.34	-4.15		
MSCI Tadawoul	10705.87	1.10	-1.12	2.05		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	73.50	74.00	73.50	4.55	1.38	-12.50
Solidere B	70.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	-7.53	-15.36
EuroBonds	26.50 / 27.50					

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

US, Japan Move to Transform Yen Landscape With Joint Action
The United States and Japan have jointly intervened in currency markets for the first time in 15 years to support the weakening yen, signaling a strong commitment to stabilizing the currency. Japan is estimated to have spent $53 billion in a single day, while US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent stated that Washington "will not hesitate" to intervene again if necessary. Japanese officials confirmed the coordinated effort, with South Korea also appearing to support the initiative. The intervention helped the yen strengthen by as much as 1.4% against the US dollar, although analysts expect further action may be required. Growing speculation that both the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan (BOJ) could raise interest rates in September has also boosted confidence in the yen. The BOJ recently highlighted inflation risks, increasing expectations of tighter monetary policy. The US has additional incentives to support the yen, including reducing volatility in global bond markets and addressing concerns that a weak yen unfairly benefits Japanese exporters. Japan also plans to use a Federal Reserve facility that provides dollar liquidity without requiring the sale of US Treasury holdings, helping minimize market disruption. Overall, policymakers emphasize close coordination and vigilance, while future intervention and possible interest rate hikes will largely depend on the yen's performance in the coming weeks.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
PALANTIR TECHN	PLTR	$ 295.01 B	3-Aug-26	Aft-mkt	0.35	0.16
PFIZER INC	PFE	$ 142.54 B	4-Aug-26	Bef-mkt	0.68	0.78
CATERPILLAR INC	CAT	$ 375.29 B	4-Aug-26	Bef-mkt	6.17	4.72
SPACE EXPLORATI	SPCX	$ 1426.06 B	4-Aug-26	Aft-mkt	-0.25	N/A
ADVANCED MICR	AMD	$ 776.41 B	4-Aug-26	Aft-mkt	1.63	0.48

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(03-08-26) EC - S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI
(03-08-26) UK - S&P Global UK Manufacturing PMI
(03-08-26) US - S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI
(03-08-26) US - ISM Manufacturing / Construction Spending MoM
(04-08-26) US - Trade Balance
(04-08-26) CA - S&P Global Canada Manufacturing PMI
(04-08-26) US - Durable Goods Orders

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