Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD
EUR/USD continues to decline as the US Dollar strengthens due to tariffs on China and potential tariffs on the EU, while ongoing trade talks and mixed inflation data add to market uncertainty. The Euro is under additional pressure from dovish European Central Bank policies and a recent interest rate cut.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD continues to rise as risk sentiment improves following US President Trump's decision to pause tariffs on Mexico and Canada, though concerns over market volatility and ongoing trade negotiations persist. The pair may face challenges ahead as the Bank of England is expected to cut interest rates, possibly limiting further gains for the Pound.

USD/JPY
The Japanese Yen remains weak against the US Dollar, supported by expectations of further rate hikes by the Bank of Japan and concerns over narrowing interest rate differentials with the US. However, investor confidence rises due to Trump's tariff delays on Canada and Mexico, which, combined with a modest US Dollar strength, helps keep USD/JPY above 155.00.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0299	1.0350	1.0272	-0.44	-1.26	-0.53
GBP-USD	1.2405	1.2454	1.2380	-0.36	-0.31	-0.89
USD-JPY	155.20	155.41	154.72	0.30	0.22	1.29
USD-CHF	0.9124	0.9131	0.9100	0.23	-0.90	-0.55
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	2813.15	2824.65	2811.00	-0.07	1.80	7.19
Silver	31.51	31.64	31.37	-0.29	3.57	9.02
Crude Oil	71.95	72.48	71.76	-1.65	-2.47	0.98
Bitcoin	99561.57	102555.07	98378.75	-2.33	-5.23	6.24
Etherium	2724.35	2922.89	2666.45	-3.35	-16.05	-18.59

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.31	4.30	4.25	4.17
ESTR (€)	2.08	2.48	2.28	2.08
SONIA (£)	4.52	4.48	4.39	4.26
SARON (F)	0.43	0.29	0.19	0.09
TONAR (¥)	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.15

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.9
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.75
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	3.15
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS *(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Stock futures rose Monday night after U.S. President Donald Trump paused planned tariffs on goods from Canada, just hours after a reprieve was also announced on expected levies against Mexico. The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for December is due on Tuesday, as well as durable orders. The main event this week will be Friday's January nonfarm payrolls report.

EUROPE
European stocks are heading for a higher open Tuesday as global markets breathe a sigh of relief after U.S. President Donald Trump paused planned tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico. The pan-European Stoxx 600 traded lower throughout Monday's session with all sectors firmly in negative territory. Carmakers, tech and industrial stocks were the worst performers.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets rose Tuesday after Donald Trump paused tariffs on Mexico for a month, while Canada also said the U.S. president had put on hold proposed tariffs on its exports.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44421.91	-0.28	3.95	4.41	44501.00	-0.44
S&P	5994.57	-0.76	0.88	1.92	6014.00	-0.88
Nasdaq	19391.96	-1.20	-1.17	0.42	21385.75	-0.93
DJ EuroStoxx50	5217.91	-1.30	7.11	6.58	5218.00	-1.36
FTSE 100	8583.56	-1.04	4.37	5.02	8537.50	-1.45
CAC 40	7854.92	-1.20	7.86	6.42	7868.00	-1.21
DAX	21428.24	-1.40	7.65	7.63	21496.00	-1.45
IBEX 35	12205.80	-1.32	4.76	5.27	12228.80	-1.33
FTSE MIB	36218.98	-0.69	6.13	5.95	36358.00	-0.72
Nikkei	38520.09	0.72	-2.75	-2.75	38770.00	-2.20
Hang Seng	20217.26	2.38	4.75	3.19	20773.00	2.20
DFM General	5182.76	0.46	1.56	0.93	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12377.03	-0.26	2.27	2.83	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	111.10	114.20	111.00	-1.94	-2.46	-7.42
Solidere B	110.00	110.00	110.00	-0.63	-1.87	-7.95

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

China to levy additional tariffs of up to 15% on select U.S. imports starting Feb. 10

China's finance ministry said Tuesday it will impose additional tariffs of 15% on coal and liquified natural gas imports from the U.S. and 10% higher duties on crude oil, farm equipment and certain cars, starting Feb. 10. The tariffs announcement comes as the additional blanket 10% U.S. tariffs on Chinese exports came into effect on Tuesday. China reiterated that the 10% additional tariff that U.S. President Donald Trump has levied on Chinese goods "seriously violates the rules of the World Trade Organization," according to a CNBC translation of the statement in Chinese. In a separate statement Tuesday, Chinese commerce ministry and customs officials announced to impose export controls on items related to tungsten, tellurium, ruthenium, molybdenum and ruthenium.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Paypal Holdings Ir	PYPL US	$ 89.74B	04-Feb-25	Pre-mkt	1.14	1.48
Pepsico Inc	PEP US	$ 206.17B	04-Feb-25	Pre-mkt	1.94	1.78
Spotify Technolog	SPOT US	$ 110.26B	04-Feb-25	Pre-mkt	1.89	-0.36
Alphabet Inc (Goc	GOOG US	$ 2.47T	04-Feb-25	Aft-mkt	2.19	1.64
Advanced Micro I	AMD US	$ 185.44B	04-Feb-25	Aft-mkt	1.09	0.77

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(04-02-25) US - JOLTS Job Openings
(04-02-25) US - Factory Orders / Durable Goods Orders
(05-02-25) FR - Industrial Production MoM / YoY
(05-02-25) US - ADP Employment Change
(05-02-25) US - S&P Global US Services / Composite PMI
(05-02-25) US - ISM Services Index
(06-02-25) UK - Bank of England Bank Rate

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