# Daily Market Brief

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

**EUR/USD**

EUR/USD continues its upward trend, supported by hopes for a Ukraine peace deal, but faces challenges from rising global risk aversion due to US tariff increases. The Euro may also face pressure ahead of the European Central Bank's upcoming rate cut, while mixed US economic data adds to market uncertainty.

**GBP/USD**

GBP/USD rose as the US Dollar weakened and market sentiment remained sensitive to tariff threats, with the pair testing the 1.2700 level. Traders are focused on upcoming US economic data, particularly the Nonfarm Payrolls report, and speeches from Federal Reserve officials, while concerns about President Trump's tariff actions and a slight dip in the ISM Manufacturing PMI add to market uncertainty.

**USD/JPY**

The Japanese Yen (JPY) remains supported by a hawkish Bank of Japan outlook and risk-off sentiment, despite weaker domestic data, while US Dollar buying leads to a slight rebound in USD/JPY from recent lows. However, technical indicators suggest the pair may continue its downtrend, with potential support levels at 148.00 and 147.30, while resistance around 150.00 and 151.00 could cap any upside.

| Fx rates | Last | High | Low | % Daily | % Weekly | % YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EUR-USD | 1.0490 | 1.0496 | 1.0471 | 0.03 | -0.23 | 1.31 |
| GBP-USD | 1.2702 | 1.2710 | 1.2679 | 0.01 | 0.28 | 1.49 |
| USD-JPY | 149.35 | 149.65 | 148.60 | -0.10 | -0.21 | 5.26 |
| USD-CHF | 0.8950 | 0.8976 | 0.8946 | -0.20 | -0.22 | 1.39 |
| **Commodities** | **Last** | **High** | **Low** | **% Daily** | **% Weekly** | **% YTD** |
| Gold | 2887.98 | 2894.41 | 2882.01 | -0.16 | -0.93 | 10.04 |
| Silver | 31.69 | 31.79 | 31.50 | 0.01 | -0.17 | 9.63 |
| Crude Oil | 67.99 | 68.46 | 67.76 | -0.56 | -1.36 | -4.05 |
| Bitcoin | 83682.35 | 86967.42 | 82452.29 | -1.91 | -0.72 | -10.70 |
| Etherium | 2091.28 | 2173.49 | 2003.47 | -0.89 | -8.26 | -37.51 |

| Period | 1M | 3M | 6M | 12M |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SOFR ($) | 4.32 | 4.32 | 4.26 | 4.13 |
| ESTR (€) | 2.05 | 2.37 | 2.21 | 2.05 |
| SONIA (£) | 4.46 | 4.42 | 4.32 | 4.19 |
| SARON (F) | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.18 | 0.13 |
| TONAR (¥) | 0.47 | 0.32 | 0.27 | 0.18 |

| | 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 | 4.50 |

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

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The S&P 500 retreated on Monday, extending February's rout and turning red for the year after President Donald Trump's confirmation of forthcoming tariffs. Soft economic data for the manufacturing and construction sectors released Monday offered the latest reasons for worry about the state of the U.S. economy.

**EUROPE**

European markets closed higher on Monday, amid a charge in defense shares after regional leaders held security talks that touched on bolstered military spending. Data out Monday showed euro zone inflation dipped to 2.4% in February, slightly above analyst expectations.

**ASIA**

Japanese stocks fell nearly 2% to lead declines in Asia-Pacific markets, after U.S. President Donald Trump made it clear that tariffs on Mexico and Canada would go into effect as planned. Investors will be keeping a watch on Chinese stocks ahead of the country's annual parliamentary gathering, known as the "Two Sessions."

| Index | Close | % Daily | % M | YTD | Futures | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DJIA | 43191.24 | -1.48 | -3.06 | 1.52 | 43307.00 | -1.34 |
| S&P | 5849.72 | -1.76 | -3.12 | -0.54 | 5875.00 | -1.49 |
| Nasdaq | 18350.19 | -2.64 | -6.63 | -4.97 | 20546.75 | -1.79 |
| DJ EuroStoxx50 | 5540.69 | 1.41 | 5.24 | 13.17 | 5510.00 | 0.99 |
| FTSE 100 | 8871.31 | 0.70 | 3.51 | 8.54 | 8819.00 | 0.32 |
| CAC 40 | 8199.71 | 1.09 | 3.71 | 11.10 | 8170.50 | 0.50 |
| DAX | 23147.02 | 2.64 | 7.63 | 16.26 | 23071.00 | 2.39 |
| IBEX 35 | 13373.10 | 0.19 | 8.08 | 15.34 | 13411.80 | 0.51 |
| FTSE MIB | 39069.40 | 1.07 | 6.40 | 14.28 | 39129.00 | 1.06 |
| Nikkei | 37331.18 | -1.20 | -3.78 | -6.43 | 37360.00 | 0.67 |
| Hang Seng | 23006.27 | 0.06 | 10.73 | 14.76 | 22997.00 | 0.13 |
| DFM General | 5327.60 | -0.07 | 2.01 | 3.20 | N/A | N/A |
| MSCI Tadawoul | 12123.81 | 0.73 | -2.49 | 0.73 | N/A | N/A |

| Leb. Mrkts | Closing Px | High | Low | % Daily | % Weekly | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Solidere A | 108.00 | 109.50 | 104.30 | 4.55 | -0.74 | -10.00 |
| Solidere B | 106.40 | 111.50 | 105.00 | 2.21 | -3.27 | -10.96 |

## MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

### China retaliates with additional tariffs

China announced it will impose additional tariffs of up to 15% on select U.S. goods starting March 10, alongside restricting exports to 15 U.S. companies. These retaliatory measures come as new U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods take effect. The Chinese tariffs primarily target U.S. agricultural products, including corn and soybeans, which will face duties of 15% and 10%, respectively. Export restrictions will affect companies like Leidos and General Dynamics Land Systems. The move follows the imposition of 10% U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods, escalating the trade tensions between the two nations. China has firmly rejected the new U.S. tariffs, warning of potential retaliation. The U.S.-China trade relationship has become increasingly strained, with China's Ministry of Commerce urging the U.S. to withdraw the tariffs to avoid further harm. Trade experts anticipate a targeted Chinese response, possibly not in a tit-for-tat manner but as a demonstration of discontent. The overall tariff rate on Chinese goods imported to the U.S. has now reached 33%, up from around 13% before President Trump's latest term. U.S. agricultural exports, especially soybeans, are heavily affected, making up a significant portion of U.S. goods exported to China.

## MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

| Company | Ticker | Market Cap | Date | Time | Estimate | Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Target | TGT US | $ 55.33B | 04-Mar-25 | Pre-mkt | 2.26 | 2.98 |
| On Holding AG | ONON US | $ 15.47B | 04-Mar-25 | Pre-mkt | 0.18 | -0.05 |
| Best Buy Co Inc | BBY US | $ 18.54B | 04-Mar-25 | Pre-mkt | 2.40 | 2.72 |
| Crowdstrike Hold | CRWD US | $ 94.27B | 04-Mar-25 | Aft-mkt | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| Marvell Technolo | MRVL US | $ 74.27B | 05-Mar-25 | Aft-mkt | 0.59 | 0.46 |

## ECONOMIC CALENDAR

**(04-03-25) EC -** Unemployment Rate
**(05-03-25) UK** - S&P Global UK Services PMI
**(05-03-25) US** - ADP Employment Change
**(05-03-25) US** - S&P Global US Services / Composite PMI
**(05-03-25) US** - Durable Goods Orders
**(05-03-25) US** - ISM Services Index
**(06-03-25) EC** - ECB Deposit Facility Rate / Main Refinancing Rate / Marginal Lending Facility


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