Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD retreats after hitting a six-week peak of 1.1454 on Tuesday amid increasing concerns of market participants regarding the trade war ignited by the United States (US). Data from the United States lifted the US Dollar. Wall Street remains in the green as news emerged that US President Donald Trump is reportedly set to speak with Chinese President Xi Jinping this week, according to Reuters sources.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD trimmed bullish momentum on Tuesday, settling into slim chart churn just north of 1.3500. The Bank of England's (BoE) latest Monetary Policy Report hearings before British parliament did little to galvanize Cable traders, and market sentiment is pinned in the middle as traders hope for a cooling of US-China trade tensions.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) remains on the back foot against its American counterpart for the second straight day and touches a fresh weekly low during the Asian session on Wednesday.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1367	1.1393	1.1357	-0.04	0.66	9.78
GBP-USD	1.3509	1.3545	1.3501	-0.06	0.30	7.93
USD-JPY	144.21	144.38	143.67	0.17	0.44	9.01
USD-CHF	0.8244	0.8250	0.8225	0.06	0.34	10.07

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3353.85	3372.67	3346.57	0.01	2.02	27.79
Silver	34.47	34.65	34.41	-0.14	4.51	19.26
Crude Oil	63.12	63.44	63.07	-0.46	2.07	-9.62
Bitcoin	105441.23	105961.37	105198.89	-0.35	0.81	12.51
Etherium	2626.71	2646.07	2579.72	0.38	1.91	-21.51

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.32	4.32	4.25	4.04
ESTR (€)	1.72	1.92	1.83	1.72
SONIA (£)	4.22	4.20	4.14	4.02
SARON (₣)	0.02	-0.08	-0.16	-0.26
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.40	0.29

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
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	4.25

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Markets rose Tuesday amid optimistic sentiment driven by enthusiasm around artificial intelligence and anticipation of potential U.S. trade developments. Nvidia, along with other chip stocks, helped drive this advance. The dominant maker of artificial intelligence chips advanced nearly 3%, extending Monday's gains and passing Microsoft in market cap for the first time since January.

EUROPE

European stocks reversed course late in the session on Tuesday to close marginally higher after data showed inflation in the euro zone eased to a cooler-than-forecast 1.9% in May, below the ECB's 2% target. Today we'll be monitoring talks between European Commissioner for Trade Maros Sefcovic and U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, who are due to meet in Paris.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets advanced Wednesday after Wall Street rose on the back of a tech rally, led by chipmakers, with South Korean markets leading gains with its opposition leader Lee Jae-myung winning the presidential elections.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	42519.64	0.51	2.91	-0.06	42573.00	-0.06
S&P	5970.37	0.58	4.99	1.51	5978.75	0.53
Nasdaq	19398.96	0.81	7.91	0.46	21692.00	0.72
DJ EuroStoxx50	5375.70	0.38	1.71	9.80	5389.00	0.48
FTSE 100	8787.02	0.15	2.22	7.51	8803.50	0.10
CAC 40	7763.84	0.34	-0.09	5.19	7760.00	0.37
DAX	24091.62	0.67	4.35	21.01	24193.00	0.88
IBEX 35	14128.40	-0.52	5.07	21.85	14114.30	-0.74
FTSE MIB	40074.47	0.23	4.56	17.22	40116.00	0.22
Nikkei	37446.81	0.86	2.55	-5.33	37800.00	0.75
Hang Seng	23512.49	0.52	5.02	17.82	23497.00	2.16
DFM General	5521.85	0.68	4.36	7.04	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	10832.43	-0.16	-5.07	-10.00	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	86.10	87.50	84.00	2.26	1.47	-28.25
Solidere B	80.60	80.60	80.60	-0.25	-0.86	-32.55

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Toyota Industries sinks after parent's takeover bid misses expectations

Shares of Toyota Industries (6201.T) dropped over 12% after Toyota Motor announced a $33 billion deal to take the forklift maker private. The offer, at 16,300 yen per share, was significantly below the previous day's closing price of 18,400 yen, disappointing investors who had anticipated a higher valuation. Media had speculated a tender offer around $42 billion, creating expectations of a substantial premium. The sharp decline in share price reflects concerns over the fairness of the offer, particularly among minority shareholders. Analyst Arun George criticized the deal, suggesting it undervalues Toyota Industries' substantial real estate assets and undermines minority stakeholders. Despite this, Toyota Motor defended the move, stating it would allow Toyota Industries to adopt a longer-term business strategy. The buyout comes amid a broader push from the Japanese government urging large companies to improve corporate governance and unwind cross-shareholdings. The deal will involve creating a new holding company. Toyota Fudosan, a group real estate firm, will invest 180 billion yen, and Akio Toyoda, chairman of Toyota Motor, will personally invest 1 billion yen. Toyota Motor itself will contribute 700 billion yen through non-voting preferred shares. The transaction's structure has added complexity and raised further questions from market observers.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
DOLLAR TREE INC	DLTR	$ 20.33 B	04-Jun-25	Bef-mkt	1.23	1.43
BROADCOM INC	AVGO	$ 1207.70 B	05-Jun-25	Aft-mkt	1.57	1.10
LULULEMON ATH	LULU	$ 40.24 B	05-Jun-25	Aft-mkt	2.60	2.54
DOCUSIGN INC	DOCU	$ 18.55 B	05-Jun-25	Aft-mkt	0.82	0.82
VICTORIA'S SECRE	VSCO	$ 1.62 B	05-Jun-25	Bef-mkt	0.03	0.12

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(04-06-25) EC - HCOB Eurozone Composite/Services PMI
(04-06-25) UK - S&P Global UK Composite/Services PMI
(04-06-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(04-06-25) US - ADP Employment Change
(04-06-25) CA - Bank of Canada Rate Decision
(04-06-25) US - S&P Global US Composite/Services PMI
(04-06-25) US - ISM Services Index

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