Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD
The EUR/USD pair attracts some dip-buying during the Asian session on Thursday and stalls the previous day's late pullback from the 1.1800 neighborhood, or over a two-week high. Spot prices currently trade just above mid-1.1700s, up nearly 0.10% for the day, and remain at the mercy of the US Dollar (USD) price dynamics. The US Dollar (USD) struggles to capitalize on the previous day's upbeat US employment data-inspired bounce from a nearly three-week low and remains depressed for the second straight day amid hopes for a US-Iran peace deal. In fact, the ADP report showed that private-sector employment grew by 109K in April, compared to a downwardly revised reading of 61K in the previous month. This, however, was offset by the optimism over a potential agreement to end the Iran war.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD remains stronger for the third consecutive day, trading around 1.3600 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The technical analysis of the daily chart indicates an improving bullish trend as the pair rebounds from the lower boundary of the ascending channel. GBP/USD keeps a constructive bullish bias as it holds just above the 1.3600 horizontal pivot. The pair also trades over the nine-period Exponential Moving Average (EMA) and the 50-period EMA, suggesting the broader uptrend remains supported.

USD/JPY
The USD/JPY pair struggles to capitalize on the previous day's goodish rebound from its lowest level since February 24, around the 155.00 psychological mark, and oscillates in a narrow band during the Asian session on Thursday. Spot prices currently trade just below mid-156.00s, nearly unchanged for the day. The Japanese Yen (JPY) continues to draw support from speculations that authorities will step in again to prop up the domestic currency and the Bank of Japan's (BoJ) hawkish outlook. In fact, Japan's Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs and top currency diplomat, Masato Mimura, delivered another round of verbal intervention and reiterated his close watch on foreign exchange markets.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1752	1.1763	1.1746	0.03	0.18	0.05
GBP-USD	1.3597	1.3608	1.3590	0.03	-0.05	0.91
USD-JPY	156.40	156.53	156.02	0.01	0.12	0.20
USD-CHF	0.7789	0.7793	0.7778	0.01	0.32	1.76

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	4704.02	4721.39	4685.43	0.27	1.87	8.91
Silver	77.85	78.28	76.06	0.63	5.57	8.64
Crude Oil	95.65	96.48	94.83	0.60	-8.97	67.78
Bitcoin	81094.46	81604.34	80747.76	-0.40	3.38	-7.48
Etherium	2331.50	2356.70	2313.52	-0.80	0.78	-21.70

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	3.64	3.66	3.68	3.78
ESTR (€)	2.40	2.07	2.23	2.40
SONIA (£)	3.74	3.83	4.02	4.29
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.04	-0.02	0.06
TONAR (¥)	0.72	0.72	0.66	0.56

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	3.75
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	3.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Stocks rose on Wednesday following a report that the U.S. and Iran were nearing an agreement to end the war. The S&P 500 advanced 1.46% to 7,365.12, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 2.02% and ended at 25,838.94. Both indexes touched new highs and closed at records. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 612.34 points, or 1.24%, to close at 49,910.59.

EUROPE
European stocks soared on Wednesday as traders responded to reports that the U.S. and Iran are close to an agreement that will bring an end to the war. The pan-European Stoxx 600 index closed 2.3% higher. London's FTSE 100 finished 2.2% higher, bouncing back from heavy losses on Tuesday, while France's Cac 40 and Germany's Dax added 2.9% and 2.2%, respectively.

Asia
Japan stocks rose more than 5% on Thursday, with the benchmark Nikkei 225 hitting 62,000 for the first time as Asia-Pacific markets rallied despite renewed tensions in the Middle East. The broader regional advance came after President Donald Trump warned Iran would be bombed "at a much higher level" if it failed to agree to a peace deal. The Nikkei 225 advanced 5%, led by gains in basic materials, technology and financial stocks. Shares of index heavyweight Softbank surged more than 13%. Electronics company Ibiden was the top performer, climbing 17%, while manufacturing and metals company Mitsui Kinzoku gained 16%.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	49910.59	1.24	7.14	3.84	50101.00	0.14
S&P	7365.12	1.46	11.31	7.59	7394.75	0.06
Nasdaq	25838.94	2.02	17.35	11.17	28723.50	-0.02
DJ EuroStoxx50	6027.13	2.68	6.99	4.07	6019.00	0.10
FTSE 100	10438.66	2.15	0.87	5.11	10457.50	0.08
CAC 40	8299.42	2.94	4.94	1.84	8270.50	2.96
DAX	24918.69	2.12	8.71	1.75	25034.00	-0.09
IBEX 35	18104.30	2.47	3.78	4.60	18121.60	2.70
FTSE MIB	49696.75	2.35	9.44	10.57	49130.00	2.40
Nikkei	59513.12	5.97	18.04	25.29	63220.00	6.43
Hang Seng	26213.78	1.57	6.01	3.88	26456.00	1.42
DFM General	5898.42	2.96	9.15	-2.46		
MSCI Tadawoul	10949.27	-0.52	-1.25	4.37		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	71.65	73.00	70.00	-1.85	-4.40	-14.70
Solidere B	71.25	71.25	71.25	0.00	1.57	-13.85
EuroBonds	25.125 / 26.125					

MUST READ (Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Yen Intervention Rally Faces High Hurdle at 155 to the Dollar

The Japanese yen's recent rebound against the US dollar is losing momentum, as repeated suspected interventions by Japan's authorities have failed to push the currency beyond the 155 yen-per-dollar level. Since April 30, several sharp yen rallies have reversed quickly, suggesting strong market demand for dollars and doubts about Japan's ability to sustain yen strength through intervention alone. Economic conditions continue to favor the dollar. Energy prices remain high, the US Federal Reserve is not expected to cut interest rates soon, and the Bank of Japan is still weeks away from any possible rate increase. Analysts argue that these fundamentals support continued yen weakness despite government action. Although Japanese officials have not officially confirmed intervention, market participants believe authorities stepped in after the yen weakened past 160 per dollar. One intervention reportedly cost about $34.5 billion, and traders suspect additional actions occurred on May 1, 4, and 6. Japan previously spent around $100 billion in 2024 defending the yen near similar levels. Experts warn that intervention is becoming less effective because markets increasingly see Japan as defending specific exchange-rate levels rather than addressing underlying monetary policy issues. Without stronger interest-rate hikes from the Bank of Japan, analysts expect the yen to remain weak in the near term.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
COINBASE GLOBA	COIN	$ 52.28 B	7-May-26	Aft-mkt	0.27	0.24
COREWEAVE INC-	CRWV	$ 74.92 B	7-May-26	Aft-mkt	-0.90	-0.60
AST SPACEMOBIL	ASTS	$ 27.43 B	11-May-26	Aft-mkt	-0.23	-0.20
PLUG POWER INC	PLUG	$ 4.62 B	11-May-26	Aft-mkt	-0.10	-0.21
JD.COM INC-ADR	JD	$ 41.92 B	12-May-26	Bef-mkt	3.57	8.41

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(07-05-26) AU - Trade Balance
(07-05-26) SZ - Foreign Currency Reserves
(07-05-26) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(07-05-26) US - Construction Spending MoM
(08-05-26) US - Change in Nonfarm Payrolls
(08-05-26) CA - Net Change in Payrolls
(08-05-26) US - Unemployment Rate

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