

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD edges lower on Monday as the upbeat US NFP continues to underpin the USD. A positive risk tone might cap the safe-haven buck and lend some support to the major. Traders now look to the US CPI, FOMC minutes and the ECB meeting for a fresh impetus.

GBP/USD

The Pound Sterling (GBP) failed to sustain the bounce against the US Dollar (USD), as the GBP/USD pair lost upside momentum once again when it tried to reach 1.2700. GBP/USD recovery set to fade heading into the US inflation week. The Pound Sterling still targets 1.2400, as the daily RSI remains below 50.00.

USD/JPY

You will recall that the Bank of Japan (BoJ) increased its Policy Rate to +0.00%/0.10% in March, pulling the rate out of negative territory. While many expected the Japanese Yen (JPY) to rally on the back of this, we instead witnessed a fall in the currency, consequently drawing the USD/JPY higher. Many desks labelled the move as a dovish hike due to the BoJ offering limited forward guidance regarding further policy firming.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0835	1.0844	1.0823	-0.02	0.86	-1.85
GBP-USD	1.2631	1.2640	1.2615	-0.06	0.63	-0.79
USD-JPY	151.77	151.81	151.57	0.10	-0.08	-7.07
USD-CHF	0.9036	0.9042	0.8995	0.20	0.08	-6.88
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2337.39	2353.95	2303.03	0.33	3.82	13.30
Silver	27.74	28.09	26.87	0.95	10.57	16.56
Crude Oil	85.48	86.26	84.69	-1.65	2.11	18.51
Bitcoin	69714.62	69797.85	68916.38	0.57	6.04	64.00
Etherium	3426.06	3457.25	3394.37	0.72	3.59	50.11
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
EURIBOR	3.89	3.89	3.66			
SOFR	5.32	5.29	5.03			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	4.78	4.43	4.57			
BTP - BUND	0.57	1.42	1.77			
GILTS	4.22	4.07	4.58			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks rebounded Friday following the Dow Jones Industrial Average's worst session in more than a year as traders cheered a stronger-than-expected jobs report and looked past a jump in rates. On Friday, Treasury yields jumped following the Labor Department's report showing that job growth totaled 303,000 in March. NFP were expected to increase by 200,000. Wages rose 0.3% for the month and 4.1% from a year ago, both in line with estimates.

EUROPE

European markets closed lower on Friday as investors wrap up a lackluster first trading week of the new quarter. Retail and utilities stocks fell more than 2%, while household goods shed 1.6%. Elsewhere, investors digested fresh data on euro zone construction and retail sales, as well as U.K. house prices.

ASIA

Japan's Nikkei 225 led declines in Asia-Pacific markets on Friday as comments from U.S. Fed Reserve officials fueled worries that the central bank could hold off on rate cuts and sent Wall Street lower overnight. Japan's household spending in February fell much less-than-expected.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	38904.04	0.80	0.47	3.22	39197.00	-0.04
S&P	5204.34	1.11	1.57	9.11	5247.50	-0.08
Nasdaq	16248.52	1.24	1.02	8.24	18295.25	0.00
DJ EuroStoxx50	5014.75	-1.10	1.08	10.91	4965.00	0.04
FTSE 100	7911.16	-0.81	3.28	2.30	7925.50	0.11
CAC 40	8061.31	-1.11	0.41	6.87	8070.50	0.00
DAX	18175.04	-1.24	2.02	8.50	18424.00	0.09
IBEX 35	10916.00	-1.58	5.92	8.06	10885.20	0.00
FTSE MIB	34010.88	-1.29	1.82	12.06	33407.00	0.00
Nikkei	38992.08	0.77	-0.99	17.42	39310.00	0.87
Hang Seng	16723.92	0.06	2.33	-1.84	16766.00	0.23
DFM General	4244.15	-0.06	-0.21	4.54	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12705.42	0.66	1.01	6.17	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	73.50	74.00	73.15	-0.14	-0.47	-17.51
Solidere B	72.00	72.00	72.00	0.00	0.07	-19.96

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Hot US jobs report tempers Fed rate cut outlook

Stocks on Wall Street rallied and the dollar rose on Friday, as bond prices fell, after another blowout U.S. jobs report suggested the Federal Reserve may delay cutting interest rates while it awaits further inflation data. Gold prices hit record highs and the Mexican peso, which tends to benefit from strong U.S. consumer demand, appreciated the most since late 2015. U.S. employers hired far more workers than expected in March and raised wages at a steady clip, the Labor Department said. Anthony Saglimbene, chief market strategist at Ameriprise Financial in Troy, Michigan, said investors are reassessing whether the Fed cuts rates three times in 2024. "It might be two, it's too early to tell," he said. "If the economy is running the way it's running now through most of this year, then it might be likely that the Fed does not cut interest rates this year." Expectations of rate cuts as soon as June declined along with the view for the size of rate cuts this year. Data showing a cooling U.S. services sector and comments this week from Fed Chair Jerome Powell had reinforced the view that rate cuts were likely to commence in 2024. But on Thursday, Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari said rate cuts might not be required this year. The year-over-year change in the average hourly earnings cooled and will restore confidence that wage increases are normalizing, said Dec Mullarkey, managing director of investment strategy and asset allocation at SLC Management in Boston. "Right now, this gives the Fed more reason to stay patient and slightly changes the odds of rate cuts this year from three to two," he said.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Neogen Corp	NEOG US	\$ 3.11B	09-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	0.14	0.12
PriceSmart Inc	PSMT US	\$ 2.53B	09-Apr-24	Aft-mkt	1.25	1.25
Delta Airlines	DAL US	\$ 29.63B	10-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	0.35	0.25
Blackrock Inc	BLK US	\$ 119.42B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	9.23	7.93
Wells Fargo & co	WFC US	\$ 203.22B	12-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	1.07	1.23

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(08-04-24) DE - Industrial Production SA MoM
(10-04-24) JP - PPI YoY
(10-04-24) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(10-04-24) US - CPI MoM / YoY
(10-04-24) CA - Bank of Canada Rate Decision
(11-04-24) IT - Industrial Production MoM
(11-04-24) EA - ECB Main Refinancing Rate

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