Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD

EUR/USD caught a mild bullish recovery on Tuesday, snapping a two-day losing streak and chalking in some last-minute gains before the Trump administration's widespread "reciprocal" tariffs come into effect on April 9. Fedspeak from key policymakers is beginning to clash with rising market expectations of Fed rate cuts through the rest of 2025, putting markets on a collision course with the negative impacts of far-reaching tariffs.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair advances for a second straight session, trading near 1.2820 during Asian hours on Wednesday. The pair's uptick is supported by easing trade tensions after Trump signaled openness to negotiations with global partners, fueling hopes of a potential de-escalation in trade conflicts.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) builds on strong intraday gains and retests the highest level since October 2024 against its American counterpart during the Asian session on Wednesday. Persistent worries about the potential economic fallout from US President Donald Trump's sweeping trade tariffs continue to weigh on investors' sentiment and benefit traditional safe-haven assets, including the JPY. Apart from this, reports that Trump has agreed to meet Japanese officials to initiate trade discussions fuel optimism about a possible US-Japan trade deal, which further underpins the JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1054	1.1069	1.0951	0.88	1.85	6.76
GBP-USD	1.2838	1.2857	1.2762	0.57	-1.30	2.57
USD-JPY	145.19	146.36	144.58	-0.74	2.82	8.27
USD-CHF	0.8421	0.8492	0.8382	-0.68	4.71	7.75

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3009.53	3014.18	2970.17	0.88	-3.98	14.67
Silver	29.80	29.96	29.34	-0.03	-12.05	3.09
Crude Oil	56.85	58.38	56.70	-4.58	-20.72	-19.36
Bitcoin	76171.73	77213.79	74590.70	-1.14	-9.46	-18.72
Etherium	1441.08	1484.75	1385.19	-2.66	-20.74	-56.94

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.30	4.21	4.01	3.71
ESTR (€)	1.83	2.16	2.02	1.83
SONIA (£)	4.45	4.27	4.13	3.93
SARON (F)	0.17	0.13	0.08	0.01
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.42	0.32	0.23

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.65
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.50
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.90
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.50

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stock futures fell on Wednesday morning, as investors braced for the rollout of President Donald Trump's tariffs take effect on midnight Wednesday US time. The S&P 500 was inches away from a bear market, under pressure in recent days from the worst selling since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020.

EUROPE

European stocks were set to open lower on Wednesday, with markets struggling to maintain Tuesday's positive momentum as country-specific tariffs from the U.S. started taking effect. Unease about the fallout from U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs and retaliatory measures from the U.S.' trading partners weighed on markets as concerns about more duties being announced grew and uncertainty persisted.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets fell on Wednesday as U.S. President Donald Trump's country-specific tariffs comes into effect. Additional Trump tariffs have come into effect, adding to the 10% baseline duty that was already implemented on Saturday. Chinese goods will now face a cumulative tariff rate of 104%.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	37645.59	-0.84	-12.05	-11.51	37050.00	-3.04
S&P	4982.77	-1.57	-13.65	-15.28	4900.75	-4.04
Nasdaq	15267.91	-2.15	-16.09	-20.94	16846.75	-4.49
DJ EuroStoxx50	4773.65	2.52	-12.70	-2.50	4485.00	-1.22
FTSE 100	7910.53	2.71	-8.86	-3.21	7620.50	-0.53
CAC 40	7100.42	2.50	-12.57	-3.80	7106.50	2.50
DAX	20280.26	2.48	-11.86	1.86	19529.00	-1.29
IBEX 35	12065.60	2.37	-8.99	4.06	12082.30	2.75
FTSE MIB	33657.05	2.44	-12.79	-1.55	32883.00	2.36
Nikkei	33012.58	-4.11	-14.19	-20.66	31500.00	2.36
Hang Seng	20127.68	-1.55	-18.22	-1.22	19801.00	-0.02
DFM General	4890.33	1.90	-6.36	-5.20	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11302.76	0.97	-4.51	-6.10	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	94.00	95.00	82.50	8.05	-1.88	-21.67
Solidere B	100.00	100.00	85.00	5.54	0.45	-16.32

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

No deal in sight to stop U.S.-China trade war

Tensions between China and the U.S. escalated dramatically as both countries imposed heavy tariffs on each other. After U.S. President Trump raised tariffs by 34% on Chinese goods, China retaliated with matching tariffs, marking a shift in Beijing's strategy. Analysts predict this trade war could extend beyond tariffs, impacting investments and geopolitical issues, particularly with Taiwan. The trade dispute has led to increased volatility in global markets, with Chinese stocks and the yuan suffering losses. U.S. tariffs now exceed 100%, and Trump has threatened further measures if China does not back down. Despite these tensions, both countries are unlikely to back off without substantial losses. China's economic strategy is to bolster its economy internally, while the U.S. continues its hardline stance on technology restrictions, especially concerning companies like TikTok. Chinese authorities have called on businesses to resist U.S. tariffs, and companies like Horizon Robotics are forging international partnerships. Despite the friction, both nations may ultimately seek a deal if mutual economic pain forces negotiations. Meanwhile, China is focused on maintaining economic stability amid the ongoing trade war.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Delta Airlines Inc	DAL US	$ 23.18 B	09-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	0.41	0.45
Constellation Brai	STZ US	$ 30.90 B	09-Apr-25	Aft-mkt	2.29	2.26
Carmax Inc	KMX US	$ 11.28 B	10-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	0.66	0.32
JPMorgan Chase 8	JPM US	$ 603.55 B	11-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	4.61	4.63
Wells Fargo & Co	WFC US	$ 202.70 B	11-Apr-25	Pre-mkt	1.23	1.26

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(09-04-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(09-04-25) US - Wholesale Inventories MoM
(09-04-25) US - FOMC Meeting Minutes
(10-04-25) JP - PPI YoY / MoM
(10-04-25) DE - CPI YoY / MoM
(10-04-25) US - CPI YoY / MoM
(10-04-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims

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