

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Forexlive)

EURUSD

EUR/USD bulls take a breather at the highest levels in more than two weeks around 1.1000 amid early Tuesday morning in Asia. In doing so, the Euro pair cheers the broad US Dollar weakness, as well as the risk-on mood, despite hawkish comments from the Federal Reserve (Fed) officials. That said, Fed officials have been hawkish off late but fail to gain support from the US inflation expectations, especially lack of acceptance amid Friday's downbeat US jobs report.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD pair trades with a positive bias for the fourth successive day on Tuesday and climbs to the 1.2875 region, or a fresh high since April 2022 during the Asian session. The US Dollar prolongs its downtrend witnessed over the past week or so and drops to a nearly three-week low, which turns out to be a key factor acting as a tailwind for the GBP/USD pair. Two Fed officials said Monday that the end to the current monetary policy tightening cycle is getting close.

USDJPY

The USD/JPY pair prolongs its recent sharp retracement slide from the YTD peak - levels just above the 145.00 mark touched last week and remains under some selling pressure for the fourth successive day on Tuesday. The downward trajectory drags spot prices to over a three-week low, during the Asian session and is sponsored by broad-based US Dollar (USD) weakness.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1018	1.1022	1.0997	0.15	1.28	2.92
GBP-USD	1.2896	1.2896	1.2857	0.27	1.44	6.73
USD-JPY	140.87	141.46	140.57	-0.31	2.56	-6.92
USD-CHF	0.8839	0.8872	0.8839	-0.16	1.48	4.59
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	1929.83	1930.11	1924.47	0.23	0.23	5.80
Silver	23.28	23.32	23.13	0.67	1.38	-2.80
Crude Oil	73.43	73.52	73.07	0.60	5.22	-7.47
Bitcoin	30479.24	30801.25	30214.78	-1.00	0.54	84.28
Etherium	1879.19	1893.96	1867.68	-0.71	-0.22	56.68
Period	1 M		3 M			12 M
USD LIBOR *	5.29		5.56			6.04
EURIBOR	3.43		3.64			4.19
* USD LIBOR rates will be discontinued after June 30, 2023 and will be replaced by SOFR						
Notes/Bonds	2 Y		10 Y			30 Y
US	4.84		3.97			4.01
BTP - BUND	0.67		1.75			2.09
GILTS	5.37		4.64			4.68

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U.S. stocks ended higher on Monday following last week's losses, while Federal Reserve officials' comments bolstered the view that the U.S. central bank may be near the end of its tightening cycle. Carl Icahn unties personal loans from IEP's share price.

EUROPE

European shares inched higher on Monday with the travel & leisure sector leading gains, helping to limit the impact of weak inflation data from China that highlighted sluggish demand in the world's second-largest economy. Novo Nordisk falls as EU probes Ozempic, Saxenda.

ASIA

China and Hong Kong shares rose on Tuesday after Beijing extended its policy support to the ailing property sector, fuelling hopes for a fresh round of easing.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	33944.40	0.62	0.20	2.40	34182.00	0.11
S&P	4409.53	0.24	2.57	14.85	4451.75	0.16
Nasdaq	13685.48	0.18	3.22	30.76	15222.00	0.21
DJ EuroStoxx50	4256.51	0.47	-0.78	12.20	4291.00	0.30
FTSE 100	7273.79	0.23	-3.82	-2.39	7273.50	0.06
CAC 40	7143.69	0.45	-0.96	10.35	7175.50	N/A
DAX	15673.16	0.45	-1.73	12.57	15821.00	0.38
IBEX 35	9252.90	0.04	-0.61	12.44	9257.40	N/A
FTSE MIB	27872.00	0.34	2.61	17.57	27953.00	N/A
Nikkei	32189.73	0.18	-0.06	23.58	32220.00	0.28
Hang Seng	18479.72	1.34	-3.42	-5.33	18764.00	1.14
DFM General	3977.27	0.37	7.53	19.22	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11586.93	-0.19	1.67	10.58	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	76.45	76.50	75.00	-0.46	-3.11	25.53
Solidere B	75.60	76.50	75.10	0.60	0.67	25.27

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Instagram's Threads surpasses 100 million users

Instagram's new Threads app has already surpassed 100 million users, meaning it reached the milestone dramatically faster than even ChatGPT. OpenAI's chatbot passed the mark after two months, but Threads, which only launched on Wednesday, got there in a matter of days. The number of users can be found in the Instagram app, which tracks the size of the Threads userbase. Threads proved to be an early hit almost immediately. In the first two hours, it hit 2 million users and steadily climbed from there to 5 million, 10 million, 30 million, and then 70 million. The launch has been "way beyond our expectations" CEO Mark Zuckerberg said on Friday. That said, Threads is still in its infancy, and we'll have to wait and see if it captures the same cultural cachet that Twitter once did. Meta isn't specifically targeting trying to replace Twitter, according to Instagram head Adam Mosseri, and the company isn't going to actively encourage politics and hard news on the platform, but it could end up being the place people go for a conversation-based social media platform. And while Meta "couldn't be more psyched" about how the launch week has gone, "we don't even know if this thing is retentive yet," Mosseri said. Although the numbers aren't directly comparable, as of last November Twitter had around 260 million monetizable daily active users, per a tweet from owner Elon Musk at the time. More recently, The Wall Street Journal reports it's been telling advertisers that it has around 535 million monetizable monthly active users. But external data suggests Twitter's traffic has been on a downward trend in recent months, with CloudFlare CEO Matthew Prince posting to say traffic is "tanking."

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

(Source: Nasdaq)

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Pepsico, Inc	PEP US	\$255.1 B	13-Jul-23	Pre-mkt	1.95	1.86
Cintas Corporatio	CTAS US	\$50.5 B	13-Jul-23	Pre-mkt	3.19	2.81
Fastenal Company	FATS US	\$33.6 B	13-Jul-23	Pre-mkt	0.52	0.50
Delta Air Lines, In	DAL US	\$30.5 B	13-Jul-23	Pre-mkt	2.41	1.44
UnitedHealth Gro	UNH US	\$447.4 B	14-Jul-23	Pre-mkt	6.04	5.57

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(Source: Forexlive)

(11-07-23) GB- BRC Like-For-Like Retail Sales YoY JUN
(11-07-23) DE- Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices JUN
(11-07-23) GB- Caimant Count Change JUN; Claimant Count Rate JUN
(11-07-23) GB- ILO Unemployment Rate (3M) MAY
(11-07-23) DE- ZEW Survey - Economic Sentiment, Current Situation JUL
(11-07-23) US- Fed's Bullard speech
(12-07-23) US- Consumer Price Index JUN

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