Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD
EUR/USD keeps losses near 1.0900 in the European morning on Wednesday, snapping the three-day winning streak. EU responds with countermeasures to US tariffs on steel, exerting downward pressure on the pair amid a renewed US Dollar buying ahead of the US CPI data.

GBP/USD
The GBP/USD pair slightly drops during the Asian session on Wednesday, retracing part of its previous gains, as traders await the US Consumer Price Index data, which could influence the Federal Reserve's rate-cut expectations and affect the USD demand. Despite the recent dip, the GBP/USD pair remains supported by expectations that the Bank of England will cut rates more slowly than the Fed and the pair's technical breakout above the 200-day SMA, suggesting potential for upward movement.

USD/JPY
USD/JPY extends gains above 148.00 early Wednesday, building on the recovery from five-month lows in sync with the US Dollar. However, the divergent BoJ-Fed policy expectations and the risk-off mood could lend support to safe-haven Japanese Yen, capping the pair's upside. US CPI data awaited.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0901	1.0922	1.0895	-0.16	1.04	5.28
GBP-USD	1.2925	1.2956	1.2919	-0.20	0.23	3.27
USD-JPY	148.11	148.29	147.68	0.22	0.52	6.14
USD-CHF	0.8832	0.8840	0.8816	0.06	0.88	2.74

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2913.08	2921.16	2910.96	-0.10	-0.22	11.00
Silver	32.75	33.00	32.73	-0.58	0.28	13.31
Crude Oil	66.37	66.84	66.31	0.18	0.09	-6.34
Bitcoin	81545.45	83741.87	81489.34	-1.50	-5.49	-12.98
Etherium	1864.34	1953.31	1852.35	-3.73	-12.83	-44.29

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.33	4.30	4.18	3.99
ESTR (€)	2.11	2.35	2.23	2.11
SONIA (£)	4.45	4.40	4.30	4.18
SARON (F)	0.29	0.26	0.23	0.22
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.34	0.28	0.19

	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
The S&P 500 slid in a head-spinning session for traders as they grappled with new tariffs proposed by President Trump that were in flux throughout most of Tuesday. The trade policy uncertainty has brought the benchmark to the brink of a correction, which is defined as a decline of 10% from its high. Investors are eagerly anticipating the release of February's CPI due Wednesday.

EUROPE
European markets are heading for a sharply higher open amid hopes that a ceasefire can be reached to pause the war in Ukraine. Investors in Europe will be keeping an eye on earnings from clothing giants Inditex and Puma, and from carmaker Porsche.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets were mixed on Wednesday. Japan's annual wholesale inflation hit 4% in February, slowing from the seven-month high of 4.2% the month before. The latest reading is still well above the country's 2% inflation target and raises bets that the Bank of Japan will hike interest rates.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	41433.48	-1.14	-6.62	-2.61	41546.00	-0.95
S&P	5572.07	-0.76	-7.93	-5.26	5590.50	-0.53
Nasdaq	17436.10	-0.18	-11.27	-9.71	19455.00	0.02
DJ EuroStoxx50	5309.90	-1.43	-1.77	8.45	5362.00	-0.41
FTSE 100	8495.99	-1.21	-3.54	3.95	8532.50	-0.85
CAC 40	7941.91	-1.31	-1.25	7.60	7949.50	-1.32
DAX	22328.77	-1.29	0.82	12.15	22563.00	-0.28
IBEX 35	12877.30	-1.57	-0.26	11.06	12873.70	-1.63
FTSE MIB	37698.31	-1.38	0.45	10.27	37985.00	-1.39
Nikkei	36793.11	0.07	-5.50	-7.71	36780.00	-0.81
Hang Seng	23782.14	-0.76	7.98	17.66	23626.00	-0.59
DFM General	5121.84	0.46	-2.99	-0.25	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11717.96	-0.24	-5.39	-2.65	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	104.60	105.00	104.10	-0.19	0.00	-12.83
Solidere B	103.10	103.10	103.00	-3.01	-3.10	-13.72

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Ray Dalio Cites 1930s Germany to Assess Unfolding Trade War

Billionaire investor Ray Dalio drew parallels between the current trade war and 1930s Germany to highlight the global consequences of rising tariffs. Speaking at a CNBC conference in Singapore, Dalio explained that the ongoing trade disputes follow historical patterns, where countries adopt nationalist, protectionist, and militaristic strategies to protect their interests. He referenced the economic tactics used by Germany during the 1930s, including debt writedowns and tariff hikes, to drive domestic growth. Dalio emphasized that while tariffs might not lead to direct military conflict, they could provoke economic tensions and confrontations between countries, such as the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and China. Dalio stressed that he was not taking a political stance but rather offering a neutral, analytical perspective on the mechanics of these events. He predicted that neutral countries, like Singapore, which can maintain a stable and independent position, might benefit from an influx of people and capital. In conclusion, Dalio warned of a potentially tumultuous global situation but suggested that some countries could thrive by remaining neutral and continuing their operations as usual.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Adobe Inc	ADBE US	$ 188.60B	12-Mar-25	Aft-mkt	4.97	4.48
Dollar General Co	DG US	$ 17.29B	13-Mar-25	Pre-mkt	1.49	1.83
Docusign Inc	DOCU US	$ 16.06B	13-Mar-25	Aft-mkt	0.85	0.76
Ulta Beauty Inc	ULTA US	$ 15.89B	13-Mar-25	Aft-mkt	7.12	8.08
RLX Technology Ir	RLX US	$ 2.90B	14-Mar-25	Pre-mkt	0.20	0.33

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(12-03-25) JP - PPI YoY / MoM
(12-03-25) US - CPI MoM / YoY
(12-03-25) CA - Bank of Canada Rate Decision
(13-03-25) US - PPI Final Demand MoM
(13-03-25) US - initial Jobless Claims
(14-03-25) UK - Industrial Production MoM
(14-03-25) UK - Manufacturing Production

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