

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

The Euro (EUR) is marginally higher at around 1.1208 against the US Dollar (USD) during the Asian trading session on Monday. The major currency pair gets slight relief from the announcement of an energy ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine, which has put some pressure on oil prices. Over the weekend, US President Donald Trump announced an energy ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine through a post on Truth Social. However, the outlook of the Euro is expected to remain uncertain due to ongoing French fiscal risks amid ballooning interest obligations on government-backed securities. Meanwhile, the US Dollar (USD) starts the week on a cautious note ahead of United States (US) Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for September, which will be published on Wednesday. As of writing, the US Dollar Index (DXY), which gauges the Greenback's value against six major currencies, trades subduedly at around 102.20.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair trades in positive territory around 1.3240 during the early European trading hours on Monday. The US Dollar (USD) softens against the British Pound (GBP) as markets continue to assess the US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate hike path. An escalating Middle East conflict kept traders wary ahead of key US inflation data later this week that will influence monetary policy. The Saudi-led coalition said on Sunday that an unidentified projectile hit a passenger terminal at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, per Bloomberg. The Houthis swiftly claimed the attacks, saying they were a response to "Saudi aggression."

USD/JPY

USD/JPY depreciates after registering modest gains in the previous trading day, hovering around 158.10 during Asian hours on Monday. The pair may see limited movement due to thin trading conditions as Japanese markets are closed for the Sports Day public holiday. Ahead of the Bank of Japan (BoJ) October 29-30 meeting, policymakers will review additional third-quarter data expected to show resilient exports alongside elevated costs for businesses and households. However, a back-to-back interest rate increase is unlikely following their September hike.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1203	1.1217	1.1186	0.03	-0.18	-4.62
GBP-USD	1.3242	1.3253	1.3227	0.06	0.15	-1.73
USD-JPY	158.35	158.40	158.08	0.03	-0.28	-1.04
USD-CHF	0.8308	0.8310	0.8293	0.08	-0.04	-4.60
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	4191.61	4217.31	4179.55	-0.06	1.26	-2.96
Silver	61.02	61.45	60.74	0.33	-0.08	-14.85
Crude Oil	90.75	92.62	89.61	-1.20	1.48	59.43
Bitcoin	83996.04	84182.28	83215.40	0.50	0.73	-4.17
Etherium	2565.06	2569.96	2513.71	1.16	-0.33	-13.86
Period	1M	3M	6M	12M		
SOFR (\$)	3.92	4.04	4.19	4.47		
ESTR (€)	2.89	2.52	2.65	2.89		
SONIA (£)	3.77	3.95	4.14	4.48		
SARON (F)	-0.05	-0.03	0.02	0.17		
TONAR (¥)	1.09	1.01	0.89	0.76		

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.00
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	3.75

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks rose on Friday, supported by the tech sector, as traders look to rebound from a volatile week of elevated Treasury yields and oil prices as well as declines in the artificial intelligence trade. The Nasdaq Composite added 0.64% to end at 27,366.17. The S&P 500 also climbed 0.59% to 7,811.54, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 423.31 points, or 0.83%, to close at 51,654.95. Stocks reached their highs of the day after President Donald Trump said that Russian President Vladimir Putin has agreed to supply diesel to both the U.S. and global markets. Oil prices, which closed marginally higher with West Texas Intermediate crude futures at nearly \$92 per barrel and Brent crude futures above \$104, were down slightly after the announcement post-settle.

EUROPE

European stocks recovered on Friday as oil prices and bond yields eased on hopes of a pause in the Middle East war, while telecom stocks slid after SpaceX's deal to acquire a nationwide spectrum portfolio in the US caused ripples across the sector. The pan-European STOXX 600 closed 1% higher on Friday, wiping out its weekly fall. The index closed at a nearly four-month low on Thursday as a surge in oil prices and bond yields pushed investors away from risky assets.

Asia

Asia-Pacific markets opened mixed on Monday. South Korea's Kospi was down 1.34%, while the small-cap Kosdaq declined 0.67%. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 0.61% in its first hour of trade. Japan markets are closed for a holiday.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	51654.95	0.83	-1.75	7.47	52053.00	0.34
S&P	7811.54	0.59	2.02	14.11	7878.25	0.31
Nasdaq	27366.17	0.64	3.92	17.74	31171.00	0.38
DJ EuroStoxx50	6173.37	0.76	-2.40	6.60	6223.00	0.50
FTSE 100	10552.05	1.06	-0.92	6.25	10630.50	1.37
CAC 40	7803.33	0.95	-4.60	-4.25	7820.00	0.94
DAX	25087.27	1.13	-1.88	2.44	25366.00	0.48
IBEX 35	19033.10	0.55	-4.06	9.97	19063.50	0.68
FTSE MIB	49746.31	0.91	-5.27	10.68	49660.00	0.91
Nikkei	69030.92	-0.02	7.84	37.13	69230.00	-0.30
Hang Seng	24211.35	0.20	-2.20	-5.35	24261.00	0.29
DFM General	5818.47	0.33	-2.07	-3.78		
MSCI Tadawoul	10360.74	-0.15	-5.87	-1.24		
Leb. Mkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	70.25	70.50	70.00	3.01	-2.57	-16.37
Solidere B	70.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	-4.11	-15.36
EuroBonds	26.75 / 27.75					

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/Forexlive)

EU to Cap Chinese Hybrid Car Imports at 350,000 Each Year

The European Union plans to limit hybrid vehicle imports to 350,000 cars annually, with the safeguard measure potentially taking effect on December 1. The cap will apply for the first year and increase by 6% annually from the second year, remaining in place for four years. To comply with World Trade Organization rules, the restriction will cover hybrid imports from all countries, not only China, although certain countries and developing WTO members will be exempt. The agreement follows negotiations between EU Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao, aimed at addressing the EU's growing trade deficit with China, which reached €360 billion in 2025. Chinese-made cars accounted for approximately one-quarter of European hybrid sales in August, intensifying concerns about competition and pressure on European automakers. In return, China will remove tariffs on certain automotive parts and halve duties on selected products, including shoes, ice cream, and olive oil, covering approximately €4 billion in exports. Both sides will also discuss easing export controls and licensing requirements, particularly for rare earths and permanent magnets. Although EU officials welcomed the agreement, they consider it only an initial step toward rebalancing trade. The EU is exploring additional measures to protect domestic industries, diversify supply chains, and address competition from subsidized Chinese goods.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
CITIGROUP INC	C	\$ 217.46 B	13-Oct-26	Bef-mkt	2.68	1.85
UNITEDHEALTH G	UNH	\$ 340.46 B	13-Oct-26	Bef-mkt	4.13	2.92
JPMORGAN CHAS	JPM	\$ 885.15 B	13-Oct-26	Bef-mkt	5.87	5.07
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	JNJ	\$ 630.04 B	13-Oct-26	Bef-mkt	2.48	2.80
ASML HOLDING N	ASML	\$ 691.03 B	14-Oct-26	Bef-mkt	10.57	5.48

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(13-10-26) JN - PPI YoY
(13-10-26) US - Existing Home Sales
(14-10-26) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(14-10-26) US - CPI MoM / YoY
(15-10-26) JN - Core Machine Orders MoM
(15-10-26) AU - Employment Change / Unemployment Rate
(15-10-26) JN - Industrial Production MoM

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