

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Forexlive)

EURUSD

EUR/USD pares intraday gains from the highest levels in one month as it slides to 1.0745 heading into Wednesday's European session. In doing so, the Euro pair struggles for clear directions even as the broadly weaker US Treasury bond yields and the US Dollar keep the bulls hopeful ahead of the key statistics from the Eurozone and the US.

GBPUSD

GBP/USD portrays the typical pre-data anxiety as it seesaws around 1.2150-60 during early Wednesday. That said, the Cable pair traders await the key UK Budget Report, as well as the US Retail Sales for February, amid mixed sentiment and sluggish markets.

USDJPY

USD/JPY seesaws around intraday high as it extends the previous day's recovery from the monthly low to 134.55 during early Wednesday. In doing so, the Yen pair cheers the recently widening difference between the US 10-year and two-year Treasury bond yields. Adding strength to the upside momentum could be the fears of a less efficient wage increase in Japan and the Bank of Japan (BoJ) policymakers' rejection of the tighter monetary policy.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0737	1.0760	1.0725	0.04	1.82	0.30
GBP-USD	1.2159	1.2182	1.2147	0.01	2.65	0.63
USD-JPY	134.67	134.84	134.03	0.33	2.00	-2.64
USD-CHF	0.9149	0.9151	0.9123	0.08	2.94	1.05
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	1901.41	1905.68	1898.72	-0.14	4.83	4.24
Silver	21.74	21.86	21.61	0.20	8.56	-9.25
Crude Oil	72.30	72.45	71.51	1.36	-5.69	-10.22
Bitcoin	24919.60	25116.38	24061.03	1.15	23.97	50.67
Etherium	1711.48	1721.48	1667.45	0.37	20.01	42.70
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
USD LIBOR *	4.68	4.87	5.14			
EURIBOR	2.65	2.96	3.86			
* 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	4.29	3.66	3.77			
BTP - BUND	0.50	1.85	2.01			
GILTS	3.48	3.49	3.89			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U.S. stocks bounced back on Tuesday as largely on-target inflation data and easing jitters over contagion in the banking sector cooled expectations regarding the size of the rate hike at the Federal Reserve's policy meeting next week.

EUROPE

European shares on Tuesday posted their biggest single-day gain in nearly three months, helped by a resilient outlook for the region's banking sector in the face of Silicon Valley Bank's (SVB) collapse and growing optimism over a slowdown in the Federal Reserve's rate-hiking cycle.

ASIA

China and Hong Kong stocks fell to their lowest in more than two months on Tuesday, as fears about contagion from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) lingered.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	32155.40	1.06	-5.78	-2.99	32176.00	0.07
S&P	3919.29	1.65	-5.50	2.08	3926.75	0.18
Nasdaq	11428.15	2.14	-5.32	9.19	12228.25	0.21
DJ EuroStoxx50	4179.47	2.02	-2.35	10.17	4176.00	0.05
FTSE 100	7637.11	1.17	-4.51	2.49	7625.50	0.06
CAC 40	7141.57	1.86	-2.18	10.32	7143.50	N/A
DAX	15232.83	1.83	-1.76	9.40	15237.00	0.09
IBEX 35	9159.00	2.23	-1.46	11.30	9157.50	N/A
FTSE MIB	26800.98	2.36	-2.66	13.05	26802.00	N/A
Nikkei	27229.48	0.03	-0.99	4.35	27050.00	0.56
Hang Seng	19247.96	1.35	-6.27	-1.38	19507.00	1.36
DFM General	3304.43	1.03	-3.61	0.08	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	10207.17	-0.95	-3.46	-2.59	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	90.00	92.00	84.50	8.63	10.16	47.78
Solidere B	88.75	90.00	82.25	6.86	12.20	47.06

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Toronto home prices increase for first time in almost a year

Toronto's benchmark home price rose for the first time in 11 months after the Bank of Canada paused its campaign of interest rate hikes. The price of a home in Canada's largest city rose 1.1 per cent to \$1.09 million (US\$803,000), in February on a non-seasonally adjusted basis, according to data released by the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board. February's gain is the first month-over-month price increase since the central bank started raising borrowing costs in March 2022. The Canadian housing market slowed last year as the central bank embarked on its round of interest rate hikes, pressuring home sales and fueling a drop in prices. In January, the Bank of Canada raised its benchmark rate for the eighth time as policymakers signaled an intent to pause and assess the impact on the economy. Even after February's bump, benchmark prices in Toronto are still down nearly 19 per cent from their peak last year. There were some signs of buyer interest returning last month, with the number of sales in February rising 8.5 per cent from a month earlier to 5,224 transactions on a seasonally adjusted basis. That's the highest number since August, although it's still only about half of the transactions in February 2022. New listings, meanwhile, were down 41% from the same month a year earlier, the real estate board data show. "Increased demand will run up against a constrained supply of listings and lead to increased competition between buyers," Jason Mercer, the real estate board's chief market analyst, said in a statement. "This will eventually lead to renewed price growth in many segments of the market."

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

(Source: Nasdaq)

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
FedEx Corporation	FDX US	\$51.1 B	16-Mar-23	After-mkt	2.64	4.59
Dollar General	DG US	\$50.3 B	16-Mar-23	Pre-mkt	2.94	2.57
KE Holdings	BEKE US	\$23.9 B	16-Mar-23	Pre-mkt	0.03	-0.12
Jabil Inc.	JBL US	\$10.9 B	16-Mar-23	Pre-mkt	1.73	1.51
Provention Bio	PRVB US	\$801.9 M	16-Mar-23	Pre-mkt	-0.31	-0.41

ECONOMIC CALENDER

(Source: Forexlive)

- (15-03-23) JP- BoJ Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes report
- (15-03-23) EA- Industrial Production s.a. MoM JAN
- (15-03-23) GB- Budget Report
- (15-03-23) US- Retail sales MoM FEB; Retail Sales Control Group FEB
- (15-03-23) US- Producer Price Index ex Food & Energy YoY FEB
- (16-03-23) EA- ECB Rate On Main Refinancing Operations; ECB Press Conference
- (16-03-23) EA- ECB Monetary Policy Decision Statement; ECB's President speech

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