Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD

The EUR/USD pair loses ground to around 1.1730 during the early European session on Monday. The Euro (EUR) weakens against the US Dollar (USD) as ratings agency Fitch downgraded France's credit rating amid political turmoil. Traders will closely monitor the European Central Bank's (ECB) Christine Lagarde speech and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) interest rate decision later on Wednesday.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair posts modest gains near 1.3555 during the early Asian session on Monday. Traders expect the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to deliver its first rate cut of the year at its policy meeting on Wednesday, which might weigh on the US Dollar (USD). Later on Monday, the New York Empire State Manufacturing Index for September will be released.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) edges higher against a bearish US Dollar during the Asian session on Monday, though it lacks follow-through and remains confined in a familiar range held over the past month or so. The latest political developments in Japan fueled uncertainty over the likely timing and the pace of interest rate hikes by the Bank of Japan (BoJ). This, along with a generally positive tone around the equity markets, turns out to be another factor undermining the safe-haven JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1728	1.1738	1.1722	-0.05	-0.30	13.27
GBP-USD	1.3564	1.3571	1.3539	0.06	0.14	8.37
USD-JPY	147.48	147.80	147.34	-0.14	0.01	6.59
USD-CHF	0.7965	0.7972	0.7950	-0.01	-0.40	13.92
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	3644.14	3646.93	3626.66	0.03	0.22	38.85
Silver	42.20	42.31	42.01	0.04	2.05	46.02
Crude Oil	63.06	63.13	62.52	0.59	1.28	-8.36
Bitcoin	116391.83	116440.22	114885.11	0.46	2.44	24.20
Etherium	4659.59	4665.43	4583.05	0.88	7.59	39.24

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.15	4.02	3.84	3.58
ESTR (€)	1.88	1.92	1.91	1.88
SONIA (£)	3.97	3.97	3.93	3.85
SARON (₣)	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.38

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.15
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.00
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.40
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.00

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Nasdaq Composite notched a perfect week of closing highs on Friday as investors took signs of weakening jobs and tame inflation to mean the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates next week. The S&P 500, which rose 1.6% week to date, saw its best weekly performance since early August and its fifth positive week in six. U.S. stock futures were little changed Sunday night after the weekend.

EUROPE

European stocks closed flat on Friday, after data released in the morning showed that the U.K. economy recorded zero growth in July. The economic flatlining adds to the Bank of England's considerations as it prepares to update its monetary policy next week.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets traded mixed on Monday as investors kept an eye on the talks between the U.S. and China, and assessed a slate of data from Beijing. South Korea's Kospi index rose to a record high, after Finance Minister said that the government will scrap its previous plan to raise taxes on stock investments.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	45834.22	-0.59	1.98	7.73	45898.00	0.10
S&P	6584.29	-0.05	2.09	11.95	6595.00	0.04
Nasdaq	22141.10	0.44	2.40	14.66	24137.75	0.50
DJ EuroStoxx50	5390.71	0.07	-1.06	10.10	5401.00	0.28
FTSE 100	9283.29	-0.15	1.58	13.58	9289.50	-0.15
CAC 40	7825.24	0.02	-1.24	6.02	7828.50	0.01
DAX	23698.15	-0.02	-2.71	19.03	23736.00	0.16
IBEX 35	15308.20	-0.09	0.20	32.02	15309.50	-0.02
FTSE MIB	42566.41	0.32	-0.21	24.51	42585.00	0.31
Nikkei	44768.12	0.89	3.20	12.22	44400.00	0.52
Hang Seng	26388.16	0.34	4.78	31.99	26512.00	1.58
DFM General	6030.55	1.24	-1.56	16.90		
MSCI Tadawoul	10433.98	-0.18	-3.69	-13.31		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	75.00	75.05	74.00	3.66	-0.13	-37.50
Solidere B	73.95	73.95	73.95	0.00	-1.66	-38.12
EuroBonds	23.00 / 24.00					

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

French Bond Futures Weaken After Fitch Rating Downgrade

French 10-year bond futures declined after Fitch Ratings downgraded the country's credit rating from AA- to A+, citing rising government debt, increased political polarization, and concerns over fiscal sustainability. The downgrade follows heightened political instability, including the resignation of Prime Minister Francois Bayrou after he failed to secure support for a controversial fiscal reform package. Bayrou's proposed plan aimed to reduce France's 2026 budget deficit from 5.4% to 4.6% of GDP through €44 billion in spending cuts and tax hikes, including the unpopular idea of eliminating two public holidays. His resignation has deepened market uncertainty, as France's national deficit is currently the widest in the euro area, with debt reportedly increasing by €5,000 per second. Traders reacted swiftly, with December contracts for France's 10-year government bonds (OATs) falling about 0.1% in morning trading. Analysts warn that the downgrade may further pressure French bonds relative to other European debt, with Italy's bonds already outperforming on some metrics. Bayrou's successor, Sebastien Lecornu, has scrapped the public holiday proposal but acknowledged the urgent need to find alternative measures to reduce the fiscal gap. Fitch's downgrade now places France on par with Belgium and a notch below the UK in terms of creditworthiness.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
GENERAL MILLS II	GIS	$ 26.69 B	17-Sep-25	Bef-Mkt	0.82	1.07
FACTSET RESEARC	FDS	$ 13.68 B	18-Sep-25	Bef-Mkt	4.13	3.74
FEDEX CORP	FDX	$ 54.16 B	18-Sep-25	Aft-Mkt	3.65	3.60
LENNAR CORP-A	LEN	$ 35.36 B	18-Sep-25	Aft-Mkt	2.10	3.90
AUTOZONE INC	AZO	$ 72.30 B	23-Sep-25	Bef-Mkt	50.90	48.11

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(16-09-25) UK - ILO Unemployment Rate
(17-09-25) UK - CPI/CPI Core YoY/MoM
(17-09-25) EC - CPI/CPI Core YoY/MoM
(17-09-25) CA - Bank of Canada Rate Decision
(17-09-25) US - FOMC Rate Decision
(18-09-25) UK - Bank of England Bank Rate
(18-09-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims

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