Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD

EUR/USD retraces its recent gains from the previous session, trading around 1.1620 during the Asian hours on Thursday. Traders will likely observe Eurozone Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) data scheduled to be released later in the day. Focus will shift toward the US Retail Sales data for June, due later in the North American session. Additionally, the US Dollar (USD) may further gain ground due to rising odds of the Federal Reserve (Fed) maintaining its benchmark overnight interest rate unchanged in the 4.25%-4.50% range at its July policy meeting due to the tariff uncertainty.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD loses ground after registering gains in the previous session, trading around 1.3390 during the Asian hours on Thursday. Traders are awaiting the United Kingdom (UK) jobs report, which includes June's Claimant Count Change and ILO Unemployment Rate for the three months to May, due later in the day.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) extends its steady intraday ascent through the Asian session on Thursday, which, along with a goodish pickup in the US Dollar (USD) demand, lifts the USD/JPY pair above the 148.50 level in the last hour. Data released earlier today showed that Japan clocked a smaller-than-expected trade surplus in June amid a continued decline in exports. Adding to this, slowing economic growth in Japan, declining real wages, signs of cooling inflation, and domestic political uncertainty could complicate the Bank of Japan's (BoJ) policy normalization path.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1624	1.1643	1.1614	-0.15	-0.66	12.27
GBP-USD	1.3395	1.3430	1.3384	-0.20	-1.36	7.02
USD-JPY	148.42	148.66	147.73	0.36	-1.46	5.92
USD-CHF	0.8022	0.8030	0.8005	0.17	-0.64	13.11
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	3339.80	3352.33	3336.46	-0.22	0.47	27.25
Silver	37.99	38.02	37.84	0.22	2.68	31.45
Crude Oil	66.72	66.99	66.58	0.51	0.23	-3.99
Bitcoin	118432.92	120076.76	117737.51	-1.28	1.16	26.38
Etherium	3351.04	3399.50	3311.77	-0.91	14.84	0.14

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.34	4.32	4.20	3.98
ESTR (€)	1.74	1.88	1.82	1.74
SONIA (£)	4.17	4.04	3.92	3.75
SARON (₣)	-0.06	-0.07	-0.10	-0.14
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.33

	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	4.25

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks went on a wild ride Wednesday as a White House official indicated to CNBC that President Donald Trump was moving closer to firing Jerome Powell as Federal Reserve chairman, initially knocking down the S&P 500. The benchmark rebounded as Trump later denied the report, but traders remained concerned he could follow through.

EUROPE

European stocks closed lower on Wednesday, reversing gains earlier on in the session after a White House official said that President Donald Trump will likely fire Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell soon. later, when subsequently asked about his view on the subject, Trump said during a White House press event: "I don't rule out anything but it's highly unlikely."

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets mostly rose Thursday as investors assessed the fall in Japan's exports for the second consecutive month, as well as U.S. President Donald Trump's denial of his intent to fire Jerome Powell as Federal Reserve chairman.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44254.78	0.53	4.83	4.02	44412.00	-0.12
S&P	6263.70	0.32	4.70	6.50	6298.75	0.18
Nasdaq	20730.49	0.25	6.20	7.35	23075.25	-0.02
DJ EuroStoxx50	5298.07	-1.05	0.18	8.21	5368.00	-0.09
FTSE 100	8926.55	-0.13	1.05	9.22	8991.00	0.51
CAC 40	7722.09	-0.57	0.50	4.62	7723.50	-0.57
DAX	24009.38	-0.21	2.45	20.59	24311.00	0.50
IBEX 35	13885.70	0.08	-0.19	19.76	13909.20	0.23
FTSE MIB	39762.52	-0.40	0.95	16.31	39789.00	-0.39
Nikkei	39663.40	0.10	3.03	-0.48	39750.00	0.10
Hang Seng	24517.76	0.07	2.31	22.31	24557.00	0.06
DFM General	5974.43	1.02	11.21	15.81		
MSCI Tadawoul	11038.74	-0.51	3.03	-8.29		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	84.00	84.05	84.00	-3.34	-4.33	-30.00
Solidere B	84.85	88.70	80.70	3.48	-0.12	-29.00
EuroBonds	18.75 / 19.50					

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Netflix Q2 Earnings: Strong Growth Expected Amid Valuation Debate

Netflix (NFLX) is set to report second-quarter earnings after Thursday's market close, with strong expectations following a 40% year-to-date stock surge. Wall Street anticipates revenue of $11.06 billion and earnings per share (EPS) of $7.09, both sharply higher than last year. Netflix's guidance closely aligns with these estimates. Investors are shifting focus away from subscriber counts, which Netflix has paused reporting, to metrics like revenue, engagement, and advertising growth. At the end of 2024, Netflix had 301.6 million global subscribers and says it will resume disclosures as it hits new milestones. Valuation remains a divisive topic. Netflix trades at around 40 times forward earnings, well above the broader market. JPMorgan, cautious on the stock, maintains a Neutral rating, suggesting much optimism is already priced in. Others, like Zacks' Brian Mulberry, argue the premium is justified by strong projected EPS growth of 21% annually over the next three years. Advertising is a key growth driver, with ad-tier revenue expected to double to $3 billion this year. Netflix's ad-supported plan now has 94 million monthly users. Upcoming releases of hit shows and live sports like NFL and WWE could further boost engagement. Analyst sentiment remains mostly bullish, with a consensus price target of $1,263.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
TAIWAN SEMICOI	TSM US	$ 1232.12 B	17-Jul-25	Bef-mkt	2.49	1.48
PEPSICO INC	PEP US	$ 185.58 B	17-Jul-25	Bef-mkt	2.03	2.28
GENERAL ELECTRI	GE US	$ 283.85 B	17-Jul-25	Bef-mkt	1.43	1.20
NETFLIX INC	NFLX US	$ 532.10 B	17-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	7.19	5.00
INTERACTIVE BRC	IBKR US	$ 101.20 B	17-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	0.47	0.44

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(17-07-25) UK - ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths
(17-07-25) EC - CPI YoY/MoM
(17-07-25) US - Retail Sales Advance MoM
(17-07-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(17-07-25) US - Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook
(18-07-25) US - University of Michigan Sentiment
(21-07-25) US - Leading Index

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