

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Forexlive)

EURUSD

The EUR/USD pair is facing barricades in extending its recovery above the immediate resistance of 1.0980 in the early European session. The upside in the major currency pair looks capped as US Dollar Index (DXY) has shown strength after a correction to near 101.65. The USD Index is making efforts to extend its recovery above 101.80 as one more rate hike by the Federal Reserve (Fed) is widely anticipated.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD GBP/USD was last trading at 1.2425, flat on the day, and had traveled from a low of 1.2366 to a high of 1.2449 overnight as the markets digest UK data and look to the next set of ammunition in today's inflation report. On Tuesday, there was an unexpected rise in the Unemployment Rate in the three months to February.

USDJPY

USD/JPY picks up bids to pare the previous day's U-turn from a five-week high around 134.00 as Tokyo opens for Wednesday. In doing so, the Yen pair fails to cheer the downbeat US Dollar and the Treasury bond yields amid a sluggish start to the day. Also likely to have prod the Yen pair could be the latest Reuters Tankan Survey data.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0963	1.0984	1.0960	-0.08	-0.26	2.41
GBP-USD	1.2433	1.2443	1.2410	0.06	-0.42	2.90
USD-JPY	134.60	134.60	133.96	0.36	-1.09	-2.59
USD-CHF	0.8979	0.8980	0.8958	0.18	-0.20	2.96
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	1997.72	2008.27	1997.72	-0.39	-0.85	9.52
Silver	25.05	25.28	25.05	-0.56	-1.76	4.58
Crude Oil	80.50	81.18	80.50	-0.45	-3.31	0.06
Bitcoin	30249.40	30444.96	30138.80	-0.57	-0.73	82.89
Etherium	2087.69	2108.05	2083.28	-0.27	-0.92	74.07
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
USD LIBOR *	4.95	5.27	5.42			
EURIBOR	2.97	3.22	3.76			
* 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	4.23	3.59	3.80			
BTP - BUND	0.51	1.82	1.98			
GILTS	3.69	3.75	4.10			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 eked out a slim gain on Tuesday after strength in some big technology stocks countered disappointing quarterly reports from Johnson & Johnson and Goldman Sachs as first-quarter earnings season kicked into gear. The Dow and Nasdaq ended with fractional declines on the day.

EUROPE

European shares rose on Tuesday, as investors awaited more U.S. bank earnings to gauge the health of the sector, while China's stronger-than-expected economic recovery boosted sentiment.

ASIA

Chinese stocks fell on Wednesday, as an uneven economic recovery after China dropped the zero-COVID policy and some contradictory macro data in the first quarter kept investor sentiment weak.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	33976.63	-0.03	6.64	2.50	34056.00	-0.20
S&P	4154.87	0.09	6.08	8.21	4170.75	-0.21
Nasdaq	12153.41	-0.04	4.50	16.12	13143.50	-0.35
DJ EuroStoxx50	4393.95	0.60	8.09	15.82	4333.00	-0.14
FTSE 100	7909.44	0.38	7.83	6.14	7906.00	0.00
CAC 40	7533.63	0.47	8.78	16.37	7526.50	N/A
DAX	15882.67	0.59	7.55	14.07	15995.00	-0.07
IBEX 35	9421.90	0.46	8.06	14.49	9421.90	N/A
FTSE MIB	27891.43	0.69	9.40	17.65	27395.00	N/A
Nikkei	28658.83	-0.23	4.61	9.58	28600.00	-0.21
Hang Seng	20650.51	-0.82	4.94	3.54	20502.00	-0.77
DFM General	3511.67	-0.06	4.85	5.26	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11163.57	1.19	9.90	6.54	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	89.00	#N/A N/A	#N/A N/A	0.00	0.62	46.14
Solidere B	87.75	#N/A N/A	#N/A N/A	0.00	-2.45	45.40

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

RBC poll shows mix of optimism and uncertainty about housing market

Canadians are more optimistic about the housing market in 2023, according to new poll from RBC, but many are unsure about whether it's the right time to make a purchase. "There has been a big shift in Canadians' sentiment around the housing market, including an increase in uncertainty around where the market is today," Nick Palucci, senior director of home equity financing at BC, said. "But spring is typically a busy home buying season and many potential homebuyers may be seeing a window of opportunity opening for them." Results from RBC's annual Home Ownership Poll, show 40% of Canadians expect to pay less for a home in 2023. However, it also showed uncertainty among Canadians about the current housing market. 25% of people said they are unsure about the type of market Canada is in, while 18% "don't know whether now is a great time to buy." Tough economic conditions were also on homebuyers' minds. Just over a quarter of survey respondents said the possibility of an upcoming recession in 2023 had them thinking about delaying a home purchase. More than half of respondents were worried about their financial position maybe deteriorating over the next year, which RBC said "could be contributing to why only 22% would give an immediate family member or their child money for a new home," down from 26% a year earlier. Despite uncertainty about timing and finances, most respondents said they thought the seller's market had peaked, with just 37% considering the housing market a seller's market, compared with 71% a year earlier. Nearly a third of respondents said they believe "there is only a small window of time to take advantage of lower house prices."

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

(Source: Nasdaq)

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Tesla, Inc	TSLA UA	\$586.3 B	19-Apr-23	Afttr-mkt	0.75	0.95
ASML Holding	ASML US	\$262.8 B	19-Apr-23	Pre-mkt	4.59	3.59
Morgan Stanley	MS US	\$145.1 B	19-Apr-23	Pre-mkt	1.67	2.06
International Busi	IBM US	\$115.8 B	19-Apr-23	Afttr-mkt	1.27	1.40
Las Vegas Sands	LVS US	\$44.5 B	19-Apr-23	Afttr-mkt	0.17	-0.40

ECONOMIC CALENDER

(Source: Forexlive)

(19-04-23) GB- Retail Price Index MAR; PPI Core Output n.s.a MAR
(19-04-23) GB- Consumer Price Index; Core Consumer Price Index YoY MAR
(19-04-23) EA- Non-Monetary Policy ECB Meeting; ECB's Lane speech
(19-04-23) EA- Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices MAR
(20-04-23) DE- Producer Price Index MoM MAR
(20-04-23) EA- ECB Monetary Policy Meeting Accounts; Consumer Confidence APR
(20-04-23) US- Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Survey APR

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