

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EURUSD

EUR/USD is drifting slowly higher in tepid market conditions heading into a quiet Wednesday that sees low-impact EU data and darkened US markets for a midweek holiday shutdown. Broad-market sentiment continues to grind its way upwards as investors shrug off overly cautious talking points from a slew of (Fed) officials.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD pair struggles to gain any meaningful traction on Wednesday and oscillates in a narrow trading band, around the 1.2700 round-figure mark during the Asian session. Spot prices, meanwhile, hold above a one-month low touched last Friday as traders keenly await the release of the latest UK consumer inflation figures before positioning for the next leg of a directional move.

USDJPY

The USD/JPY pair is seen oscillating in a narrow band during the Asian session on Wednesday and currently trading just below the 158.00 round-figure mark. Spot prices, meanwhile, move little following the release of the Bank of Japan (BoJ) April meeting minutes and remain well within the striking distance of the highest level since late April retested the previous day.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0737	1.0742	1.0735	-0.03	-0.67	-2.74
GBP-USD	1.2709	1.2714	1.2700	0.00	-0.70	-0.17
USD-JPY	157.78	157.92	157.73	-0.05	-0.67	-10.61
USD-CHF	0.8841	0.8847	0.8838	-0.01	1.17	-4.83
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2327.78	2331.82	2326.57	-0.07	0.12	12.84
Silver	29.41	29.55	29.36	-0.43	-1.07	23.59
Crude Oil	81.60	81.77	81.49	0.04	3.95	13.38
Bitcoin	65473.12	65702.84	64765.23	0.90	-0.40	54.03
Etherium	3560.57	3584.92	3455.50	2.91	4.35	56.01
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
EURIBOR	3.60	3.71	3.63			
SOFR	5.34	5.35	5.06			
US Fed Fund Rate (Indicator)	5.31					
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	4.71	4.22	4.36			
BTP - BUND	0.69	1.50	1.86			
GILTS	4.15	4.05	4.53			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at record highs on Tuesday, buoyed by Nvidia's continued surge to new peaks, while the Dow ended barely higher in subdued pre-holiday trading following softer-than-expected U.S. retail sales data.

EUROPE

London's FTSE 100 bounced back on Tuesday, with investors optimistic ahead of key domestic inflation data and the Bank of England's policy decision this week, while strength in Hargreaves Lansdown added to gains. Ashtead Group falls after slower revenue growth forecast.

ASIA

Asian shares rose to a one-month high on Wednesday, buoyed by a rally in tech stocks, while the dollar was steady as soft U.S. retail sales data reinforced expectations of the Federal Reserve cutting rates later this year.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	38834.86	0.15	-2.92	3.04	38840.00	-0.06
S&P	5487.03	0.25	3.47	15.04	5493.50	0.04
Nasdaq	17862.23	0.03	7.05	18.99	19944.50	0.13
DJ EuroStoxx50	4915.47	0.72	-2.94	8.71	4911.00	0.00
FTSE 100	8191.29	0.60	-2.72	5.92	8188.50	-0.11
CAC 40	7628.80	0.76	-6.60	1.14	7624.00	N/A
DAX	18131.97	0.35	-3.06	8.24	18127.00	-0.04
IBEX 35	11067.70	0.99	-2.30	9.56	11074.20	N/A
FTSE MIB	33315.68	1.24	-5.88	9.77	33326.00	N/A
Nikkei	38482.11	0.03	-0.76	15.03	38480.00	0.21
Hang Seng	17915.55	2.15	-6.41	7.35	18318.00	2.27
DFM General	3983.78	0.09	-2.08	-1.87	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11498.93	-1.31	-5.13	-3.91	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	70.00	70.25	69.55	0.65	0.00	-21.44
Solidere B	69.05	69.05	69.05	0.00	-1.00	-23.24

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Paris Loses Crown as Europe's Biggest Stock Market to London

France's political upheaval has led Paris to lose its spot as Europe's biggest equity market to London, less than two years after winning that title from the UK. President Emmanuel Macron's shock announcement of a snap election sparked a rout that wiped off about \$258 billion from the market capitalization of French firms last week. Shares of banks Societe Generale SA, BNP Paribas SA and Credit Agricole SA - all big holders of government debt - lost more than 10% each. Stocks in the country are now collectively worth about \$3.13 trillion, narrowly losing out to the UK at \$3.18 trillion, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The CAC 40 Index has erased all its gains for 2024 - a sharp reversal from scaling record highs a month ago. "We are in a period where there are no certainties for three-to-four weeks and the market could unfortunately become more unstable," said Alberto Tocchio, a portfolio manager at Kairos Partners. At the same time, a confluence of factors including improving global growth and a pickup in merger activity has made UK stocks popular with investors again. Although the country is preparing for its own general election, the outcome is seen as being more stable with the opposition Labour party leading in polls by a wide margin. The FTSE 100 Index has hit all-time highs this year, fueled by export-reliant stocks such as Shell Plc and Unilever Plc. It has outperformed the Euro Stoxx 50 index by far in the past three months, with jet-engine maker Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc among the biggest gainers. On a global scale, the UK now ranks as the sixth-biggest stock market.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Steelcase Inc.	SCS US	\$1.4 B	19-Jun-24	After-mkt	0.10	0.09
Accenture plc	ACN US	\$180.3 B	20-Jun-24	Pre-mkt	3.14	3.19
Kroger Company	KR US	\$36.3 B	20-Jun-24	Pre-mkt	1.33	1.51
Darden Restaurant	DRI US	\$17.7 B	20-Jun-24	Pre-mkt	2.62	2.58
Jabil Inc.	JBL US	\$14.4 B	20-Jun-24	Pre-mkt	1.75	1.85

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(19-06-24) JP- BoJ Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes
(19-06-24) JP- Imports Exports YoY MAY
(19-06-24) US- Juneteenth
(19-06-24) GB- Retail Price Index MAY
(19-06-24) GB- Producer Price Index
(19-06-24) GB- Consumer Price Index
(19-06-24) EA- Non Monetary Policy ECB Meeting

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