

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD shed weight on Thursday, falling back into the 1.0900 key handle amid a broad-market recovery in Greenback bidding. An uptick in weekly US jobless claims helped to further support hopes for a September rate cut from the Fed, while the ECB balked in the face of lopsided economic data and opted to keep rates on hold for the time being. Fiber traders to turn toward next week's pan-EU inflation figures.

GBP/USD

GBP/USD has settled back below the 1.3000 key level on Thursday as Greenback short pressures eases. Investors are taking a breather after a hard rally through the early trading week as market sentiment surged on Fed rate cut expectations getting pinned to the ceiling. US Initial Jobless Claims rose as rate-cut-hungry markets got further signs of a slowdown that will help bully the Fed into rate cuts beginning in September.

USD/JPY

The US Dollar surged against the Japanese Yen despite talk of suspected intervention by Japanese officials. At the close of trade in New York, the USD/JPY pair was up at 157.30 from 156.20 yesterday.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0888	1.0902	1.0885	-0.08	-0.17	-1.37
GBP-USD	1.2937	1.2968	1.2934	-0.05	-0.39	1.62
USD-JPY	157.83	157.85	157.07	0.29	0.00	-10.64
USD-CHF	0.8894	0.8894	0.8862	0.19	0.56	-5.40
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2422.44	2445.74	2420.59	-0.93	0.46	17.42
Silver	29.48	29.85	29.39	-1.19	-4.25	23.88
Crude Oil	82.21	82.47	82.02	-0.74	0.00	14.67
Bitcoin	64216.39	64372.38	63309.01	0.62	6.82	51.07
Etherium	3423.57	3438.25	3385.17	0.28	6.95	50.00
Period	1 M		3 M		12 M	
EURIBOR	3.60		3.68		3.50	
SOFR	5.35		5.28		4.81	
US Fed Fund Rate (Indicator)			5.31			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y		10 Y		30 Y	
US	4.49		4.21		4.42	
BTP - BUND	0.51		1.31		1.72	
GILTS	3.98		4.06		4.57	

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stocks fell Thursday as investors continued to pare positions in high-flying technology names while taking profit on recent runs elsewhere. Thursday brought more dumping of megacap tech plays, a pattern seen in recent days as the growing likelihood of a September interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve bolstered optimism in the broader market.

EUROPE

European markets closed slightly lower on Thursday, slipping from gains held through most of the session after the European Central Bank said it was keeping interest rates unchanged. The ECB Governing Council in a statement noted that domestic price pressures were "still high," and said headline inflation would likely remain above the target rate "well into next year."

ASIA

Most Asia-Pacific markets fell Thursday as chip-related stocks dropped following reports of more stringent export restrictions from the U.S. and as comments from former U.S. President Donald Trump raised geopolitical tensions.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	3D % Change
DJIA	40665.02	-1.29	4.71	7.89	40990.00	-1.22
S&P	5544.59	-0.78	1.05	16.24	5604.75	-0.60
Nasdaq	17871.22	-0.70	0.05	19.05	19957.00	-0.20
DJ EuroStoxx50	4870.12	-0.44	-0.31	7.71	4911.00	-0.32
FTSE 100	8204.89	0.21	0.00	6.10	8188.50	-0.22
CAC 40	7586.55	0.00	0.22	0.57	7587.50	0.17
DAX	18354.76	-0.45	1.59	9.57	18478.00	-0.55
IBEX 35	11147.50	0.38	0.82	10.35	11155.70	0.34
FTSE MIB	34529.13	0.43	3.94	13.76	34671.00	0.41
Nikkei	40126.35	-0.22	3.80	19.64	40050.00	-2.53
Hang Seng	17778.41	-1.99	-5.46	2.21	17428.00	-1.73
DFM General	4169.17	0.90	4.54	2.69	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12188.32	0.25	6.00	1.85	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	72.90	72.90	72.90	0.00	4.82	-18.18
Solidere B	70.15	70.15	70.15	0.00	-0.57	-22.01

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Jamie Dimon thinks the Fed should wait longer to cut interest rates

The market is laying bets that the Federal Reserve is on the cusp of cutting interest rates, but Jamie Dimon thinks the central bank is at risk of moving too soon. The JPMorgan chief told the Swiss newspaper NZZ that inflation might not settle down for good, even though it has been moving steadily lower since peaking in the summer of 2022. "It would be good if the Fed waited now," Dimon said in an interview published Wednesday. "I think there are a lot of reasons why inflation could rise again in the future: increasing government spending, the re-militarization of the world, the extraordinary investments in the green economy, the restructuring of trade." Dimon has consistently emphasized this perspective throughout the year, but it is increasingly out of step with what markets expect. Though the Fed has kept rates unchanged so far in 2024, recent inflation- and labor-market softness has convinced Wall Street that policy could begin easing as soon as September. Dimon's pushback has always been oriented toward the long-term outlook. In commentary attached to JPMorgan's recent earnings release this month, Dimon reiterated that both inflation and interest rates would likely stay higher than markets anticipate. He said in May that investors' conviction that a soft landing is in the cards amounts to "a lot of happy talk." In his interview with NZZ, Dimon also warned about geopolitical fragmentation but aimed his most pointed words toward private credit — an obscure sector of finance free of strict oversight. "Private credit is growing like a weed and could cause systemic problems," he said, discussing what happens when regulation restrains public banks.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
American Express	AXP US	\$ 179.25B	19-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	3.25	2.89
Autoliv	ALV US	\$ 8.84B	19-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	2.25	1.93
Comerica	CMA US	\$ 7.47B	19-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	1.20	2.01
Regions Financial	RF US	\$ 20.23B	19-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	0.49	0.59
Schlumberger LTC	SLB US	\$ 69.64B	19-Jul-24	Pre-mkt	0.83	0.72

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(19-07-24) UK - Gfk Consumer Confidence
(19-07-24) JP - Natl CPI YoY
(19-07-24) UK - Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM
(19-07-24) DE - PPI MoM / YoY
(19-07-24) CA - Retail Sales MoM
(23-07-24) US - Existing Home Sales
(24-07-24) FR - HCOB Manufacturing PMI

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