Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD
EUR/USD remains steady around 1.0600, supported by a softer US Dollar as profit-taking follows its recent rally, though downside risks for the USD are limited by the Federal Reserve's cautious stance on rate cuts. Meanwhile, ECB President Lagarde emphasized Europe's stagnating productivity and innovation compared to the US and China, with traders awaiting key economic data releases, including the Euro area's HICP and US housing data.

GBP/USD
The GBP/USD pair rises for the second consecutive day, supported by a weaker US Dollar and softening US Treasury yields, as traders await the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Report Hearings and upcoming UK inflation data. However, the pair lacks strong bullish momentum due to uncertainty over the BoE's future rate decisions and the potential for continued USD strength amid expectations of inflationary pressures from US policies, which may limit further GBP/USD gains.

USD/JPY
The USD/JPY pair rebounds toward the mid-154.00s, driven by a dip in the Japanese Yen amid uncertainty over the Bank of Japan's interest rate policy and positive sentiment around the US Dollar. While expectations of inflationary policies under US President-elect Trump support the USD, potential intervention by Japanese authorities, geopolitical risks, and softening US Treasury yields are likely to limit further JPY declines.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0596	1.0601	1.0583	-0.02	-0.25	-4.01
GBP-USD	1.2679	1.2689	1.2666	0.01	-0.54	-0.41
USD-JPY	154.42	154.67	153.96	-0.16	0.12	-8.66
USD-CHF	0.8833	0.8845	0.8828	0.02	-0.18	-4.74

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2625.29	2625.60	2610.47	0.52	1.04	27.26
Silver	31.32	31.44	31.13	0.47	1.95	31.63
Crude Oil	69.21	69.38	68.92	0.07	1.60	-1.55
Bitcoin	91902.28	91982.39	90302.43	0.58	4.18	116.20
Etherium	3128.46	3225.80	3118.30	-0.69	0.30	37.07

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.61	4.52	4.43	4.29
ESTR (€)	2.26	2.92	2.62	2.26
SONIA (£)	4.71	4.68	4.60	4.46
SARON (F)	0.85	0.66	0.53	0.36
TONAR (¥)	0.22	0.22	0.16	0.09

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.75
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	3.4
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	3.25
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	3.65
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.75

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The Nasdaq Composite rose Monday following a rough week, as Tesla shares surged and Wall Street looked ahead to some major market-moving earnings reports. Wednesday’s report from artificial intelligence chip darling Nvidia remains top of mind for investors, and could serve as the next major catalyst as Wall Street searches for signs of resilient demand for its Blackwell AI chips.

EUROPE
European markets closed lower on Monday, with investors turning their attention to regional inflation data and to Nvidia earnings due this week. This week, investors will be looking to several key regional data points, including the latest inflation data out of the U.K. on Wednesday.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets traded mostly higher on Tuesday, tracking Wall Street gains buoyed by a Tesla rally, and as investors parse Chinese financial policymakers’ speech at an investment summit in Hong Kong.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	43389.60	-0.13	0.26	15.12	43576.00	0.03
S&P	5893.62	0.39	0.49	23.56	5928.00	0.55
Nasdaq	18791.81	0.60	1.63	25.18	20680.75	0.92
DJ EuroStoxx50	4790.33	-0.09	-3.93	5.95	4811.00	0.12
FTSE 100	8109.32	0.57	-2.98	4.86	8159.00	0.88
CAC 40	7278.23	0.12	-4.40	-3.51	7293.50	0.11
DAX	19189.19	-0.11	-2.38	14.55	19267.00	-0.06
IBEX 35	11674.80	0.33	-2.10	15.57	11677.40	0.25
FTSE MIB	33758.43	-1.27	-4.11	11.22	33863.00	-0.19
Nikkei	38220.85	0.51	-1.46	14.79	38420.00	-0.70
Hang Seng	19576.61	0.52	-5.41	15.43	19679.00	1.43
DFM General	4712.66	0.47	5.94	16.63	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	11830.38	0.16	-0.65	-1.14	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	91.80	95.95	90.30	0.00	-4.18	3.03
Solidere B	91.85	96.70	90.40	-0.70	-4.32	2.11

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Super Micro hires new auditor to maintain Nasdaq listing

Super Micro Computer, a server maker benefiting from the AI boom, has hired BDO as its new auditor and submitted a plan to Nasdaq to regain compliance after missing its 2024 year-end report filing with the SEC. The company’s stock surged 37% in after-hours trading following the news. Super Micro had been without an auditor since Ernst & Young resigned in October, just months after replacing Deloitte & Touche. The company aims to file its overdue annual and quarterly reports soon, and Nasdaq has allowed it to remain listed while reviewing its compliance plan. Once a high-flying stock, Super Micro saw its market value plummet from around $70 billion earlier this year to $12.6 billion as it faced issues with its SEC filings and allegations of accounting manipulation. In August, it failed to meet the deadline for its annual report, and Hindenburg Research revealed a short position, citing evidence of financial irregularities. The Department of Justice is reportedly investigating the company. Despite these challenges, Super Micro has been a major beneficiary of the AI boom, doubling its sales to $15 billion last fiscal year, largely driven by its partnership with Nvidia. The company competes with Dell and Hewlett Packard in supplying Nvidia's AI chips.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Medtronic PLC	MDT US	$ 112.33B	19-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	1.25	1.25
Walmart Inc	WMT US	$ 675.86B	19-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	0.53	0.51
Target Corporatic	TGT US	$ 72.12B	20-Nov-24	Pre-mkt	2.30	2.10
Palo Alto Networl	PANW US	$ 126.59B	20-Nov-24	Aft-mkt	1.48	1.38
Nvidia Corp	NVDA US	$ 3.44T	20-Nov-24	Aft-mkt	0.74	0.40

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(19-11-24) EC - CPI YoY / MoM / Core YoY
(19-11-24) CA - CPI NSA MoM / YoY
(20-11-24) UK - CPI MoM / YoY / Core YoY
(21-11-24) US - Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook
(22-11-24) JP - Natl CPI YoY
(22-11-24) DE - GDP SA QoQ / GDP NSA YoY
(22-11-24) US - S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI

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