

Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EURUSD

The EUR/USD trades on a stronger note around 1.0665 during the early Asian session on Monday. However, the pair's upside might be limited due to the commentary from Federal Reserve (Fed) officials suggesting a shift to an increasingly hawkish stance. Investors will keep an eye on the preliminary Eurozone HCOB PMI for April on Tuesday ahead of the final reading of the US March (PCE) on Friday.

GBPUSD

The GBP/USD tumbles against the US Dollar during the mid-North American session after a volatile trading day due to an escalation of the Israel-Iran conflict. Major central bank speakers led by the (BoE) and the Federal Reserve (Fed), continued to set the tone for the financial markets. The GBP/USD trades at 1.2376, down 0.48%.

USDJPY

The (JPY) remains depressed against its American counterpart and languishes near a multi-decade low during the Asian session on Monday. The (BoJ) cautious approach towards further policy tightening, along with expectations that the (Fed) will delay cutting interest rates, suggests that the US-Japan rate differential will stay wide. This, along with hopes that the Iran-Israel conflict will not escalate further, turns out to be a key factor that is seen undermining the safe-haven JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0665	1.0671	1.0651	0.08	0.39	-3.39
GBP-USD	1.2384	1.2392	1.2366	0.11	-0.50	-2.73
USD-JPY	154.72	154.74	154.46	0.05	-0.28	-8.84
USD-CHF	0.9118	0.9123	0.9086	0.18	-0.02	-7.72
Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	2370.16	2388.68	2362.11	-0.91	-0.55	14.89
Silver	27.99	28.66	27.80	-2.44	-3.06	17.62
Crude Oil	82.45	83.26	82.44	-0.83	-3.47	14.31
Bitcoin	65947.51	66075.35	64535.51	2.00	8.37	55.14
Etherium	3210.47	3216.51	3130.74	1.93	8.02	40.67
Period	1 M	3 M	12 M			
EURIBOR	3.84	3.89	3.73			
SOFR	5.32	5.33	5.21			
Notes/Bonds	2 Y	10 Y	30 Y			
US	5.00	4.66	4.74			
BTP - BUND	0.56	1.43	1.78			
GILTS	4.38	4.23	4.70			

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

(Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Nasdaq and the S&P 500 ended lower on Friday as Netflix. shares weighed, but American Express kept the Dow afloat after quarterly earnings from both companies, while growing pessimism that the Federal Reserve would cut interest rates soon also dented sentiment.

EUROPE

European stocks closed lower on Friday, but off their over one-month intraday low, as anxiety around escalating Middle East tensions seemed to ease, while French cosmetic giant L'Oreal logged its best day since early January after robust results. Schneider Electric confirms Bentley Systems talks.

ASIA

Asian stocks recovered some losses on Monday and bond yields rose as fears of a wider Middle East conflict ebbed, with investors gravitating back towards riskier assets.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	37986.40	0.56	-3.77	0.79	38302.00	0.23
S&P	4967.23	-0.88	-5.10	4.14	5021.50	0.34
Nasdaq	15282.01	-2.05	-6.98	1.80	17270.25	0.52
DJ EuroStoxx50	4918.09	-0.37	-2.25	8.77	4886.00	0.35
FTSE 100	7895.85	0.24	-0.44	2.10	7976.50	0.78
CAC 40	8022.41	-0.01	-1.59	6.35	7951.00	N/A
DAX	17737.36	-0.56	-2.57	5.88	17995.00	0.27
IBEX 35	10729.50	-0.33	-1.95	6.21	10699.00	N/A
FTSE MIB	33922.16	0.12	-1.23	11.76	33260.00	N/A
Nikkei	37068.35	0.54	-8.85	11.37	37240.00	0.51
Hang Seng	16224.14	1.94	0.24	-2.98	16572.00	1.80
DFM General	4174.56	-0.80	-2.47	2.83	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12518.22	0.13	-2.47	4.60	N/A	N/A
Leb. Mkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	74.40	75.00	73.80	0.20	0.34	-16.50
Solidere B	73.80	74.00	73.50	-0.20	0.41	-17.95

MUST READ

(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Apple pulls Meta's WhatsApp, Threads from China App Store

Apple on Friday said it pulled several messaging apps like Meta's WhatsApp and Threads from the App Store in China after the nation's government ordered the removal, citing security concerns. The move further escalates tensions between the U.S. and China over technology and other policies. In recent days, Congress has been looking to fast-track legislation to push TikTok's Chinese parent company, ByteDance, to divest the social media app. The House could vote on a new bill as soon as Saturday, and U.S. President Joe Biden has said he will sign it into law if it reaches his desk. "We are obligated to follow the laws in the countries where we operate, even when we disagree," Apple said in a statement. "The Cyberspace Administration of China ordered the removal of these apps from the China storefront based on their national security concerns." Other messaging platforms like Signal and Telegram were also removed from China's App Store. The strained relationship between the two countries has also pushed Apple to try and diversify its supply chain outside of China. The company has been expanding its manufacturing operations in other nations like India and Vietnam. China has a long history of restricting access to content from the U.S. online, but some platforms like WhatsApp and Threads have historically been permitted through Apple's App Store. These platforms are not as popular with Chinese users as others like WeChat, but their removal reduces the number of ways they can communicate with people outside of the country.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
SAP SE	SAP US	\$208.5 B	22-Apr-24	After-mkt	0.95	0.76
Verizon Communi	VZ US	\$168.7 B	22-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	1.12	1.20
Cadence Design S	CDNS	\$77.8 B	22-Apr-24	After-mkt	0.86	1.02
Truist Financial C	TFC US	\$47.6 B	22-Apr-24	Pre-mkt	0.78	1.09
Nucor Corporation	NUE US	\$45.9 B	22-Apr-24	After-mkt	3.62	4.45

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(22-04-24) GB- Rightmove House Price Index APR
(22-04-24) DE- German Buba Monthly Report
(22-04-24) US- Chicago Fed National Activity index
(22-04-24) CA- Industrial Production Price MAR
(22-04-24) EA- Consumer Confidence APR preliminar
(22-04-24) EA- ECB's President Lagarde speech
(22-04-24) CA- New Housing Price Index MAR

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