Daily Market Brief

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

EUR/USD
The EUR/USD pair is experiencing mild losses as the Euro weakens due to concerns over US tariffs on the Eurozone and economic uncertainty. Expectations of further ECB rate cuts and potential inflationary pressures from Trump's policies could further pressure the Euro, strengthening the US Dollar.

GBP/USD
GBP/USD remains under pressure as the US Dollar strengthens due to President Trump's trade policies and expectations of a steady Federal Reserve rate. Meanwhile, the Pound faces challenges from weak UK economic data and anticipations of an upcoming Bank of England rate cut.

USD/JPY
The Japanese Yen is weakening against the US Dollar due to a positive global market tone and a slight uptick in the USD, supported by rising US Treasury yields. However, expectations of a Bank of Japan interest rate hike and concerns over US trade policies may limit further depreciation of the Yen.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.0406	1.0418	1.0397	-0.03	1.02	0.50
GBP-USD	1.2314	1.2324	1.2302	-0.02	0.61	-1.61
USD-JPY	156.52	156.75	156.29	-0.01	-0.87	0.43
USD-CHF	0.9064	0.9071	0.9057	-0.06	0.50	0.11
Commodities	**Last**	**High**	**Low**	**% Daily**	**% Weekly**	**% YTD**
Gold	2754.37	2756.78	2749.69	-0.08	1.48	4.95
Silver	30.66	30.90	30.58	-0.55	-0.51	6.08
Crude Oil	75.07	75.41	75.05	-0.49	-4.62	5.36
Bitcoin	102539.84	104495.36	101536.62	-1.47	-1.22	9.42
Etherium	3214.35	3265.97	3182.73	-1.36	-1.76	-3.95

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.30	4.30	4.26	4.21
ESTR (€)	2.23	2.60	2.41	2.23
SONIA (£)	4.60	4.52	4.44	4.35
SARON (F)	0.44	0.36	0.27	0.15
TONAR (¥)	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.13

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	3.15
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	3.00
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	3.40
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.75

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Stocks climbed on Wednesday, with the S&P 500 hitting a fresh all-time high, as technology shares such as Oracle and Nvidia rallied on artificial intelligence optimism and President Donald Trump's new term in office.

EUROPE
Germany's DAX index closed at an all-time high on Wednesday for the second time this week as European equities were broadly higher. The U.K. meanwhile revealed that it borrowed £17.8 billion ($21.9 billion) in December last year, £10.1 billion more than in December 2023. The figure, the highest budget deficit recorded for December in four years, was also more than the £14 billion that most economists expected.

ASIA
Asia-Pacific markets traded mixed Thursday as investors assessed a slew of economic data in the region, with China stocks leading gains. The Bank of Japan is also holding its next policy meeting today and tomorrow, where the BOJ governor Kazuo Ueda had signaled intentions to hike rates.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44156.73	0.30	2.91	3.79	44324.00	0.20
S&P	6086.37	0.61	1.88	3.48	6111.75	0.46
Nasdaq	20009.34	1.28	1.24	3.62	21938.00	1.06
DJ EuroStoxx50	5205.83	0.77	7.27	6.33	5214.00	0.58
FTSE 100	8545.13	-0.04	5.46	4.55	8510.00	-0.46
CAC 40	7837.40	0.86	7.77	6.19	7859.00	0.84
DAX	21254.27	1.01	7.08	6.76	21374.00	0.99
IBEX 35	11882.70	-0.37	3.91	2.48	11897.80	-0.56
FTSE MIB	35854.07	-0.57	6.27	4.88	36037.00	-0.57
Nikkei	39646.25	0.79	2.04	0.16	39980.00	2.62
Hang Seng	19778.77	-0.55	-1.07	-1.94	19684.00	-2.33
DFM General	5230.83	0.03	3.49	1.43	N/A	N/A
MSCI Tadawoul	12362.39	-0.06	3.46	2.71	N/A	N/A

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	112.00	114.90	108.00	-1.50	-3.45	-6.67
Solidere B	114.30	118.00	112.20	1.78	-4.75	-4.35

MUST READ *(Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)*

Saudi Arabia plans $600 billion in new US investment
Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman informed President Donald Trump that the kingdom plans to invest $600 billion in expanded trade and investment with the United States over the next four years. This statement came during a phone call between the two leaders, with the crown prince expressing optimism about the Trump administration's anticipated economic reforms, which he believes could foster significant prosperity. However, details about the $600 billion—such as whether it would be public or private investment or its specific allocation—were not disclosed. Bin Salman also mentioned that the investment could increase if additional opportunities arise. Trump, who developed close ties with Saudi Arabia during his first term, highlighted the $2 billion Saudi investment in a firm linked to his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, after leaving office. Trump also suggested that Saudi Arabia could be his first foreign destination if the kingdom agrees to purchase $500 billion worth of American products, similar to a deal made during his 2017 visit, where Saudi Arabia committed to buying $450 billion of U.S. products.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
Intuituve Surgical	ISRG US	$ 217.43B	23-Jan-25	Aft-mkt	1.81	1.60
Texas Instrument:	TXN US	$ 179.75B	23-Jan-25	Aft-mkt	1.22	1.49
American Express	AXP US	$ 227.01B	24-Jan-25	Pre-mkt	3.04	2.62
Verizon Communi	VZ US	$ 163.96B	24-Jan-25	Pre-mkt	1.09	1.08
AT&T Inc	T US	$ 160.15B	27-Jan-25	Pre-mkt	0.50	0.54

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(23-01-25) US - Initial Jobless Claims
(24-01-25) JP - Natl CPI YoY
(24-01-25) FR - HCOB France Manufacturing PMI
(24-01-25) US - S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI
(24-01-25) US - University of Michigan Expectations
(24-01-25) JP - BoJ Target Rate
(27-01-25) DE - IFO Business Climate

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