Daily Market Brief

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

EUR/USD

EUR/USD pulls back from two-week high of 1.1761 reached on Tuesday after President Trump took the opportunity to renew his criticism of Fed Chair Jerome Powell. The pair is trading around 1.1740 on Wednesday morning as the US Dollar gains ground after the announcement of a trade deal with Japan.

GBP/USD

The GBP/USD pair extends the rally to near 1.3525 during the early European session on Wednesday. The risk-on mood provides some support to the riskier currency, like the Pound Sterling. Uncertainty over tariff policy and concerns over the Federal Reserve (Fed) independence might weigh on the Greenback and create a taiwind for the pair. Investors will keep an eye on the preliminary reading of UK Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) reports, which are due later on Thursday.

USD/JPY

The Japanese Yen (JPY) retreats sharply from a two-week top set against a broadly rebounding US Dollar (USD) in reaction to reports that Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba will resign by the end of August. This adds a layer of political uncertainty, which, along with the upbeat market mood, turns out to be a key factor undermining the safe-haven JPY.

Fx rates	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
EUR-USD	1.1728	1.1756	1.1727	-0.22	0.75	13.27
GBP-USD	1.3521	1.3535	1.3517	-0.09	0.74	8.03
USD-JPY	147.14	147.20	146.20	0.35	0.50	6.84
USD-CHF	0.7944	0.7945	0.7922	0.26	0.81	14.22

Commodities	Last	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	% YTD
Gold	3419.34	3438.99	3416.51	-0.35	2.16	30.29
Silver	39.28	39.38	39.13	-0.04	3.61	35.90
Crude Oil	65.53	65.78	65.40	0.34	0.52	-5.23
Bitcoin	118718.50	120262.70	118589.08	-0.88	1.05	26.68
Etherium	3717.14	3765.83	3697.04	0.24	5.60	11.08

Period	1M	3M	6M	12M
SOFR ($)	4.35	4.32	4.21	3.98
ESTR (€)	1.72	1.88	1.81	1.72
SONIA (£)	4.12	4.04	3.95	3.81
SARON (₣)	-0.06	-0.08	-0.11	-0.15
TONAR (¥)	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.34

	Rates
U.S. Federal Fund Target Rate	4.50
ECB Main Refinancing Operation Announcement Rate	2.15
ECB Deposit Facility Announcement Rate	2.00
ECB Marginal Lending Facility Announcement Rate	2.40
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.25

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY MARKETS (Sources: Bloomberg / Reuters)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The S&P 500 narrowly posted another fresh record close on Tuesday, ticking 0.06% up, as traders weighed the latest earnings reports and new trade developments. By contrast, the Nasdaq Composite slipped 0.39% bogged down by declines in tech stocks. It was the first negative day for the tech-heavy index in seven sessions. Chip stocks were under pressure on reports that SoftBank and OpenAI's $500 billion AI project has faced difficulties in getting underway.

EUROPE

European stocks declined for the third day in a row as investors digested earnings from some of the largest companies on the continent. The Stoxx Europe 600 index fell 0.5%. Regionally, Germany's DAX declined 1.2% and France's CAC 40 was 0.7% lower,t he U.K.'s FTSE 100 and Italy's MIB closed flat.

ASIA

Asia-Pacific markets opened higher after U.S. President Donald Trump announced that he had completed a "massive Deal" with Japan, which set tariffs of 15% on the country's exports to the U.S.

Index	Close	% Daily	% M	YTD	Futures	% Change
DJIA	44502.44	0.40	4.51	4.60	44851.00	0.30
S&P	6309.62	0.06	4.72	7.28	6363.00	0.28
Nasdaq	20892.69	-0.39	6.43	8.19	23251.00	-0.39
DJ EuroStoxx50	5290.48	-0.98	1.31	8.06	5373.00	0.19
FTSE 100	9023.81	0.12	3.03	10.41	9069.00	0.62
CAC 40	7744.41	-0.69	2.74	4.93	7837.50	-0.69
DAX	24041.90	-1.09	3.32	20.76	24389.00	-0.07
IBEX 35	14041.50	0.07	1.46	21.10	14041.30	-0.02
FTSE MIB	40165.15	0.00	3.41	17.49	40308.00	0.00
Nikkei	39774.92	3.90	7.75	3.59	41340.00	3.77
Hang Seng	25130.03	1.28	7.44	26.88	25431.00	1.89
DFM General	6024.79	-0.33	11.34	16.79		
MSCI Tadawoul	10843.20	-1.26	1.24	-9.91		

Leb. Mrkts	Closing Px	High	Low	% Daily	% Weekly	YTD
Solidere A	85.50	90.00	84.10	0.00	-1.61	-28.75
Solidere B	89.75	90.00	89.00	-1.10	9.45	-24.90
EuroBonds	18.25 / 19.00					

MUST READ (Source: Bloomberg/ Forexlive)

Trump Announces 'Massive' Trade Deal with Japan

President Donald Trump announced a sweeping trade deal with Japan on Tuesday, calling it "perhaps the largest Deal ever made." The agreement includes reciprocal 15% tariffs on Japanese exports to the U.S., notably reducing auto tariffs from 25%. Japan also pledged to invest $550 billion in the U.S., with the U.S. reportedly receiving 90% of the profits. Trump stated the deal would create "hundreds of thousands of jobs" and open Japanese markets to U.S. goods, including cars, trucks, rice, and agricultural products. Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba confirmed the auto tariff cut, a relief for Japan, whose car exports to the U.S. account for 28.3% of its total exports. June saw a sharp 26.7% decline in Japanese auto shipments to the U.S., following a 24.7% drop in May. The deal spurred a surge in Japanese markets—Mazda, Mitsubishi, Toyota, and others rose between 8–17%, and the Nikkei 225 gained over 2%. Politically, the deal comes as Ishiba faces internal pressure following his coalition's loss in the upper house elections. He is rumored to consider resigning by August. Trump also hinted at additional trade deals with Europe and an LNG agreement with Japan, signaling broader strategic economic moves.

MAIN WEEKLY EARNINGS

Company	Ticker	Market Cap	Date	Time	Estimate	Year Ago
AT&T INC	T US	$ 197.30 B	23-Jul-25	Bef-Mkt	0.52	0.57
FREEPORT-MCMC	FCX US	$ 65.78 B	23-Jul-25	Bef-Mkt	0.45	0.46
TESLA INC	TSLA US	$ 1069.71 B	23-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	0.42	0.52
ALPHABET INC-CL	GOOGL US	$ 2326.44 B	23-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	2.41	2.36
INTL BUSINESS M.	IBM US	$ 262.05 B	23-Jul-25	Aft-Mkt	2.62	2.43

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(23-07-25) US - MBA Mortgage Applications
(23-07-25) US - Consumer Confidence
(24-07-25) EC - HCOB Eurozone Manufacturing/Services/Composite PMI
(24-07-25) UK - S&P Global UK Manufacturing/Services/Composite PMI
(24-07-25) EC - ECB Deposit Facility Rate / Main Refinancing Rate / Marginal Lending Facility
(25-07-25) JN - Tokyo CPI YoY
(25-07-25) UK - Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM

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